

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Title	Independent Monitoring of Pakistan Deworming Initiative – MDA Rounds 2026–27		
Open to	Qualified firms with demonstrated experience in independent monitoring, field surveys and large-scale data collection in Pakistan		
RFP Ref #	IRD-PK/RFP/2610-01	Contact details (RFP-related queries)	procurement@ird.global
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1. Overview

IRD Pakistan invites proposals from qualified firms to undertake independent monitoring of the Pakistan Deworming Initiative's Mass Drug Administration (MDA) rounds across Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Islamabad Capital Territory.

The engagement covers monitoring of training activities, deworming day activities and post-MDA coverage validation. Firms may apply for one or more geographical areas.

The detailed technical requirements, anticipated sample sizes, implementation timelines and deliverables are provided in Annexure A – Scope of Work.

2. Background and Context

The provincial governments are collaborating with Interactive Research and Development (IRD Pakistan) to implement a deworming program in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), Punjab, Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), and Sindh. These include i) School-based deworming in AJK and ii) a Hybrid model (combining school-based and community-based deworming) in Punjab, KP, and Sindh, to reach enrolled and out-of-school children in at-risk districts. The provincial health, education, and planning & development departments manage the program, with technical assistance from IRD Pakistan.

Four rounds of deworming have been completed in KP and AJK, while three in Punjab and Sindh, treating over 38 million children. Upcoming rounds are scheduled tentatively in the last quarter of 2026 and the first half of the year 2027 (tentative schedule available in Table 4) in Punjab, AJK, Sindh, and KP, respectively, targeting school-age children aged 5-14 years (and students enrolled in classes 1-10). Sindh and KP will expand the target age group for the campaign to include children aged 2-18 years. Teachers and health workers will administer Mebendazole 500mg and record the number of treated children. Prior to deworming, they will receive training on campaign communication, safe administration of Mebendazole, and data collection.

Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) is crucial for the success of large-scale drug distribution programs. IRD Pakistan ensures comprehensive M&E throughout the deworming program to identify issues, verify data accuracy, and understand barriers to reaching children. An independent monitoring firm will be engaged to collect data as per the specified scope of work, ensuring unbiased evaluation.

3. Coordination and Oversight

The selected firm(s) will work closely with IRD Pakistan and the designated technical assistance partners. Technical protocols, sampling requirements, data collection tools and relevant implementation guidance will be provided by the technical team, while the selected firm(s) will remain responsible for field deployment, staffing, monitoring execution, quality assurance and agreed deliverables.

4. Geographic Coverage and Technical Requirements

The scope covers 40 targeted districts across five geographical areas: Punjab (6), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (22), Sindh (7), Azad Jammu & Kashmir (4) and Islamabad Capital Territory (1).

Detailed district lists, regional monitoring requirements and sample sizes are provided in Annexure A.

5. Scope of Work

The scope comprises three principal components:

- a. Monitoring of training of teachers and health workers.
- b. Monitoring of deworming activities in schools and communities.
- c. Post-MDA coverage validation through school and household surveys.

The complete scope, methodology, monitoring activities, data collection requirements, responsibilities and deliverables are outlined in Annexure A, which forms an integral part of this RFP.

6. Proposal Submission Requirements

6.1. Technical Proposal

Applicants should submit a technical proposal covering:

- 6.1.1. Relevant organizational experience in field-based surveys and independent monitoring.
- 6.1.2. Proposed management structure and experience of key personnel.
- 6.1.3. Methodology and implementation approach, including region-wise deployment.
- 6.1.4. Recruitment, training and mobilization plan for field monitors.
- 6.1.5. Arrangements for securing necessary permissions and approvals.
- 6.1.6. Proposed data collection methodology using SurveyCTO.
- 6.1.7. Description of quality assurance and control measures during field data collection, data validation and final submission of datasets.
- 6.1.8. Approach to submitting raw data and other required deliverables.

A single technical proposal may cover multiple geographical areas, provided the implementation arrangements for each area are clearly explained. The technical proposal must not exceed five (5) pages per region.

