



Request for Proposal (RFP) # 1424

Issuance Date: Sep 25, 2022

Closing Date: October 6, 2022

Advertise:

Jhpiego is seeking for qualified vendors to obtain proposal(s) for procurement of mobile health services in five cities (Kabul, Kandahar, Herat, Balkh, and Nangarhar). Please see Annex B for more details.

Annex: Scope of Work

Applicant Eligibility:

- The potential vendors must have valid registration with the government of Afghanistan and have a valid AISA or Business license. A Vendor's current, valid AISA or Ministry of Commerce Business License must be attached with its proposal.
- The potential vendors should provide an Official Bank Account with the same name as it is stated in Vendor's AISA or business license.
- All the cost should be stated in Local currency (AFN).
- Vendor should submit an acknowledgement letter signed by their organization head that they accept payments via bank transfer.

Selection Criteria: (please see the last page of the Annex)

Meeting the technical criteria, shortest delivery time and lowest price

Please also submit a copy of company's updated business license, official bank account (with the same name as it is stated in business license) and a copy of tax identification number (TIN) letter.

Important Note: If the above-mentioned documents are not submitted along with the proposal, the proposal will be disqualified and will not be further evaluated.

The cot proposal will be evaluated for those vendors who are considered technically acceptable and meet or exceed the minimum required scores. Jhpiego will award a fixed price purchase order resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Vendor/s whose proposal conforming to this solicitation will be most advantageous to the project, price and other factors considered.

Penalty Charges: Jhpiego will add a clause to the purchase order as the result of this RFP and may deduct a sum up to 1% of the Purchase Order total value for each day of delay beyond the agreed delivery time until the actual goods/service received.

Payment: Jhpiego will only do bank transfer to the selected vendor's-maintained Bank Account after the delivery and acceptance of the required Goods/Services by Jhpiego, according to an agreed-upon payment schedule.

Proposal Submission in Hard Copy:

Vendors are requested to submit their complete proposal to Jhpiego office in hard copy by no later than October 6, 2022, (3:00 p.m. Kabul, Afghanistan local time).

Jhpiego office is located in Wazir Akbar Khan Street 15 roundabout, next to the Grill restaurant, in front of AWCC office.

No Proposal will be accepted if submitted in soft copy.

Email address for inquires and questions: Af.procurement@jhpiego.org

Questions must be sent to this email address by Oct 3, 2022 at 3:00pm Kabul local time.

Proposals received after the RFQ deadline will be considered late and will be not be evaluated.

Issuance of this RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of Jhpiego or any other organization/associated agency, nor is it commitment to pay for any cost(s)/liability(ies)/loss(es) incurred in the preparation or submission of response. The organization reserves the right to reject, with or without assigning any reason, any or all response(s), if such action is considered to be in the best interest of the project/organization.

No employee is authorized to negotiate or promise work on behalf of Jhpiego. Selected vendors will have an official Purchase Order with Jhpiego with authorized signatures.

Note: Tax will be withheld from all contractors for such procurement with a specified rate as per “Article- 72” of the Afghanistan Income Tax Law, 2009. Seven percent (7%) of the gross amount will be withheld if the contractor does not hold/submit a business license, and Two percent (2%) will be withheld if the contractor has/submits a business license. The withheld tax per the law will be remitted to the Tax Office in the name of company”.

Yours Sincerely,

Jhpiego Corporation
Urban Health Initiative Project
Chief of Party

VENDOR
Company name: _____
Representative name: _____
Signature & Stamp _____
Date: _____

Annex B: SCOPE OF WORK (PROVISION OF MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES IN FIVE CITIES IN AFGHANISTAN)

BACKGROUND

The USAID-funded Urban Health Initiative (UHI) Project has the mandate of increasing coverage of the underserved urban population in five cities in Afghanistan. UHI is focusing on strengthening facility-based care, using a network approach, for more services such as deliveries, cesarean sections, newborn care, and specialized consultations. At the same time UHI is implementing outreach strategies to provide basic care closer to the population, reducing barriers like transportation time and costs for the clients.

As part of its outreach activities, UHI wants to expand the access to health services in the cities of Kabul, Kandahar, Herat, Mazar-e-Sharif, and Jalalabad through mobile clinics which should operate in the most marginalized and under-served areas of these cities.

UHI supported similar services in Kabul in 2021 and early 2022 with encouraging results, including high levels of satisfaction of clients and the leaders of the communities served.

This request for proposal (RFP) aims to obtain proposals from potential interested organizations with experience in health service delivery for the provision of ambulatory health services (as indicated below) in the five cities mentioned above.

PURPOSE

Provide integrated primary care services to the population in Kabul, Kandahar, Herat, Mazar-e-Sharif, and Jalalabad. 2 to 3 mobile services in Kabul and 1 in each of the other cities.

ACTIVITIES

The mobile services will operate in selected marginal areas of the mentioned cities selected jointly with UHI, five days a week, during office working hours, and will provide basic consultation, mother and child care, screening for nutrition TB screening, immunizations, family planning, first aid, and laboratory sample collections by professional health staff. Some basic medicines such as analgesics and vitamins will be provided for free if provided by UHI; for other medicines patients will receive prescriptions to buy the drugs. Patients in extreme poverty may receive other medicines such as antibiotics, also provided by UHI, as an exception and upon certification of the communal authorities. Patients that need it will be referred to appropriate health facilities. The provider may charge a nominal fee for the services ranging from AFG10 for consultations to AFG80 for more specialized diagnostic tests (like ultrasonography exams). The money from these fees will stay with the provider to make additional improvements to the services. The model should be flexible and allow for adjustment of services according to the need/demand. The average number of patients that will receive services is initially expected to be between 1,000 and 1,500 per month per mobile service unit.

The provider shall implement all of the activities, including: 1) development of a detailed operational plan that includes coordination with local authorities, coordination with health authorities, selection of locations and schedules, resources needed including a list of medicines, 2) initial mobile clinic set-up, including installations, equipment, and staff, and 3) operation of the mobile clinic.

PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION

The services will be provided for an initial period of 4 months which could be extended to up to 10 months.

COORDINATION

The provider should ensure coordination with health authorities and facility managers in the areas of operation of the mobile services.

The provider should also coordinate with the UHI technical team which will provide technical assistance to the mobile service and conduct periodic monitoring of services provided and collect client/ community feedback

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REPORTING

The provider will be responsible for submitting monthly reports on services provided, including number of clients, type of services received, disaggregated by sex and age.

PROPOSAL

Interested applicants should submit a detailed methodology and approach for the design, work plan, setting-up, and operation of the mobile services as well as a cost proposal. Costs should include initial setting-up of the clinic and operation.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- **Demonstrated experience in providing quality ambulatory health services in clinics or hospitals (10%)**
- **Experience providing health services in the selected cities (20%)**
- **Appropriate understanding of the health system /proposed methodology and approach 30%**
 - o Demonstrated knowledge of the health system and public and private institutions in the five cities selected (10%)
 - o Proposed approach and methodology to achieve the project objectives (10%)
 - o Work plan (10%)
- **Ability to provide a team of qualified service providers and support staff (30%)**
- **Previous experience providing mobile health services desirable (10%)**