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 Asia and Pacific Regional Office (APRO)
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 Website: https://asiapacific.unfpa.org

Date: 7th April 2022

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
 RFQ N° UNFPA/BKK/RFQ/22/002**

Dear Sir/Madam,

UNFPA hereby solicits a quotation for the following service:

The Provision of Production Management APRO Regional Leadership Meeting (RLM)

UNFPA requires the provision of the 'Provision of Production Management APRO Regional Leadership Meeting (RLM)'. Details of the required services and the selection criteria can be found from the below Terms of Reference (TOR).

This Request for Quotation is open to all legally-constituted companies that can provide the requested products/services and have legal capacity to deliver the goods/perform the service to The United Nations Population Fund Asia and Pacific Regional Office (UNFPA APRO), 4th Floor United Nations Service Building, Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok, 10200 Thailand.

I. About UNFPA

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), is an international development agency that works to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every child birth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

UNFPA is the lead UN agency that expands the possibilities for women and young people to lead healthy sexual and reproductive lives. To read more about UNFPA, please go to: [UNFPA about us](https://www.unfpa.org/about-us)


II. Service Requirements/Terms of Reference (TOR) as ANNEX II

III. Questions

Questions or requests for further clarifications should be submitted in writing to the contact person below:

Name of contact person at UNFPA:	<i>Ms. Jarintorn Kiatniyomrung</i>
Tel N°:	+66 2 687 0159
Email address of contact person:	kiatniyomrung@unfpa.org

The deadline for submission of questions is Monday 11th April 2022 at 17:00 hours, Bangkok time. Questions will be answered in writing and shared with all parties as soon as possible after this

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IV. Content of quotations

Quotations should be submitted in a single email whenever possible, depending on file size. Quotations must contain:

- a) Technical proposal, in response to the requirements outlined in the service requirements / TORs.

The Technical Bid should be concisely presented and structured in the following order to include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information:

1. Brief description of the firm and the firm's qualifications: providing information that will facilitate our evaluation of your firm/institution's substantive reliability, such as catalogues of the firm and financial and managerial capacity to provide the services.
2. Your firms' understanding of the requirements for services and the objective of this project, including assumptions: Include any assumptions as well as comments on the data, support services and facilities to be provided as indicated in the TOR or as you may otherwise believe to be necessary.
3. Proposed Approach, Methodology, Timing and Outputs: any comments or suggestions on the TOR, as well as your detailed description of the manner in which your firm/institution would respond to the TOR. You should include the number of person hours/days in each specialization that you consider necessary to carry out all work required.
4. Proposed Team Structure: The composition of the team that you would propose to provide to the assignment, and the work tasks (including supervisory) which would be assigned to each. An organogram/organization chart illustrating the reporting lines, together with a description of such organization of the team structure should support your Bid.
5. Proposed Project Team Members: attach the curriculum vitae of the senior professional member of the team and members of the proposed team.
6. Detailed description of your proposed deliverables.
7. Detailed project plan (Gantt chart) showing the required resources and support from your firm as well as from UNFPA.
8. Detailed description of the technical specifications of your Bid.
9. A list of tasks which are out-of-scope versus in-scope.
10. UNFPA requests Bidders to submit information on environmental and social policies and any related documentation in their Bid.
11. The record of previous experience or related assignments that are similar to this assignment.
12. Copies of current certificates such as company registration certificate, VAT/Tax Registration Certificate and etc.

- b) Price quotation, to be submitted strictly in accordance with the price quotation form. Please note that 'Partial bid' is not acceptable.

Both parts of the quotation must be signed by the bidding company's relevant authority and submitted in PDF format.

V. Instructions for submission

Proposals should be prepared based on the guidelines set forth in Section III above, along with a properly filled out and signed price quotation form, are to be sent by e-mail to Email address for bid submission at apro-procurement@unfpa.org no later than: **Thursday 14th April 2022 at 17:00 hours, Bangkok time.**



Please note the following guidelines for electronic submissions:

- The following reference must be included in the email subject line: **RFQ N° UNFPA/BKK/RFQ/22/002 for the 'Provision of Production Management APRO Regional Leadership Meeting (RLM)'** Proposals that do not contain the correct email subject line may be overlooked by the procurement officer and therefore not considered.
- The total e-mail size may not exceed 20 MB (including e-mail body, encoded attachments and headers). Where the technical details are in large electronic files, it is recommended that these be sent separately before the deadline.
- Any quotation submitted will be regarded as an offer by the bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of any quotation by UNFPA. UNFPA is under no obligation to award a contract to any bidder as a result of this RFQ.

VI. Overview of Evaluation Process

The evaluation will be carried out in a two-step process by an ad-hoc evaluation panel. Technical proposals will be evaluated and scored first, prior to the evaluation and scoring of price quotations

Technical Evaluation

Criteria	[A] Maximum Points	[B] Points attained by the Bidder	[C] Weightin g %	[B] x [C] = [D] Total Points
1. Technical approach and methodology – understanding nature and scope of work	100 Proposed production timeline and approach – technical and creative proposal		60%	
2. Specific experience and expertise relevant to the assignment including the Experience of team members.	100 Expertise of Firm – Team Experience and Qualifications		40%	
GRAND TOTAL ALL CRITERIA	200		100%	

Technical proposals will be evaluated based on their responsiveness to the service requirements /TORs listed in Section II and in accordance with the evaluation criteria below.