Technical proposals must not contain any financial information.

6.2. Financial Proposal

- 6.2.1. Financial proposals must be submitted separately.
- 6.2.2. Applicants must provide region-wise, itemized pricing covering monitoring of training sessions, school visits, health worker visits, coverage validation activities and project management costs.
- 6.2.3. Proposed rates should clearly identify applicable taxes and any assumptions, and must cover all costs necessary to deliver the proposed services.
- 6.2.4. Financial proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes and will remain unopened until completion of the technical evaluation.

7. Budget Information

Applicants are required to submit competitive, activity-based financial proposals for each geographical area they intend to cover.

8. Language & Currency

Proposals must be submitted in English. Financial quotations should be provided in Pakistani Rupees (PKR), unless otherwise specified by IRD Pakistan.

9. Evaluation Criteria

Technical proposals will be assessed based on:

- Proposed methodology and understanding of the scope (30%)
- Organizational experience in comparable independent monitoring and large-scale field surveys (20%)
- Staffing and deployment plan, including regional coverage and mobilization capacity (20%)
- Qualifications and relevant experience of proposed key personnel (15%)
- Data quality, SurveyCTO and quality assurance arrangements (15%)

Technical proposals will be evaluated against the established criteria. Only bidders meeting the minimum technical qualification requirements will proceed to financial evaluation.

Financial proposals of technically unsuccessful bidders will be returned unopened.

Financial proposals of technically qualified bidders will be evaluated on a region-wise, like-for-like basis, considering the required activities, quantities, proposed unit rates, applicable taxes and total evaluated cost.

Award recommendations will be based on the technical and financial evaluation outcomes, considering overall value for money, compliance with the RFP requirements, satisfactory due diligence, and any documented clarifications or negotiations undertaken in accordance with IRD Pakistan's procurement procedures.

IRD Pakistan reserves the right to award individual regions or a combination of regions based on the evaluation outcome and organizational requirements.

10. Procurement Timelines

The anticipated timeline for this procurement process is outlined below. IRD Global reserves the right to adjust timeline or request additional clarifications from applicants as needed.

- RFP Issuance: October 13, 2026
- Deadline for Submission of Questions: October 19, 2026
- Responses to Queries Issued: October 21, 2026
- Proposal Submission Deadline: October 28, 2026
- Proposal Review Period: October 29 – November 13, 2026
- Vendor Selection & Anticipated Contract Start: Following completion of evaluation and approvals

11. Submission Details

11.1. Technical Proposals:

- 11.1.1. Submit electronically in PDF format to the designated procurement email address by 28 October 2026.
- 11.1.2. Procurement email: procurement@ird.global

11.2. Financial Proposals:

- 11.2.1. Bidders are required to submit a detailed, itemized financial proposal for each region they intend to cover, clearly indicating:
 - 11.2.1.1. Cost per training session, per region.
 - 11.2.1.2. Cost per school monitoring visit, per region.
 - 11.2.1.3. Cost per health worker monitoring visit, per region.
 - 11.2.1.4. Cost per segment/subunit for coverage validation, per region.
 - 11.2.1.5. Project management and coordination costs.
 - 11.2.1.6. Any other applicable costs.
 - 11.2.1.7. Applicable taxes and total proposed cost for each region.
- 11.2.2. Bidders may use their own financial proposal format, provided the cost breakdown is sufficiently detailed to allow a like-for-like financial comparison. All applicable taxes and pricing assumptions must be clearly identified.
- 11.2.3. Sealed financial proposals must be delivered by the submission deadline to:

Attention: Procurement Department
IRD Pakistan,
4th Floor, Woodcraft Building
Plot 3 & 3-A, Sector 47
Korangi Creek Road, Karachi

- 11.2.4. Financial proposals must not be included in the technical submission or sent by email.
- 11.2.5. Only the financial proposals of technically qualified bidders will be opened following completion of the technical evaluation.
- 11.2.6. Following the formal opening of financial proposals, IRD Pakistan Procurement may request technically qualified bidders to provide electronic copies of their original

financial submissions for comparative analysis. These must be identical to the financial proposals originally submitted.

