Date: 10th April 2020

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

RFQ Nº UNFPA/BIH/RFQ/20/003

Dear Sir/Madam,

UNFPA is seeking for company/organization to perform micro-assessment of the Sarajevo based NGO that is UNFPA’s Implementing partner in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Report is expected to be produced in English language.

The micro assessment is part of the requirements under the Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers (HACT) Framework. The HACT framework represents a common operational framework for UN agencies’ transfer of cash to government and non governmental implementing partners.

The micro-assessment assesses the Implementing Partner’s control framework. It results in a risk rating (low, moderate, significant or high). The overall risk rating is used by the UN agencies, along with other available information (e.g. history of engagement with the agency and previous assurance results), to determine the type and frequency of assurance activities as per each agency’s guideline and can be taken into consideration when selecting the appropriate cash transfer modality for an Implementing Partner.

Scope

The micro-assessment provides an overall assessment of the Implementing Partner’s programme, financial and operations management policies, procedures, systems and internal controls. It includes:

* A review of the IP legal status, governance structures and financial viability; programme management, organizational structure and staffing, accounting policies and procedures, fixed assets and inventory, financial reporting and monitoring, and procurement;
* A focus on compliance with policies, procedures, regulations and institutional arrangements that are issued both by the Government and the Implementing Partner.

It takes into account results of any previous micro assessments conducted of the Implementing Partner.

Detailed Terms of Reference for Micro-Assessment attached as Annex…

**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](http://www.unfpa.org/about-us) **II. Questions**

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

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| Name of contact person at UNFPA: | *Ms. Majda Zeherovic Zaimovic* |
| Tel Nº: | *+387 33 293 574* |
| Fax Nº: | *+387 33 552 330* |
| Email address of contact person: | *zeheroviczaimovic@unfpa.org* |

The deadline for submission of questions is 16th April 2020. Questions will be answered in writing and shared with all parties as soon as possible after this deadline.

1. **Content of quotations**

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

1. Technical proposal, in response to the requirements outlined in the service requirements / TORs.
2. Price quotation, to be submitted strictly in accordance with the price quotation form.

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

1. **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, and are to be sent by email to the contact person indicated below no later than : ***Friday, 17th April 2020 at 5:00 PM Sarajevo Time*[[1]](#footnote-1).**

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| *UNFPA BIH Office* |
| *bosnia-herzegovina.office@unfpa.org* |

Please note the following guidelines for electronic submissions:

* The following reference must be included in the email subject line: RFQ Nº UNFPA/BIH/RFQ/20/003 – Performing micro-assessment of the NGO, UNFPA’s Implementing partner in Bosnia and Herzegovina
* Proposals, including both technical and financial proposals, that do not contain the correct email subject line may be overlooked by the procurement officer and therefore not considered.
* The total email size may not exceed **20 MB (including email 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.
1. **Overview of Evaluation Process**

Quotations will be evaluated based on the technical proposal and the total cost of the services (price quote).

The evaluation will be carried out in a two-step process by an ad-hoc evaluation panel. Technical proposals will be evaluated for technical compliance prior to the comparison of price quotes.

1. **Award Criteria**

In case of a satisfactory result from the evaluation process, UNFPA intends to award a De Minimis Contract to the Bidder(s) that obtain the lowest-priced technically acceptable offer.

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. [**Fraud and Corruption**](http://www.unfpa.org/about-procurement#FraudCorruption)

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](http://www.unfpa.org/resources/fraud-policy-2009#overlay-context=node/10356/draft). 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](http://web2.unfpa.org/help/hotline.cfm).

1. **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](http://www.unfpa.org/about-procurement#ZeroTolerance).

1. **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 Head of the Business Unit Ms. Gabrijela Jurela at Jurela@unfpa.org . Should the supplier be unsatisfied with the reply provided by the UNFPA Head of the Business Unit, the supplier may contact the Chief, Procurement Services Branch at procurement@unfpa.org.

1. **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).

PRICE Quotation Form

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| **Name of Bidder:** |  |
| **Date of the quotation:** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Request for quotation Nº:** | UNFPA/BIH/RFQ/20/003 |
| **Currency of quotation:** | BAM |
| **Validity of quotation:***(The quotation shall be valid for a period of at least 3 months after the submission deadline.)* |  |

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

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| *Total Out of Pocket Expenses* |  |
| ***Total Contract Price*** *(Professional Fees + Out of Pocket Expenses)* |  |

*Vendor’s Comments:*

I hereby certify that the company mentioned above, which I am duly authorized to sign for, has reviewed **UNFPA/BIH/RFQ/20/003** 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.