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The following scoring scale will be used to ensure objective evaluation:

Degree to which the Terms of Reference requirements are met based on evidence included in the Bid submitted	Points out of 100
Significantly exceeds the requirements	90 – 100
Exceeds the requirements	80 – 89
Meets the requirements	70 – 79
Partially meets the requirements	1 – 69
Does not meet the requirements or no information provided to assess compliance with the requirements	0

Financial Evaluation

Price quotes will be evaluated only for bidders whose technical proposals achieve a minimum score of 70 points in the technical evaluation.

Price quotes will be evaluated based on their responsiveness to the price quote form. The maximum number of points for the price quote is 100, which will be allocated to the lowest total price provided in the quotation. All other price quotes will receive points in inverse proportion according to the following formula:

$$\text{Financial score} = \frac{\text{Lowest quote (\$)}}{\text{Quote being scored (\$)}} \times 100 \text{ (Maximum score)}$$

Total score

The total score for each proposal will be the weighted sum of the technical score and the financial score. The maximum total score is 100 points.

$$\text{Total score} = 70\% \text{ Technical score} + 30\% \text{ Financial score}$$

VII. Award Criteria

In case of a satisfactory result from the evaluation process, UNFPA intends to award a De Minimis Contracts to the Bidder(s) that obtain the highest total combined score.

VIII. Right to Vary Requirements at Time of Award

UNFPA reserves the right at the time of award of contract to increase or decrease by up to 20% the volume of services specified in this RFQ without any change in unit prices or other terms and conditions.

IX. Payment Terms

UNFPA payment terms are net 30 days upon receipt of invoice and delivery/acceptance of the milestone deliverables linked to payment as specified in the contract.



X. Fraud and Corruption

UNFPA is committed to preventing, identifying, and addressing all acts of fraud against UNFPA, as well as against third parties involved in UNFPA activities. UNFPA's policy regarding fraud and corruption is available here: [Fraud Policy](#). Submission of a proposal implies that the Bidder is aware of this policy.

Suppliers, their subsidiaries, agents, intermediaries and principals must cooperate with the UNFPA Office of Audit and Investigations Services as well as with any other oversight entity authorized by the Executive Director and with the UNFPA Ethics Advisor as and when required. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, the following: access to all employees, representatives agents and assignees of the vendor; as well as production of all documents requested, including financial records. Failure to fully cooperate with investigations will be considered sufficient grounds to allow UNFPA to repudiate and terminate the Agreement, and to debar and remove the supplier from UNFPA's list of registered suppliers.

A confidential Anti-Fraud Hotline is available to any Bidder to report suspicious fraudulent activities at [UNFPA Investigation Hotline](#).

XI. Zero Tolerance

UNFPA has adopted a zero-tolerance policy on gifts and hospitality. Suppliers are therefore requested not to send gifts or offer hospitality to UNFPA personnel. Further details on this policy are available here: [Zero Tolerance Policy](#).

XII. RFQ Protest

Bidder(s) perceiving that they have been unjustly or unfairly treated in connection with a solicitation, evaluation, or award of a contract may submit a complaint to the UNFPA Designated staff to receive procurement related complaints: Ms. Annette Sachs Robertson, Deputy Regional Director, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office in Bangkok at robertson@unfpa.org. Should the supplier be unsatisfied with the reply provided by the UNFPA Designate Official, the supplier may contact the Chief, Procurement Services Branch at procurement@unfpa.org

XIII. Disclaimer

Should any of the links in this RFQ document be unavailable or inaccessible for any reason, bidders can contact the Procurement Officer in charge of the procurement to request for them to share a PDF version of such document(s).

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PRICE QUOTATION FORM

Name of Bidder:	
Date of the quotation:	Click here to enter a date.
Request for quotation N°:	RFQ N° UNFPA/BKK/RFQ/22/002 for the 'Provision of Production Management APRO Regional Leadership Meeting (RLM)'
Currency of quotation :	Thai Baht (THB)
Delivery charges based on the following 2010 Incoterm:	Choose an item.
Validity of quotation: <i>(The quotation must be valid for a period of at least 3 months after the submission deadline</i>	

- Quoted rates must be **exclusive of all taxes**, since UNFPA is exempt from taxes.

Item	Description	Number & Description of Staff by Level	Daily Rate	Days to be Committed	Total amount in Thai Baht (THB)
1. Fee for the Provision of Production Management APRO Regional Leadership Meeting (RLM)					
a. Professional Fees for the deliverables as per TOR (Design, coordination, facilitation etc.)					
	1.xxxxx				
	2.xxxxx				
	3.xxxxx				
<i>Total Professional Fees</i>					
b. Production cost the deliverables as per TOR (Set up conference rooms, printing of materials, etc.)					
	1.xxxxx				
	2.xxxxx				
	3.xxxxx				
<i>Total Production Cost</i>					
c. Utilization of equipment/accessories for the deliverables as per TOR (Lighting, IT, camera, live stream etc.)					
	1.xxxxx				
	2.xxxxx				
	3.xxxxx				
<i>Total Equipment Related Expenses</i>					
d. Dismantling, Storage, Transportation and etc. for the deliverables as per TOR					
	1.xxxxx				
	2.xxxxx				
	3.xxxxx				
<i>Total Dismantling, Storage, Transportation related Expenses</i>					
Total Contract Price (sum of a, b, c, d) (VAT exclusive)					

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Vendor's Comments:

I hereby certify that the company mentioned above, which I am duly authorized to sign for, has reviewed **RFQ N° UNFPA/BKK/RFQ/22/002 for the 'Provision of Production Management APRO Regional Leadership Meeting (RLM)'** including all annexes, amendments to the RFQ document (if applicable) and the responses provided by UNFPA on clarification questions from the prospective service providers. Further, the company accepts the General Conditions of Contract for UNFPA and we will abide by this quotation until it expires.