- 11.2.7. IRD Pakistan reserves the right to seek further clarifications, negotiate commercial terms, and request revised financial offers from shortlisted bidders where necessary. Any such revisions must be formally submitted in writing and clearly distinguished from the original financial proposals, with the process documented to ensure fairness and transparency.

Note:

- Late submissions will not be considered; only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
- IRD reserves the right to reject any proposal without providing reasons, negotiate scope and budget with shortlisted applicants, and re-issue the RfP if deemed necessary.
- Any attempt by a bidder to influence, directly or indirectly, the outcome of the evaluation process outside the formal process may result in immediate disqualification.
- By submitting a proposal, bidders confirm that they have read and accepted the requirements of this RFP, including its annexures and the Terms of Participation (Annexure B). Any resulting engagement will be subject to the execution of a formal contract with IRD Pakistan.

12. Contact for Clarifications

All questions must be submitted in writing to procurement@ird.global by October 19, 2026. All questions must be submitted by the stated deadline, and answers will be shared in a consolidated FAQ with all interested applicants to ensure fairness.

Note: All applying organizations and any sub-contractors must comply with IRD's safeguarding, child protection, and data protection policies.

13. Payment Terms

Payments will be milestone-based and contingent upon satisfactory delivery of agreed deliverables.

14. Right to Verification

IRD reserves the right to verify the information provided in proposals and to conduct due diligence checks before awarding a contract.

Annexure A - Scope of Work

1. Objectives of Independent Monitoring

- 1.1. To ascertain whether implementation activities happened according to the protocol and as planned: In this endeavour, a sample of deworming activities (training sessions and deworming in schools & communities) will be observed for data collection by independent monitors on surveys designed by the technical assistance partners.
- 1.2. To ascertain whether distribution channels of medicines and other materials were effective and timely: The independent monitors will verify the provision of medicines and materials to teachers/health workers during training, to measure the effectiveness of the distribution channels that have been put in place.
- 1.3. To ascertain whether essential knowledge was passed and understood during the training cascade: The independent monitors will conduct surveys with trainers and selected training participants/teachers to determine their knowledge of both pre and post-training. This will measure the effectiveness of the training in essential knowledge transfer.
- 1.4. To assess the effectiveness of the community mobilization strategies implemented. The independent monitors will also conduct surveys with parents of children in the target population on deworming day to assess community awareness and willingness to participate in deworming and the effectiveness of the different mobilization approaches.
- 1.5. To validate the reported coverage rates among the targeted populations. Approximately 2-4 weeks after deworming days, the independent monitors will conduct surveys with children in the target population (in schools and communities) to determine the percentage of the targeted population (children enrolled at each of the school types, as well as out-of-school children in the target age group) that received a deworming tablet during the MDA.
- 1.6. To identify reasons for non-compliance among targeted populations. Following the school surveys on deworming day, independent monitors will conduct surveys with children and parents aimed at understanding reasons why children were not dewormed.

2. Scope of Work

2.1. Overview of Requirements for Independent Monitoring

All at-risk districts of KP, Punjab, AJK, ICT & Sindh that were identified by the national STH survey will participate in the deworming campaign. For each component of the independent monitoring, a subset of locations to visit will be randomly selected by the technical assistance partners and provided to the firm(s) upon selection; the firm should be prepared to deploy monitors across all targeted districts. Note, that the coverage validation survey will be carried out in the selected district only where training and deworming days' activities will be carried out with the sample size distributed proportionately across districts. A list of districts is mentioned below in Table 1.

All monitoring visits must be conducted unannounced, in accordance with the agreed monitoring protocols and applicable permissions and safeguarding requirements.