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| Name and title | Date and place |

**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,](http://www.unfpa.org/resources/unfpa-general-conditions-de-minimis-contracts) [Spanish](http://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/resource-pdf/UNFPA%20General%20Conditions%20-%20De%20Minimis%20Contracts%20SP_0.pdf) and [French](http://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/resource-pdf/UNFPA%20General%20Conditions%20-%20De%20Minimis%20Contracts%20FR_0.pdf)

**ANNEX II**

**Terms of Reference (ToR) for Micro Assessment**

This TOR has been developed to guide United Nations agencies (UN agencies), third party service providers and implementing partners (IPs) through the objectives, scope, logistics and deliverables of performing micro assessments.

**Objective and scope of the micro assessment**

The micro assessment is performed by a third party service provider and includes a site visit to the IP. The assessment primarily consists of interviews with IP personnel and a review of relevant documentation sufficient to complete the micro assessment questionnaire (Annex 2). The questionnaire provides an overall risk rating based on responses provided:

* **Low risk –** Indicates a well‑developed financial management system and functioning control framework with a low likelihood of negative impact on the IP’s ability to execute the programme in accordance with the work plan.
* **Moderate[[2]](#footnote-2) Risk** – Indicates a developed financial management system and control framework with moderate likelihood of potential negative impact on the IP’s ability to execute the programme in accordance with the work plan.
* **Significant Risk** – Indicates an underdeveloped financial management system or control framework with a significant likelihood of potential negative impact on the IP’s ability to execute the programme in accordance with the work plan.
* **High Risk** – Indicates an underdeveloped financial management system and control framework with a high likelihood of potential negative impact on the IP’s ability to execute the programme in accordance with the work plan.

The overall risk rating is used by the UN agencies, along with other available information (e.g. history of engagement with the agency and previous assurance results), to determine the type and frequency of assurance activities as per each agency’s guidelines and can be taken into consideration when selecting the appropriate cash transfer modality for an IP, based on each agency’s business model (further detailed in section 8).

**Logistics**

The assessment should be completed (including the site visit and report issuance) within four weeks of engaging the third party service provider. The UN agency/ies’ HACT focal point and/or inter-agency coordinator will introduce the service provider to the IP and facilitate the site visit.

The UN agency/ies provide the following documentation to the service provider for review before starting fieldwork:

* Copy of the latest macro assessments performed for the country;
* UN agency/ies’ work plan(s) and programme documents with the IP
* Copies of reports of any micro assessments or other relevant assessment previously performed on the IP e.g. review of the IPs or Country’s Public Procurement System to determine its compatibility with the UN's Procurement Rules and Regulations
* Copies of reports of any financial or internal control audits and spot checks previously performed on the IP; and
* IP and Programme information as per Annex 1
* Any other documentation that may help the service provider better understand the context from a United Nations perspective.

**Procedures and deliverables**

The third party service provider receives general information regarding the IP and the programme from the UN agency/ies’ HACT focal point and/or the inter-agency coordinator in preparation for the assessment (see Annex 1 and Items to be provided above). The service provider reviews this documentation in advance of performing a site visit to the IP. The service provider should also provide the IP with an advance request of the documents and interviews they would like to have while on site, to ensure efficient use of time while on-site.

The third party service provider also completes the micro assessment questionnaire (Annex 2, with instructions) based on the procedures performed during the assessment period. The service provider discusses the results of the questionnaire with relevant IP personnel and the UN agency/ies’ HACT focal point before finalizing it. Upon finalization, the service provider delivers an executive summary, detailing the overall risk rating and specific identified risks, and the completed questionnaire.

The micro assessment report is to be delivered in the format given in Annex 3.

**Qualifications of the third party service provider**

The third party service provider must be experienced in performing assessments similar to a micro assessment and assessing risks related to organizational financial management capacity (i.e. accounting, reporting, procurement and internal controls). The service provider must also have knowledge of the United Nations system and the development sector.

CVs of all members of the assessment team should be provided to the commissioning UN agency/ies and should include details on engagements carried out by relevant staff, including ongoing assignments indicating responsibilities assumed by them and their qualifications and experience in undertaking similar assessments.

Annex 1. IP and Programme Information

The following information should be completed at the start of the micro assessment and annexed to the report as per the format in Annex 3.