	Click here to enter a date.	
Name and title	Date and place	

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**ANNEX I:
General Conditions of Contracts:
De Minimis Contracts**

This Request for Quotation is subject to UNFPA's General Conditions of Contract: De Minimis Contracts, which are available in: [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [French](#)

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ANNEX II TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE PROVISION OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT APRO REGIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETING (RLM)

The service provider is required to manage the production of the APRO RLM taking place from 9 to 13 May 2022 in Bangkok for the United Nations Population Fund's Asia and the Pacific Regional Office (UNFPA APRO) as per the details listed below.

I. Background


Building on the 2020 and 2021 virtual regional leadership meetings series and the 2020-2021 RLM outcomes, the RLM 2022 will be the first in-person meeting in two years, with UNFPA staff from headquarters, regional office and country offices in attendance. This presents a great opportunity to re-connect, interact, cross-fertilize ideas and celebrate. It will focus on the implementation of UNFPA's new Strategic Plan as well as ongoing corporate initiatives. Considering this, the RLM's theme will be 'Celebrate, Innovate, Accelerate and Motivate'.

The first three days of the RLM will be dedicated to re-connecting and reflecting on the past two years and shaping the future by celebrating, innovating, accelerating and motivating. Participants will collaborate to strengthen the implementation of the new Strategic Plan in the evolved landscape in the region and work together to ensure the effective advancement of key corporate priorities, such as the organisation's engagement in the reform of the United Nations Development System, financing modalities for development, innovation and achieving organisational excellence to support and enable these efforts. Days 4 and 5 of the RLM will focus on additional regional priorities within this context, in particular advancing political scanning and value-based dialogues.

II. Objectives

The APRO RLM to be held at Anantara Siam Hotel in Bangkok from 9 to 13 May and aims to achieve several objectives, including:

- Discuss the implications of the new Strategic Plan in Asia and the Pacific and agree upon strategic leadership actions required to meet the ambitious targets outlined in pursuit of the transformative agenda, including how each office focuses on and facilitates these strategic global shifts for development and humanitarian transformation:
 - Ensuring a shared understanding and commitment to the underlying principles to guide the alignment of new and existing Country Programme Documents (CPDs), as the main vehicles through which the SP will be delivered.
 - Scaling up high impact practices and promising practices, including through innovation and digital transformation, as well as better evidence and data that ensures the region leaves no one behind and reaches the furthest behind first.
 - Clearly defining actions that the Asia and the Pacific leadership will champion in contribution towards accelerating implementation of the SP and achieving the transformative results and SDGs in the region across the development, humanitarian and peace continuum.

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- Strengthen the shared understanding of progress made by the region and agreement on the way forward on key regional initiatives including in political scanning, financing for development, value-based dialogues and national transfer accounts.
- Discuss opportunities for further positioning of UNFPA within the UN Reforms and mobilising action for UNFPA's three transformative results (zero maternal deaths, zero unmet need for family planning and zero gender-based violence) at the country and regional level, in line with the Common Agenda and towards achieving the SDGs.
- Develop and support leadership and talent management at country and regional levels so that UNFPA continues to be highly responsive across the humanitarian, development and peace nexus.
- Discuss progress made by the region and agree on the way forward on key regional initiatives including political scanning, financing for development, and value-based dialogues.

To facilitate the effective proceedings of the RLM in an environment that is conducive to achieve the objectives highlighted above, APRO seeks the support of a production company to support the production, coordination, and facilitation of the RLM.

III. Scope of required services

To achieve the above-mentioned, bidders shall submit a proposed work plan for the aforementioned concept. More specifically, UNFPA APRO requires a package of services for the following:

A. Branding and Design

- Propose brand design of three prototypes for UNFPA to choose from.
- Design the collaterals needed for the event, i.e. agenda, flyers, background poster, virtual event banner, social media cards, placeholders for the Zoom event, 3D design (green screen) option.
- Design the set-up of the physical venue – podium stage, lectern, lights, background, set, et. al. (service provider will provide necessary specifications needed for the space; all items such as camera, lighting and other peripherals to be provided by event management company)
- Provide venue decoration options, i.e. lights, centrepieces, et.al.
- Produce short videos including a daily recap to be shown the following day. Each video will be less than four minutes.
- Create a stack of social media cards with key messages or quotes during the event. Guidance to be provided by UNFPA.
- Design a PowerPoint template to be used at the meeting.
- Design a report of the proceedings of the event – written content to be provided by UNFPA – service company to write and produce a report with visual elements in the form of a PDF report (for wider dissemination) and in Word format (for HTML pasting on internal channels/email).
- Registration and production of lanyards and IDs.
- Provide photo and videography services - event and group photos, profile photos; video - daily recap and full event recap.
- Arrange creative elements from the beginning and end of the programme – ideas to be provided by UNFPA/