Table 1: List of targeted districts

Table 1: Targeted Districts Participating in MDA 2026–27											
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Mar/April)				Punjab (November)		Sindh (January)		AJK (December)		Islamabad (January)	
1	Peshawar	12	Dir Upper	1	Gujrat	1	Karachi Central	1	Mirpur	1	Islamabad – ICT
2	Charsadda	13	Dir Lower	2	Jhelum	2	Karachi East	2	Bhimber		
3	Mardan	14	Chitral Upper	3	Rawalpindi	3	Karachi West	3	Kotli		
4	Swabi	15	Chitral Lower	4	Attock	4	Karachi South	4	Sudhnoti		
5	Nowshera	16	Shangla	5	Chakwal	5	Keamari				
6	Khyber	17	Battagram	6	Murree	6	Korangi				
7	Bajaur	18	Kolai Palas			7	Malir				
8	Mohmand	19	Kohistan Upper								
9	Swat	20	Kohistan Lower								
10	Malakand	21	Torghar								
11	Buner	22	Haripur								
Total: 22 districts				Total: 6 districts		Total: 7 districts		Total: 4 districts		Total: 1 district	

Training of teachers and health workers will occur over two weeks before the campaign, conducted in each targeted district. The Mass Drug Administration (MDA) deworming activities will be implemented. Trained teachers and health workers will administer Mebendazole 500mg to school-aged children in schools and communities. On the same day, interviews with parents will be conducted at three nearby households for each visited school and health worker.

A key indicator of the program's success is coverage—the percentage of the target population that received and ingested deworming medication. Coverage validation is a crucial part of the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) strategy. Post-MDA, by using population census data for the subunits, interviews will be conducted at targeted schools and households to assess the accuracy of reported data and understand why some children were not dewormed. The number of segments per region is mentioned in Table 2 below.

Table 2 outlines the required monitoring activities with the anticipated sample size for each region. Specific requirements for independent monitoring components—training monitoring, deworming day monitoring, and coverage validation—are detailed in section 2.4. All monitors will be trained beforehand to understand their duties. Upon completing the fieldwork, the monitoring firm(s) must provide all data electronically in RAW form in .csv format to IRD Pakistan.

Table 2: Monitoring activities required of Independent Monitoring firm(s)

MONITORING ACTIVITY	OVERVIEW OF MONITORING ACTIVITIES TO BE CONDUCTED	NUMBER OF MONITORING VISITS REQUIRED ^A					REMARKS
		Punjab	KP	AJK	Sindh	ICT	
Monitoring of training of teachers	Observe training; conduct pre & post interviews with selected trainees	33	65	48	n/a	n/a	
Monitoring of training of health workers	Observe training; conduct pre & post interviews with selected trainees	32	51	n/a	56	n/a	School model in AJK.
Monitoring of deworming days in schools and communities	Observe drug administration; conduct interviews with head teacher, class teacher, children and health official	43	68	67	n/a	59	Hybrid model in Punjab ICT & KP.
	Observe drug administration; conduct interviews with health workers, class teacher, children and health official	25	67	n/a	68	58	Health worker model in Sindh.
	Conduct interviews with parents at households in the local community	204	405	201	204	351	
Coverage validation at schools & communities	Conduct survey of community to break it down into "segments" of equal size from the selected districts	60	90	60	210	30	Number of randomly selected districts per region; Punjab: 05; KP: 03; Sindh: 07; AJK: 02; ICT: 01.
	Conduct household surveys in the local community from randomly selected segments of the subunits	1,327	2,820	904	1,266	788	
	Conduct interviews with students at primary schools (Punjab 60, KPK 90, Sindh 420, AJK 60)	1,143	1,302	1,356	1,175	510	
	Conduct interviews with students at middle/high schools (Punjab 60, KPK 90, Sindh 420, AJK 60)	1,146	1,302	1,356	1,175	510	

^A For the MDA & training component of independent monitoring, the firm should be prepared to deploy monitors across all at-risk districts.

IRD will provide the firm with the date/time/location of each training session, health workers, and schools to be visited. For household visits on deworming day, the community closest to the selected school will be visited by the independent monitors.

The process of coverage validation should be implemented in randomly selected districts as mentioned in the table above.