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| **Implementing partner name:** |  |
| **Implementing partner code or ID in UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA records (as applicable)** |  |
| **Implementing partner contact details (contact name, email address and telephone number):** |  |
| **Main programmes implemented with the applicable UN Agency/ies:** |  |
| **Key Official in charge of the UN Agency/ies’ programme(s):** |  |
| **Programme location(s):** |  |
| **Location of records related to the UN Agency/ies’ prorgamme(s):** |  |
| **Currency of records maintained:** |  |
| **Latest expenditures incurred/reported to UNICEF, UNDP and UNFPA (as applicable). Indicate the amount (in US$) and the financial reporting period ;** |  |
| **Current or latest cash transfer modality/ies used by the UN agency/ies to the IP** |  |
| **Intended start date of micro assessment:** |  |
| **Number of days to be spent for visit to IP:** |  |
| **Any special requests to be considered during the micro assessment:** |  |

**Annex 2: Micro Assessment Questionnaire**

Please see separately provided excel format for the questionnaire with calculation formulas included, which has to be used. The excel file can also be found at www.undg.org/.

**Instructions**

This questionnaire contains questions related to seven subject areas. Certain questions are classified as “key questions” indicating that they have a greater impact in assessing the effective functioning of the IP’s control framework.

1. Answer each question by selecting ‘Yes’, ‘No’ or ‘N/A’ (for ‘not applicable’) from the drop down menu in the appropriate column.
2. Use the Risk Assessment column to assign a risk rating (high, significant, moderate or low) for each question based on the response obtained. For example, if the question addresses an item that should ideally be marked ‘Yes’ but was marked ‘No’, it should be assessed for the level of risk it presents to the effective functioning of the IP’s control framework. Assigning risk ratings to each question requires judgment by the assessor as to how the response will impact the effectiveness of the IP’s control framework. **Attention: THE APPROPRIATE RISK ASSESSMENT OR “NOT APPLICABLE” MUST BE SELECTED FOR EACH QUESTION. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS CONTAINING “ERROR” THE RISK RATING FOR THE CATEGORY AND OVERALL WILL BE WRONGLY CALCULATED!**
3. The risk ratings to be used are:
* ***High*** – Response to question indicates a risk to the effective functioning of the IP’s control framework that has a high likelihood of a potential negative impact on the IP’s ability to execute the programme in accordance with the work plan and stated objectives;
* ***Significant*** – Response to question indicates a risk to the effective functioning of the IP’s control framework that has a significant likelihood of a potential negative impact on the IP’s ability to execute the programme in accordance with the work plan and stated objectives;
* ***Moderate*** – Response to question indicates a risk to the effective functioning of the IP’s control framework that has a moderate likelihood of a potential negative impact on the IP’s ability to execute the programme in accordance with the work plan and stated objectives; or
* ***Low*** – Response to question indicates a low risk to the effective functioning of the IP’s control framework and a low likelihood of a potential negative impact on the IP’s ability to execute the programme in accordance with the work plan and stated objectives.
* *N/A – The specific question is not applicable for the IP and therefore no risk rating is assigned.*
1. The Risk Points column automatically assign points to each question that correlate with the level of risk.
2. Points are assigned as follows:

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| **Risk rating** | **Points: non-key questions** | **Points: key questions** |
| H – High risk | 4 points | 8 points |
| S – Significant risk | 3 points | 6 points |
| M – Moderate risk | 2 points | 4 points |
| L – Low risk | 1 point | 1 point |

1. Use the ‘Remarks/ comments’ column next to each question to provide details of your assessment or to highlight any important matters. This document will be referenced subsequently by the agency when performing additional assurance activities related to the IP. Sufficient details should be provided in this document for the agency to understand the details and rationale for your assessment.

**Calculation of risk rating per subject area section**

For each subject area, the risk points are totaled and divided by the number of applicable questions in that area, to give a risk rating for the subject area. The method of calculation is weighted average, where key questions have double the weight of non-key questions as illustrated in Note 1.

**Calculation of overall risk rating**

For all the questions in the questionnaire, the risk points are totaled and divided by the number of applicable questions, to give an overall average score. The method of calculation is weighted average, where key questions have double the weight of non-key questions as illustrated in Note 1.

**Note 1 – Method of assigning risk ratings to risk scores**

As per paragraph 5, key questions are assigned double the risk points, resulting in a weighted average method for calculating the overall and by subject area risk rating. Therefore, the risk rating assigned to the key questions have twice the weight in determining the risk rating.

Assume the following two scenarios with the same risk rating for the questions.

1. Scenario 1: There are three non-key questions having equal weight
2. Scenario 2: The first question is key and the remaining two questions are non-key.