B. Conference room design and set-up which shall be in accordance with COVID-19 related rules and regulations.



Specific Requirements

- In coordination with Anantara Hotel: conference room setup, including: podium and room set-up with tables for 120 participants in total; set-up for Innovation Expo booths on the first day, and their dismantling; set up of cocktail reception on the first day; and any other arrangements needed to facilitate smooth proceedings from a logistical point of view.
- Coordinating with hotel sales and technicians for screens and projectors (for various videos selected by UNFPA APRO and livestream, etc.), lighting, accessories, and any other IT related equipment needed to facilitate a smooth proceeding and streaming of the RLM, including connections (electricity, suspensions, etc.)
- Sufficient power outlets, basic lighting, and design set-up.
- Cameraman including necessary equipment to film and stream the event in real time.
- Live streaming equipment capable of Zoom, YouTube streaming.
- Other accessories needed to maximise the event's impact.
- In coordination with Anantara Hotel: dismantling the conference room, including storage/disposal of the aforementioned booths/parts and egress on the dates designated by UNFPA APRO.

- C. Meeting coordination and facilitation** which shall include a proposal on how RLM shall be coordinated and facilitated.

Specific Requirements

- Meet and work closely with the APRO RLM coordination committee for planning and to line up speakers according to the agenda.
- A clear plan on how the RLM would be coordinated, including the necessary set-up and break up of the conference room, break out rooms, and venue, including IT, connection, and streaming services. Staff to implement the plan in real time during the meeting.
- Organise a dry run prior to the event.
- Coordinate the Zoom/online production from the hotel venue.
- Set up of auto-cue, teleprompter for statements
- An English speaking facilitator that would moderate the RLM. The facilitator should have strong public speaking skills, be enthusiastic yet organised, a connector, have an informal moderating style and ideally be from the Asia Pacific region.
- An English speaking inspirational/motivational speaker that can address and inspire the RLM participants as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

D. Others

- Arrangement of five buses for taking 120 participants to a cocktail event at a restaurant in Bangkok on the third day.
- Design and production of 120 eco bags to present UNFPA's identity. Design to be guided by chosen brand or theme.
- Artistic fabric with brand design - distinctive of the host country for group photos. Participants will wear the material, i.e. a small shawl.
- Recommend give-aways with brand.

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IV. Expected Outputs/Deliverables

A well produced, coordinated and smooth running of the APRO RLM that is facilitated in an engaging and professional way so that the RLM's meeting objectives can be fully achieved.

- The vendor is expected to create, share with APRO and maintain a Google Drive folder with all relevant resource documents and draft reports collected or prepared for this assignment.
- The assignment shall commence on the day of contract signature and end on 30 May 2022 (final turn over of deliverables).
- The team is expected to strive to complete the assignment within the set deadlines, as indicated in this TOR and further agreed during the inception phase.

V. Estimated duration of the project

The RLM will take place from 9 to 13 May 2022. Active preparations of the production company will commence approximately 2 weeks in advance.

Time frame and schedule of work

The contract duration is for a period of three weeks with the following schedule of work;

<i>Descriptions of Tasks</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Preparatory work; briefing and planning with UNFPA RLM coordination team	25 April - 5 May 2022
Set-up of conference room and venue	8 May - 13 May 2022
Coordination and Facilitation of RLM	9 - 13 May 2022
Conference room dismantling	13 May 2022


VI. Inputs provided by UNFPA and the supplier

• UNFPA Input

The overall project and technical implementation requires collaborative engagement and flexibility from all parties. Regular status meetings and collaborative problem-solving are expected as part of the engagement.

The contractor will engage primarily with the APRO RLM coordination team that will work closely with/supervise the contractor at UNFPA APRO. It is also expected that the contractor will engage from time to time with other UNFPA staff and external partners and stakeholders as required under the coordination of UNFPA APRO.

Throughout the preparation process, the contractor and the UNFPA Regional Office will engage in periodic meetings, which may be complemented by email exchanges and discussions between the contractor and UNFPA APRO on scope of the project, clarification of deliverables, etc.

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VII. Contractor Requirement

Qualifications of the company

The supplier must provide a portfolio of previous work that represents a variety of exhibitions and similar events.

Company's corporate Profile:

Profile of the service provider

- Location of offices;
- Must be a registered company with a corporate bank account, and Por Por 20;
- Must have a team that can successfully handle conference production, design, set-up, coordination and facilitation;

Experience and Expertise:

- The service provider should ideally hold a minimum of **5** years of proven experience in exhibition services (with requisite references alongside);
- Familiarity with working with UN agencies is a plus.
- The vendor should have media, communications, and events management experience in English.
- The vendor should have quality experience with working with UN or other agencies on similar projects.
- The vendor should be able to provide examples of past productions that demonstrate its creative vision and cutting-edge technology.
- The vendor must be able to guarantee timely delivery of products with multiple team members devoted to this project.
- The company must have an in-house production team as well as event coordinator, graphic designer, etc. and equipment to ensure smooth and timely production.