2.2. Monitoring of Training of Teachers/Health Workers

Teachers and health workers will be trained before the deworming days to ensure they understand their roles during the campaign. The education and health departments of the relevant regions will organize these sessions, which will take place at schools, health facilities, or Union Council offices. Each session, lasting 2-3 hours, will be conducted by one to two master trainers and will have about 35-40 trainees. Sessions will occur either in the morning or afternoon and will also provide necessary materials for the MDA, such as deworming tablets, reporting forms, banners, and communication materials.

Training sessions will be randomly selected by technical assistance partners to ensure geographical representation across all targeted districts. Districts will be asked to schedule training one week before the MDA, with the flexibility to spread sessions over the week. IRD Pakistan will provide the monitoring firm(s) with detailed schedules, including the date, time, and venue of each session to be monitored.

Monitors must arrive at their assigned venues at least 30 minutes before the training starts and observe the entire session. They will interview the facilitator/master trainer using a short questionnaire and record observations on a checklist provided by technical assistance partners. The quality of the training will be assessed using pre-and post-tests, where four participants at each session will complete a brief multiple-choice test before and after the training to measure knowledge gain. Instructions and materials for these tests will be provided by the technical assistance partners.

2.3. Monitoring of Deworming at Schools & Community

Monitoring the administration of deworming medication to school children is essential for assessing the program's quality and identifying areas for improvement in future campaigns. During the deworming days, Mebendazole 500mg tablets will be given to at-risk children across the targeted districts according to the agreed schedule with the provincial governments.

The technical assistance partners will provide the monitoring firm(s) with a list of randomly selected health workers and schools to ensure geographical representation across all targeted districts. Monitors will reach their assigned schools by 7:00 AM on deworming day, as activities are scheduled to take place in the morning.

Upon arrival, monitors will conduct brief interviews with the teachers or health worker, using a checklist provided by the technical assistance partners. These interviews will assess training effectiveness, material distribution, logistics, and community awareness. The head teacher will stamp a School Confirmation Form to verify the monitor's visit.

Monitors will observe the medication administration process by randomly selecting a class according to a pre-determined procedure. They will use a checklist to record observations and ensure protocols are followed. Brief interviews will also be conducted with the class teacher and three randomly selected children, using formats provided by the technical assistance partners.

After observing the deworming process at the school, monitors will visit three households guided by the school teacher in the local community. They will interview parents to assess their awareness of the deworming program and their willingness to send their children to school for treatment. Interview formats and random selection procedures will be provided by the technical assistance partners.

2.4. Coverage Validation

The deworming campaigns in targeted districts will focus on enrolled school-age children, including those from hard-to-reach areas such as unregistered private schools and out-of-school children. The reporting mechanism for the number of children dewormed will function as a reverse cascade, with data flowing from schools and health workers up through the system, aggregating at each level. This allows provincial stakeholders to determine the total number of children dewormed and calculate overall program coverage. Accurate and reliable coverage reporting is crucial for assessing the program's success, as only dewormed children can benefit.

The coverage validation procedure involves monitors visiting communities to conduct household interviews and concomitantly visiting local primary and middle/high schools. Communities will be randomly selected by technical assistance partners using a two-stage random-selection process, ensuring representation of urban and rural areas. The selected firm(s) will receive a list of these communities, which will determine the schools to be visited.

Upon arrival in each community, monitors will follow standard sampling techniques to break down the community into smaller subunits and segments. Segments will serve as the areas from which households will be surveyed. The detailed coverage validation protocol, provided by the technical assistance partners, will outline the process for selecting households. In each randomly selected household, monitors will interview all inhabitants within the targeted age group using provided checklists.