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| **Scenario 1** | *Risk Rating* | *Points* |  | **Scenario 2** | *Risk Rating* | *Points* |
| Question 1 | High | 4 | **Key Question 1** | **High** | **8** |
| Question 2 | Low | 1 | Question 2 | Low | 1 |
| Question 3 | Low | 1 | Question 3 | Low | 1 |
| Total Risk Points: |  | 6 | Total Risk Points |  | 10 |
| Overall Risk | Moderate | 2 | Overall Risk | Significant | 3.3 |

The Excel spreadsheet automatically assigns the risk rating by using the following algorithm:

1. Only the applicable questions are taken into consideration
2. The minimum possible points for the subject area are calculated, that is if all questions are assigned low risk rating
3. The maximum possible points for the subject area are calculated, that is if all questions are assigned high risk rating
4. The ranges for each risk rating are calculated by evenly distributing between the lowest and highest applicable points
5. The actual risk points are matched with one of the four risk ranges to determine the overall risk category.

The same algorithm is applied when calculated the overall risk rating for the IP.

**Annex 3: Micro Assessment Report Format**

**Front Page**

Micro Assessment of [Name of the IP]

Commissioned by [Name of the UN Agency/ies]

Name of the 3rd Party Service Provider

Date

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1. **Background, Scope and Methodology**

**Background**

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* A focus on compliance with policies, procedures, regulations and institutional arrangements that are issued both by the Government and the Implementing Partner.

It takes into account results of any previous micro assessments conducted of the Implementing Partner.

**Methodology**

We performed the micro-assessment from [date] to [date] at [describe locations].

Through discussion with management, observation and walk-through tests of transactions, we have assessed the Implementing Partner’s and the related internal control system with emphasis on:

* The effectiveness of the systems in providing the Implementing Partner’s management with accurate and timely information for management of funds and assets in accordance with work plans and agreements with the United Nations agencies;
* The general effectiveness of the internal control system in protecting the assets and resources of the Implementing Partner.

We discussed the results of the micro assessment with applicable UN agency personnel and the IP prior to finalization of the report. The list of persons met and interviewed during the micro-assessment is set out in Annex III.

1. **Summary of Risk Assessment Results**

***[Executive summary of the overall risk assessment]***.

The table below summarizes the results and main internal control gaps found during application of the micro-assessment questionnaire (in Annex IV). Detailed findings and recommendations are set out in section 3. below.

| Tested subject area | Risk assessment\* | Brief justification for rating (main internal control gaps) |
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| **1. Implementing partner** |  |  |
| **2. Programme Management** |  |  |
| **3. Organizational structure and staffing** |  |  |
| **4. Accounting policies and procedures** |  |  |
| **5. Fixed Assets and Inventory** |  |  |
| **6. Financial Reporting and Monitoring** |  |  |
| **7. Procurement**  |  |  |
| **Overall Risk Assessment** |  |  |

*\*High, Significant, Moderate, Low*

1. **Detailed Internal Control Findings and Recommendations**

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| **No.** | **Description of Finding** | **Recommendation and IP Management Response** |
| **1.** | ***Example: Insufficient staff training****We noted that staff employed in the accounts department, who were primarily bookkeepers / administrators, had not received training on UN requirements for financial management and reporting, and had received only informal “on the job” training on the GABS accounting system.**Lack of sufficient training increases the risk of error and failure to comply with the UN financial reporting requirements.* | *Example:* *The organisation should ensure staff are properly trained and aware of UN financial reporting requirements.**IP Management Response**A training session with the assistants of the UN Agency HACT Focal Point will be organized within the next month.* |
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**Annex I. IP and Programme Information**

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| **Implementing partner name:** |  |
| **Implementing partner code or ID in UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA records (as applicable)** |  |
| **Implementing partner contact details (contact name, email address and telephone number):** |  |
| **Main programmes implemented with the applicable UN Agency/ies:** |  |
| **Key Official in charge of the UN Agency/ies’ prorgamme(s):** |  |
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| **Currency of records maintained:** |  |
| **Expenditures incurred/reported to UNICEF, UNDP and UNFPA (as applicable) during the most recent financial reporting period (in US$);** |  |
| **Cash transfer modality/ies used by the UN agency/ies to the IP** |  |
| **Intended start date of micro assessment:** |  |
| **Number of days to be spent for visit to IP:** |  |
| **Any special requests to be considered during the micro assessment:** |  |

## Annex II. Implementing Partner Organizational Chart

**Annex III. List of Persons Met**

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| **Name** | **Unit/organization** | **Position** |
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**Annex IV. Micro Assessment Questionnaire**

Include here the completed questionnaire and provide it in original excel format to the UN agency.



1. <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=69> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Throughout agencies' policies and systems, "moderate" and "medium" may be used interchangeably to describe the risk rating between low and significant". [↑](#footnote-ref-2)