VIII. Copyright

Copyrights of all final products including initiatives and campaigns supported shall be the sole property of UNFPA. UNFPA shall provide the service partner with logos, texts, photos and any other material in an adequate format, as required by the assignment. The service provider shall not use UNFPA's logo or any other material supplied by UNFPA, for any purposes outside the scope of the assignment and contract.

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**ANNEX III
 TEMPLATE
 CONTRACT FOR DE MINIMIS SERVICES
 CONTRACT N° UNFPA/CCC/PSC/YY/NNN**

This Contract is entered into between the United Nations Population Fund, a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly of the United Nations (“UN”) in terms of Article 22 of the UN Charter, with its Headquarters at 605 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10158, USA (the “UNFPA”) and [Name of Contractor], a [Type of entity] organized under the laws of [Country], (the “Contractor”). In consideration of the promises contained in this Contract and subject to the UNFPA General Conditions of Contract: De Minimis Contracts, hereby incorporated into this Contract and attached as Annex A (the “UNFPA General Conditions”), the Parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
 CONTRACT TERM**

This Contract shall enter into force on the date of the last signature affixed by the Parties (the “Commencement Date”) and shall remain in force for [Number of years] years, starting from the Commencement Date.

**ARTICLE 2
 SERVICES**

The Contractor shall perform services as specified in the Terms of reference (the “TOR”) attached as Annex B and hereby incorporated into this Contract (the “Services”).

**ARTICLE 3
 PAYMENT AND FEE**


- 3.1 In full consideration for the complete, satisfactory and timely performance of the Services under this Contract, UNFPA shall pay the Contractor the fee of [Insert currency & amount in figures and in words] (the “Fee”).

The Fee will be paid to the Contractor according to the following payment schedule:

PAYMENT DUE DATE	PAYMENT AMOUNT	BALANCE

- 3.2 UNFPA shall effect payments to the Contractor within thirty (30) days after the UNFPA's receipt and acceptance of the Contractor's invoice and complete set of supporting documentation where applicable. Payment by UNFPA shall be made to the Contractor's following bank account:

Account name:	
Bank Address:	
Acct Number:	
ABA Number:	



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BIC (Swift address):

ARTICLE 4 LIABILITY

The Contractor shall pay UNFPA promptly for all loss, destruction, or damage to the property of UNFPA caused by the Contractor's personnel or by any of its subcontractors or anyone else directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor or any of its subcontractors in the performance of the Contract.

ARTICLE 5 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 5.1 No special conditions shall apply.

ARTICLE 6 SECURITY

- 6.1 The Contractor shall be fully responsible for the safety and security of its officials, employees, agents, servants, subcontractors and other representatives (collectively, the Contractor's "Personnel") and for the safekeeping of all assets, equipment and supplies in the custody of the Contractor or its Personnel.
- 6.2 The Contractor shall:
- 6.2.1 Put in place and maintain its own security plan, taking into account the security situation in the country where the Services are being provided;
 - 6.2.2 Assume all risks and liabilities related to the Contractor's security, assets entrusted to it by UNFPA and the full implementation of its own security plan.
- 6.3 The Contractor and its Personnel are neither subject to, nor obliged to adhere to the United Nations Security Management policies and procedures, except insofar as they relate to the utilization of UNFPA's assets, equipment and supplies, or as required to perform the Services under this Contract.
- 6.4 UNFPA may lend reasonable assistance, when possible and to the extent feasible, to the Contractor and its Personnel. Any travel or financial assistance provided shall be on a space-available and reimbursable basis.
- 6.5 UNFPA may, at its sole discretion, consent to the inclusion of the Contractor and its Personnel in the UNFPA security plan to the extent that it applies within the country where the Services are being provided on the same terms that are offered to implementing partners of UNFPA. Notwithstanding this provision, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the UNFPA shall have no obligation to evacuate the Contractor's Personnel from the country where the Services are being provided in case of emergency or due to security developments.
- 6.6 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the UNFPA shall not be liable to the Contractor, or its Personnel, in connection with the provision, or failure to provide, any security assistance pursuant to this Article 6.1, or otherwise, and the Contractor shall indemnify, defend, hold and save harmless the UNFPA and its officials, employees and agents from and



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against any claim or liability of any nature arising in respect of any safety or security related incident, including without limitation, the death, injury or illness of any personnel, or the loss, damage, destruction, sabotage or theft of any assets, equipment or supplies in the custody of the Contractor or its Personnel. The foregoing indemnity is without prejudice to any other indemnity provided by the Contractor, or any other rights or remedies of the UNFPA, under this Contract.