3. Region-wise MDA timelines & roles & responsibilities

Upon contract signature, the firm will begin the process of recruiting the field personnel and obtaining the necessary permissions for them to conduct their monitoring duties – IRD Pakistan will support in obtaining the permission letter from the respective department. Training of all personnel will take place at least a week before the scheduled activities. Coverage validation will be conducted as soon as possible after deworming days/weekends. The MDA activity timelines of each region are shared in Table 4

Table 4: Regional Timeline

Deworming Timelines (subject to govt. approval)			
Regions	Training	MDA	Coverage Validation
Punjab	Nov-26	Nov-26	December 2026
AJK	Nov-26	Dec-26	December 2026
Sindh	Jan-27	Jan-27	January/February 2027
ICT	n/a	Jan-27	January/February 2027
KP	Mar-27	Apr-27	April/May

Table 5: Roles & Responsibilities

Roles performed by survey firm	Roles performed by Technical Assistance partners
- Recruit the required human resources to undertake the data collection - Ensure the recruited monitors are trained and in a position to carry out data collection - Obtain the necessary permission for the recruited monitors to carry out data collection in the targeted districts - Collect data from all required locations by using SurveyCTO (to be provided by the technical partner) - Conduct quality assessments/quality checks during data collection and submit reports/filled checklists. - Upload all the data in SurveyCTO promptly and trouble shooting in case missing data from field - Provide a data codebook accompanying the raw data - Provide original stamped School Confirmation Forms from each visited school to IRD Pakistan - Provide a report to IRD Pakistan, as per the agreed format	- Test and approve the electronic data collection form and SurveyCTO login details - Support in obtaining letters from the government for the firms to carry out field data collection - Develop and share all the necessary data collection tools - Determine sample sizes - Conduct random-selections and provide firm(s) with the list of sites to visit - Develop and share protocols for process monitoring and coverage validation - Orient the survey firm's management team on how to conduct independent monitoring and how to use the data collection tools - Provide oversight of training of monitors for the monitoring of training of teachers and health workers, and monitoring of deworming days - Train monitors on how to conduct coverage validation - Analyze all data shared by the firm

4. Key Deliverables

Deliverable		Expected Completion Date
1	All data collected from each of the two main process monitoring activities as outlined in the scope of work, placed in an electronic format or in a specified server/repository	ASAP (latest by a week after completion of the activities) ie. Training, deworming days & coverage validation survey
2	Stamped School/Community Confirmation Forms on deworming day	
3	All data collected from coverage validation activities as outlined in the scope of work, placed in an electronic format or in a specified server/repository	
4	A field report, to include the following: description of how monitors were recruited and trained; description of the monitoring was implemented and managed; challenges and problems experienced during the monitoring (planning stage and field work); lessons learnt and recommendations for future surveys of this nature	Within a month time after completion of all field activities

Annexure – B (Terms of Participation)

1. Introduction

These Terms of Participation should be read in conjunction with the RFP Documents.

2. Conduct

- 2.1. The Supplier must abide by these Terms of Participation and any instructions given in the RFP Documents and agrees to ensure that any of its directors, office holders, staff, contractors, sub-contractors and advisers involved or connected with this RFP abide by the same.
- 2.2. The Supplier must not directly or indirectly canvass any director, officer, employee, agent or adviser of the Company regarding this RFP or attempt to obtain any information from the same regarding this RFP (except where permitted by this RFP). Any attempt by the Supplier to do so may result in the Supplier's disqualification from this RFP process.

3. Collusive Behaviour

- 3.1. A Supplier must not (and shall ensure that its directors, employees, sub-contractors and advisers do not):
 - 3.1.1. Fix or adjust any element of the Proposal by agreement or arrangement with any other person, except where such prohibited acts are undertaken with persons who are participants in the Supplier's proposal;
 - 3.1.2. Communicate with any person other than the Company the value, price or rates set out in the Proposal, except where such communication is undertaken with persons who are participants in the Supplier's proposal; and
 - 3.1.3. Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person, so that person refrains from submitting a Proposal.
- 3.2. Breach by a Supplier of paragraph 3.1 will give the Company the right to disqualify the Supplier from the RFP process.

4. Right to Cancel or Vary the Procurement

- 4.1. The Company reserves the right:
 - 4.1.1. To change the basis of its procedures for the RFP without notice at any time;
 - 4.1.2. To amend, clarify, add to or withdraw all or any part of the RFP Documents at any time;
 - 4.1.3. To vary any timetable or deadlines set out in the RFP Documents;
 - 4.1.4. Not to award a contract for some or all the Goods and/or Services for which Proposals are invited; and
 - 4.1.5. To cancel all or part of the RFP process at any stage and at any time.

