

PROCUREMENT PLAN

Project information: COVID-19 EMERGENCY Nepal Epidemic Prevention and Control Project (EPCP) (P173760)

**Project Implementation agency: Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP)
Government of Nepal**

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Period covered by this Procurement Plan: April 15 to June 15, 2020

Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” (July 2016, Revised November 2017 and August 2018) (“Procurement Regulations”) the Bank’s Systematic Tracking and Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system will be used to prepare, clear and update Procurement Plans and conduct all procurement transactions for the Project.

This textual part along with the Procurement Plan tables in STEP constitute the Procurement Plan for the Project. The following conditions apply to all procurement activities in the Procurement Plan. The other elements of the Procurement Plan as required under paragraph 4.4 of the Procurement Regulations are set forth in STEP.

The Bank’s Standard Procurement Documents: shall be used for all contracts subject to international competitive procurement and those contracts as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP.

National Procurement Procedures: These procedures are applicable for the procurement of goods, works and non-consulting services only. In accordance with paragraph 5.3 of the Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, revised November 2017) (“Procurement Regulations”), when approaching the national market, as agreed in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP, the country’s own procurement procedures may be used. When the Borrower uses its own national open competitive procurement arrangements as set forth in Nepal’s Public Procurement Act, 2007, as amended by ***Amendment*** 2073 (2016) – (1st Amendment) and the Public Procurement Regulation, 2007, as amended by Amendment 2073 (2017) – (5th Amendment) made thereunder, such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Bank’s Procurement Regulations and the following conditions:

- (a) Eligibility to participate in a procurement process for and to be awarded the Bank financed contracts shall be as defined under the paragraph

“Eligibility” of Section III Governance of the Procurement Regulations. Foreign bidders shall not be precluded from bidding and no preference of any kind shall be given to national bidders.

- (b) If a contract is terminated because of fundamental breach of contract by the contractor, the amount to be recovered from the contractor representing the employer’s additional costs for completing the contract shall be provisioned as agreed with the Bank in model bidding documents.
- (c) Performance security should be an amount of five (5) to ten (10) percent of the contract price and shall not be increased merely based on comparison of the bid price of awarded bidders with the pre-bid cost estimate.
- (d) Qualification criteria (in case pre-qualifications were not carried out) shall be stated in the bidding documents for all contracts, irrespective of the value, and if a registration process is required, a foreign firm declared as the lowest evaluated bidder shall be given a reasonable opportunity to register, without let or hindrance.
- (e) Model bidding documents, including contract conditions agreed with the Bank (as amended from time to time), shall be used. Bidding documents shall be made available, by mail or in person, or through e-GP portal to all who are willing to pay the required fee.

When other national procurement arrangements (other than national open competitive procurement) are applied by the Borrower, such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.5 of the Procurement Regulations.

Leased Assets as specified under paragraph 5.10 of the Procurement Regulations: Leasing may be used for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables. **‘Not Applicable’**

Procurement of Second-Hand Goods as specified under paragraph 5.11 of the Procurement Regulations - is allowed for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables **Applicable**”

Domestic preference as specified under paragraph 5.51 of the Procurement Regulations (*Goods and Works*).

Goods: [is not applicable/is applicable for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables];

Works: [is not applicable/is applicable for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables]

Hands-on Expanded Implementation Support (HEIS): Not Applicable.

Other Relevant Procurement Information.

Since this is an emergency response project there will be no prior review for all procurement during the relief phase of initial implementation period of three months. Procurement of items for emergency requirements will follow methods of Direct Contracting, Procurement from UN Agencies, Limited bidding, etc. This project will also have higher value threshold for Request for Quotations (RFQ) and Request for Bids (RFB) for goods and non-consulting services with National Approach, as mentioned in PAD and applicable in emergency projects.