6.7 Upon the Contractor’s request, UNFPA may provide security advisory information to the Contractor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this Contract on the dates set forth below:

For UNFPA		For Contractor	
Signature		Signature	
Name:		Name:	
Title		Title	
Date:		Date:	

(N.B. Each page of the contract is to be initialed)

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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1. **LEGAL STATUS OF THE PARTIES:** The Contractor shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor *vis-à-vis* UNFPA. The Contractor's personnel and sub-contractors shall not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of UNFPA.
2. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES:** The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its employees and will select, for work under this Contract, reliable individuals who will perform effectively in the implementation of this Contract, respect the local customs, and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.
3. **ASSIGNMENT:** The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Contract or any part thereof, or any of the Contractor's rights, claims or obligations under this Contract except with the prior written consent of UNFPA.
4. **SUBCONTRACTING:** In the event the Contractor requires the services of sub-contractors, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval and clearance of UNFPA for all sub-contractors. The approval of UNFPA of a sub-contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations under this Contract. The terms of any sub-contract shall be subject to and conform with the provisions of this Contract.
5. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The Contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless, and defend, at its own expense, UNFPA, its officials, agents, servants and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands, and liability of any nature or kind, including their costs and expenses, arising out of acts or omissions of the Contractor, or the Contractor's employees, officers, agents or sub-contractors, in the performance of this Contract. This provision shall extend, *inter alia*, to claims and liability in the nature of worker's compensation, products liability and liability arising out of the use of patented inventions or devices, copyrighted material or other intellectual property by the Contractor, its employees, officers, agents, servants or sub-contractors. The obligations under this Article do not lapse upon termination of this Contract.
6. **INSURANCE AND LIABILITY:**
 - 6.1 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain insurance against all risks in respect of its property and any equipment used for the execution of this Contract.
 - 6.2 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain all appropriate workmen's compensation insurance, or its equivalent, with respect to its employees to cover claims for personal injury or death in connection with this Contract.
 - 6.3 The Contractor shall also provide and thereafter maintain liability insurance in an adequate amount to cover third party claims for death or bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property, arising from or in connection with the provision of services under this Contract or the operation of any vehicles, boats, airplanes or other equipment owned or leased by the Contractor or its agents, servants, employees or sub-contractors performing work or services in connection with this Contract.
 - 6.4 Except for the workmen's compensation insurance, the insurance policies under this Article shall:
 - 6.4.1 Name UNFPA as additional insured;
 - 6.4.2 Include a waiver of subrogation of the Contractor's rights to the insurance carrier against UNFPA;
 - 6.4.3 Provide that UNFPA shall receive thirty (30) days written notice from the insurers prior to any cancellation or change of coverage.
 - 6.5 The Contractor shall, upon request, provide UNFPA with satisfactory evidence of the insurance required under this Article 6.
7. **ENCUMBRANCES AND LIENS:** The Contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file or to remain on file in any public office or on file with UNFPA against any monies due to the Contractor or that may become due for any work done or against any goods supplied or materials furnished under the Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Contractor or UNFPA.

8. **EQUIPMENT FURNISHED BY UNFPA TO THE CONTRACTOR:** Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by UNFPA to the Contractor for the performance of any obligations under the Contract shall rest with UNFPA, and any such equipment shall be returned to UNFPA at the conclusion of the Contract or when no longer needed by the Contractor. Such equipment, when returned to UNFPA, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Contractor, subject to normal wear and tear, and the Contractor shall be liable to compensate UNFPA for the actual costs of any loss of, damage to, or degradation of the equipment that is beyond normal wear and tear.
9. **COPYRIGHT, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:**
- 9.1 Except as is otherwise expressly provided in writing in the Contract, UNFPA shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Contractor has developed for UNFPA under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for UNFPA.
- 9.2 To the extent that any such intellectual property or other proprietary rights consist of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Contractor: (i) that pre-existed the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or (ii) that the Contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract, UNFPA does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Contractor grants to UNFPA a perpetual license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary right solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.
- 9.3 At the request of UNFPA, the Contractor shall take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring or licensing them to UNFPA in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract.
- 9.4 Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, estimates, recommendations, documents, and all other data compiled by or received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be the property of UNFPA, shall be made available for use or inspection by UNFPA at reasonable times and in reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential, and shall be delivered only to UNFPA authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract.
10. **PUBLICITY, AND USE OF THE NAME, EMBLEM OR OFFICIAL SEAL:** The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public for purposes of commercial advantage or goodwill that it has a contractual relationship with UNFPA, nor shall the Contractor, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem or official seal of the United Nations and UNFPA, or any abbreviation of the name of the United Nations and UNFPA in connection with its business or otherwise without the written permission the United Nations and UNFPA.
11. **CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION:** Information and data that is considered proprietary by either Party or that is delivered or disclosed by one Party (“Discloser”) to the other Party (“Recipient”) during the course of performance of the Contract, and that is designated as confidential (“Information”), shall be held in confidence by that Party and shall be handled as follows:
- 11.1 The Recipient shall:
- 11.1.1 use the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure, publication or dissemination of the Discloser’s Information as it uses with its own similar Information that it does not wish to disclose, publish or disseminate; *and*,
- 11.1.2 use the Discloser’s Information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed.
- 11.2 Provided that the Recipient has a written agreement with the following persons or entities requiring them to treat the Information confidential in accordance with the Contract and this Article 11, the Recipient may disclose Information to:
- 11.2.1 any other party with the Discloser’s prior written consent; *and*,
- 11.2.2 the Recipient’s employees, officials, representatives and agents who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, and employees officials, representatives and agents of any legal entity that it controls, controls it, or with which it is under

common control, who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, *provided that*, for these purposes a controlled legal entity means:

- 11.2.2.1 a corporate entity in which the Party owns or otherwise controls, whether directly or indirectly, over fifty percent (50%) of voting shares thereof; *or*,
- 11.2.2.2 any entity over which the Party exercises effective managerial control; *or*,
- 11.2.2.3 for the United Nations, a principal or subsidiary organ of the United Nations established in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

- 11.3 The Contractor may disclose Information to the extent required by law, *provided that*, subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including UNFPA, the Contractor will give UNFPA sufficient prior notice of a request for the disclosure of Information in order to allow UNFPA to have a reasonable opportunity to take protective measures or such other action as may be appropriate before any such disclosure is made.
- 11.4 UNFPA may disclose Information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the United Nations, or pursuant to resolutions or regulations of the General Assembly or rules promulgated thereunder.
- 11.5 The Recipient shall not be precluded from disclosing Information that is obtained by the Recipient from a third party without restriction, is disclosed by the Discloser to a third party without any obligation of confidentiality, is previously known by the Recipient, or at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures hereunder.
- 11.6 These obligations and restrictions of confidentiality shall be effective during the term of the Contract, including any extension thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the Contract, shall remain effective following any termination of the Contract.

12. FORCE MAJEURE; OTHER CHANGES IN CONDITIONS:

- 12.1 In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting *force majeure*, the affected Party shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the other Party, of such occurrence or cause if the affected Party is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract. The affected Party shall also notify the other Party of any other changes in condition or the occurrence of any event which interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of the Contract. Not more than fifteen (15) days following the provision of such notice of *force majeure* or other changes in condition or occurrence, the affected Party shall also submit a statement to the other Party of estimated expenditures that will likely be incurred for the duration of the change in condition or the event of *force majeure*. On receipt of the notice or notices required hereunder, the Party not affected by the occurrence of a cause constituting *force majeure* shall take such action as it reasonably considers to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the affected Party of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform any obligations under the Contract.
- 12.2 If the Contractor is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by reason of *force majeure* to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract, UNFPA shall have the right to suspend or terminate the Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in Article 13, "Termination," except that the period of notice shall be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days. In any case, UNFPA shall be entitled to consider the Contractor permanently unable to perform its obligations under the Contract in case the Contractor is unable to perform its obligations, wholly or in part, by reason of *force majeure* for any period in excess of ninety (90) days.
- 12.3 *Force majeure* as used herein means any unforeseeable and irresistible act of nature, any act of war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, terrorism, or any other acts of a similar nature or force, *provided that* such acts arise from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Contractor must perform in areas in which UNFPA is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any humanitarian or similar operations, any delays or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas, or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas, shall not, in and of itself, constitute *force majeure* under the Contract.

13. TERMINATION:

- 13.1 Either party may terminate this Contract for cause, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) days notice, in writing, to the other party. The initiation of arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 16.2 (“Arbitration”), below, shall not be deemed a termination of this Contract.
- 13.2 UNFPA may terminate forthwith this Contract at any time should the mandate or its funding be curtailed or terminated, in which case the Contractor shall be reimbursed by UNFPA for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor prior to receipt of the notice of termination.
- 13.3 In the event of any termination by UNFPA under this Article, no payment shall be due from UNFPA to the Contractor except for work and services satisfactorily performed in conformity with the express terms of this Contract.
- 13.4 Should the Contractor be adjudged bankrupt, or be liquidated or become insolvent, or should the Contractor make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a Receiver be appointed on account of the insolvency of the Contractor, UNFPA may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have under the terms of these conditions, terminate this Contract forthwith. The Contractor shall immediately inform UNFPA of the occurrence of any of the above events.
- 13.5 The provisions of this Article 13 are without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of UNFPA under the Contract or otherwise.
14. **NON-WAIVER OF RIGHTS:** The failure by either Party to exercise any rights available to it, whether under the Contract or otherwise, shall not be deemed for any purposes to constitute a waiver by the other Party of any such right or any remedy associated therewith, and shall not relieve the Parties of any of their obligations under the Contract.
15. **NON-EXCLUSIVITY:** Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, UNFPA shall have no obligation to purchase any minimum quantities of goods or services from the Contractor, and UNFPA shall have no limitation on its right to obtain goods or services of the same kind, quality and quantity described in the Contract, from any other source at any time.
16. **SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES:**
- 16.1 **AMICABLE SETTLEMENT:** The Parties shall use their best efforts to amicably settle any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof. Where the Parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the Conciliation Rules then obtaining of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (“UNCITRAL”), or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Parties in writing.
- 16.2 **ARBITRATION:** Any dispute, controversy, or claim between the Parties arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably under Article 16.1, above, within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party’s written request for such amicable settlement, shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal shall be based on general principles of international commercial law. The arbitral tribunal shall be empowered to order the return or destruction of goods or any property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, order the termination of the Contract, or order that any other protective measures be taken with respect to the goods, services or any other property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, as appropriate, all in accordance with the authority of the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 26 (“Interim measures”) and Article 34 (“Form and effect of the award”) of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. In addition, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, the arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award interest in excess of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) then prevailing, and any such interest shall be simple interest only. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy, or claim.
17. **PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES:** Nothing in or relating to the Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.
18. **TAX EXEMPTION:**
- 18.1 Article II, Section 7, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, *inter alia*, that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs restrictions, duties, and charges of a similar nature in

respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize the exemptions of UNFPA from such taxes, restrictions, duties, or charges, the Contractor shall immediately consult with UNFPA to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.