5. Status of the RFP Documents

- 5.1. No information contained in the RFP Documents or in any communication made between the Company and the Supplier in connection with the RFP shall be relied upon as constituting a contract, agreement or representation that any contract shall be entered into in accordance with the Proposal or at all.
- 5.2. The Company shall not be committed to any course of action as a result of:
 - 5.2.1. Issuing any RFP Documents;
 - 5.2.2. Communicating with Supplier or their representatives, agents or advisers in respect of this RFP.
- 5.3. The RFP Documents and any attachments or references have been prepared in good faith but do not purport to be a comprehensive statement of all matters relevant to the procurement nor has it been independently verified. Neither the Company nor its advisers, directors, officers, employees or other staff or agents:
 - 5.3.1. Accept any liability or responsibility for the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of the RFP Documents; or
 - 5.3.2. Make any representation or warranty, express or implied, with respect to the information the RFP Documents contain nor shall any of them be liable for any loss or damage (other than in respect of fraudulent misrepresentation) arising as a result of reliance on such information or any subsequent communication.
- 5.4. The Supplier shall form its own conclusions and make its own independent assessment of the requirements in this RFP and should seek its own financial and legal advice about the methods and resources needed to meet the Company's requirements.
- 5.5. The Company does not accept responsibility for the Supplier's assessment of the requirements of this RFP.
- 5.6. The Supplier is responsible at its own expense, for obtaining all information required to prepare its Proposal.

6. Costs

- 6.1. The Company will not reimburse any costs incurred by a Supplier (including the costs or expenses of any sub-contractors or advisers) in connection with the preparation and/or submission of the Supplier's Proposal, including where:
 - 6.1.1. The procurement is cancelled, shortened, or delayed for any reason;
 - 6.1.2. All or any part of the RFP Documents is at any time amended, clarified, added to, or withdrawn for any reason;
 - 6.1.3. A contract for some or all of the goods and/or services for which Proposals are invited is not concluded; or
 - 6.1.4. The Supplier and/or its Proposal is disqualified from participation in the procurement for any reason.

7. Confidentiality

- 7.1. Subject to the exceptions referred to in paragraph 7.2, the contents of the RFP Documents (together, the “Information”) are being made available to the Supplier on the condition that the Supplier:
 - 7.1.1. always treats the RFP Documents as confidential, unless it is already in the public domain;
 - 7.1.2. does not disclose, copy, reproduce, distribute or pass any of the Information to any other person at any time or allow any of these things to happen;
 - 7.1.3. only uses the Information for the purposes of preparing a Response (or deciding whether to respond).
- 7.2. A Supplier may disclose any of the Information to its employees, advisers or sub-contractors provided that:
 - 7.2.1. this is done for the sole purpose of enabling the Supplier to submit a Response and the person receiving the Information undertakes in writing to keep the Information confidential on the same terms imposed by these Terms of Participation; or
 - 7.2.2. it obtains the Company’s prior written consent in relation to such disclosure; or
 - 7.2.3. the Supplier is legally required to make such a disclosure.
- 7.3. The Company may freely disclose information submitted by Service Providers during the procurement to its officers, employees, group companies, agents or advisers but will otherwise, subject to paragraph 7.2(c), keep the information confidential.

8. IPRs

- 8.1. All RFP Documents issued in connection with this procurement shall remain the property of the Company and shall be used by the Potential Supplier only for the purposes of this procurement.
- 8.2. The Potential Supplier grants the Company an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive licence to copy, amend and reproduce any intellectual property contained within the Proposal for the purposes of carrying out this procurement.

9. Law and Jurisdiction

- 9.1. Any dispute (including non-contractual disputes or claims) relating to this procurement or the RFP Documents shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
- 9.2. The courts of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with this procurement or the RFP Documents (including non-contractual disputes or claims).