18.2 The Contractor authorizes UNFPA to deduct from the Contractor's invoices any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Contractor has consulted with UNFPA before the payment thereof and the UNFPA has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Contractor to pay such taxes, duties, or charges under written protest. In that event, the Contractor shall provide UNFPA with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized, and UNFPA shall reimburse the Contractor for any such taxes, duties, or charges so authorized by UNFPA and paid by the Contractor under written protest.

19. **MODIFICATIONS:** Pursuant to the Financial Regulations and Rules of UNFPA, only the Chief of the Procurement Services Branch of UNFPA or such other contracting authority as made known to the Contractor in writing, possesses the authority to agree on behalf of UNFPA to any modification of or change in this Contract, to a waiver of any of its provisions or to any additional contractual relationship of any kind with the Contractor. Accordingly, no modification or change in this Contract shall be valid and enforceable against UNFPA unless provided by an amendment to this Contract signed by the Contractor and the Chief of the Procurement Services Branch of UNFPA or such other contracting authority.

20. AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS:

20.1 Each invoice paid by UNFPA shall be subject to a post-payment audit by auditors, whether internal or external, of UNFPA or the United Nations or by other authorized and qualified agents of UNFPA or the United Nations at any time during the term of the Contract and for a period of three (3) years following the expiration or prior termination of the Contract. UNFPA shall be entitled to a refund from the Contractor for any amounts shown by such audits to have been paid by UNFPA other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract.

20.2 UNFPA may conduct investigations relating to any aspect of the Contract or the award thereof, the obligations performed under the Contract, and the operations of the Contractor generally relating to performance of the Contract at any time during the term of the Contract and for a period of three (3) years following the expiration or prior termination of the Contract.

20.3 The Contractor shall provide its full and timely cooperation with any such inspections, post-payment audits or investigations. Such cooperation shall include, but shall not be limited to, the Contractor's obligation to make available its personnel and any relevant documentation for such purposes at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions and to grant to UNFPA access to the Contractor's premises at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions in connection with such access to the Contractor's personnel and relevant documentation. The Contractor shall require its agents, including, but not limited to, the Contractor's attorneys, accountants or other advisers, to reasonably cooperate with any inspections, post-payment audits or investigations carried out by UNFPA or the United Nations hereunder.

21. LIMITATION ON ACTIONS:

21.1 Except with respect to any indemnification obligations in Article 5, above, or as are otherwise set forth in the Contract, any arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 16.2, above, arising out of the Contract must be commenced within three years after the cause of action has accrued.

21.2 The Parties further acknowledge and agree that, for these purposes, a cause of action shall accrue when the breach actually occurs, or, in the case of latent defects, when the injured Party knew or should have known all of the essential elements of the cause of action, or in the case of a breach of warranty, when tender of delivery is made, except that, if a warranty extends to future performance of the goods or any process or system and the discovery of the breach consequently must await the time when such goods or other process or system is ready to perform in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, the cause of action accrues when such time of future performance actually begins.

22. **ESSENTIAL TERMS:** The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that each of the provisions in Articles 23 to 28 hereof constitutes an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of any of these provisions shall entitle UNFPA to terminate the Contract or any other contract with UNFPA immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.

23. **SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS:** The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to UNFPA in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. Should any authority external to UNFPA seek to impose any instructions concerning or restrictions on the Contractor's performance under the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly notify UNFPA and provide all reasonable assistance required by UNFPA. The Contractor shall not take any action in respect of the performance of its obligations under the Contract that may adversely affect the interests of UNFPA, and the Contractor shall perform its obligations under the Contract with the fullest regard to the interests of the United Nations and UNFPA.
24. **OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT:** The Contractor warrants that it has not and shall not offer to any representative, official, employee, or other agent of UNFPA any direct or indirect benefit arising from or related to the performance of the Contract or of any other contract with UNFPA or the award thereof or for any other purpose intended to gain an advantage for the Contractor.
25. **OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW:** The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the Contract. In addition, the Contractor shall maintain compliance with all obligations relating to its registration as a qualified vendor of goods or services to UNFPA, as such obligations are set forth in the United Nations and UNFPA vendor registration procedures.
26. **CHILD LABOR:** The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, its parent entities (if any), nor any of the Contractor's subsidiary or affiliated entities (if any) is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, *inter alia*, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development.
27. **MINES:** The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, its parent entities (if any), nor any of the Contractor's subsidiaries or affiliated entities (if any) is engaged in the sale or manufacture of anti-personnel mines or components utilized in the manufacture of anti-personnel mines.
28. **SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:**
 - 28.1 The Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by its employees or any other persons engaged and controlled by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, shall constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. In addition, the Contractor shall refrain from, and shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to prohibit its employees or other persons engaged and controlled by it from exchanging any money, goods, services, or other things of value, for sexual favors or activities, or from engaging any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person.
 - 28.2 UNFPA shall not apply the foregoing standard relating to age in any case in which the Contractor's personnel or any other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract is married to the person less than the age of eighteen years with whom sexual activity has occurred and in which such marriage is recognized as valid under the laws of the country of citizenship of such Contractor's personnel or such other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract.

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