RFP 23-5509

Pacific Community

Communauté du Pacifique

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

# FOR SERVICES

Project Title:	Development of the Medical Disability of the National Database for people with Disabilities
Nature of the services	The scope of the work is to digitize the interaction between medical practioners and citizen with disabilities by building and implementing a Medical Disability Registry for deployment and use at the five public hospitals in Vanuatu namely, Vila Central Hospital (Port Vila, Efate), Northern Provincial Hospital (Luganville, Espiritu Santo), Lenakel (Lenakel, Tanna), Lolowai (Lolowai, Ambae), and Norsup (Norsup, Malekula).
Location:	Port Vila, Vanuatu or remote
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# Part 1: INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 About the Pacific Community (SPC)

The Pacific Community (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation of the Pacific region, established by treaty in 1947 with the signing of the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission (the Canberra Agreement).

SPC has our headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia and has regional offices in Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia and Vanuatu, as well as an office in France. SPC works across the Pacific and has staff in nearly all of our Pacific Island Country and Territory members.

SPC works for the well-being of Pacific people through the effective and innovative application of science and knowledge and is guided by a deep understanding of Pacific Island contexts and cultures. Our unique organisation covers more than 20 sectors and is renowned for knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience and conservation of plant genetic resources for food security.

For more information about SPC and the work that we do, please visit our website: <u>https://www.spc.int/</u>.

#### 1.2 SPC's procurement activities

SPC's procurement activities are guided by the principles of high ethical standards, value for money, open competition and social and environmental responsibility and are carried out under our Procurement Policy.

SPC's *Procurement Policy* provides the framework for ensuring that SPC obtains the best value for its purchases, in terms of both cost and quality; demonstrates financial probity and accountability to its members and development partners; manages and prevents the potential for conflicts of interest; reduces its environmental impact and manages any other risks.

At SPC, all procurement follows the same main steps: planning; statement of needs; requisition; solicitation; evaluation; award; receipt; and payment. Different procedures apply depending on the value of the goods, services and works to be procured.

For further information or enquiries about SPC's procurement activities, please visit the procurement pages on our website: <u>https://www.spc.int/procurement</u> or email: <u>procurement@spc.int</u>.

#### 1.3 SPC's Request for Proposal (RFP) Process

At SPC, procurement valued at more than EUR 45,000 must be advertised through a Request for Proposal (RFP) with any bids received evaluated by SPC's Procurement Committee to determine the offer that provides the best value for money.

This RFP sets out SPC's requirements and it asks you, as a bidder, to respond in writing in a prescribed format with pricing and other required information. The RFP contains detailed instructions and templates to enable you to submit a compliant bid. It sets out the overall timetable; it confirms the evaluation criteria that SPC will use to evaluate proposals; it explains the administrative arrangements for the receipt of the bids; and it sets out how bidders can request further information.

Your participation confirms your acceptance of SPC's conditions of participation in the RFP process.

# Part 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

#### 2.1 Background

SPC invites you to submit a bid to deliver the services as specified in Part 3.

SPC has advertised this RFP on its website and may send it directly to potential vendors. The same specifications, submission and other solicitation requirements will be provided to all vendors.

SPC has compiled these instructions to guide prospective bidders and to ensure that all bidders are given equal and fair consideration.

Please read the instructions carefully before submitting your bid. For your bid to be considered, you must provide all the prescribed information by the closing date and in the format specified.

#### 2.2 Submission instructions

Your submission must be clear, concise and complete and should only include information that is necessary to respond effectively to this RFP. Please note that you may be marked down or excluded from the procurement exercise if your submission contains any ambiguities or lacks clarity.

Your proposal must include the following documents (annexes of <u>Part 5</u> of the RFP):

- a) Bidder's Letter of Application (Annex 1);
- b) Conflict of Interest Declaration (Annex 2);
- c) Information about the bidder and Due diligence (Annex 3);
- d) Technical proposal submission form (Annex4);
- e) Financial proposal submission form (Annex 5).

#### Your proposal must be submitted in two separate emails.

You must submit your **Technical proposal** (Annexes 1 to 4 and all their supporting documents) in English as an attachment to one email. No financial information may appear in the technical proposal.

You must submit your **Financial proposal** (Annex 5) in a separate email. All prices in the proposal must be presented in EURO. Your Financial proposal is to be password protected. SPC will request the password in the event that it is required.

Both emails are to be sent to **procurement@spc.int** with the subject line of your email as: **Submission RFP23-5509**.

Your proposal must be received no later than **13/08/2023** by **23.45 FJT**. Only one bid per bidder is permitted.

SPC will send a formal acknowledgement to each proposal received before the deadline.

SPC reserves the right to exclude from consideration any proposal not received by the deadline, with incomplete information or in incorrect form.

#### 2.3 Clarifications

You may submit questions or seek clarifications on any issue relating to this RFP. The questions are to be submitted in writing to procurement@spc.int with the subject line: Clarification RFP 23-5509. The deadline for submission of clarifications is 13/08/2023 by 23.45 FJT.

Details will be kept of any communications between SPC and bidders. This assists SPC to ensure transparency of the procurement process. While SPC prefers written communication in the RFP process, at any point where

there is phone call or other conversation, SPC will keep a record or a file note of the exchange with prospective bidders.

#### 2.4 Evaluation

#### Validity

Each proposal will be assessed for compliance with the submission requirements by the Bids Opening Committee. At this stage, basic due diligence will also be undertaken.

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of proposals, SPC may ask the bidder for clarification of its proposal or additional information. The request for clarification will be in writing.

#### Technical

All valid proposals will be assessed against the technical evaluation criteria set out in Part 4. The criteria are provided with weighted scores according to the relative importance of each. SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP at any stage of the procurement process. Any changes in the evaluation criteria will result in the RFP process being re-issued.

Bidders are expected to familiarise themselves with local conditions and take these into account in preparing their proposal. Where minimum qualifications are set as specific evaluation criteria (which may include educational qualification, professional accreditation or certification, licensing, experience and expertise), proposals submitted must necessarily meet these criteria.

#### Shortlisted bidder's presentation

Bidders that are short-listed during the RFP evaluation process may be required to conduct a presentation to, and respond to queries of, SPC's Procurement Technical Evaluation Committee. The bidders will be provided an opportunity to provide an overview of the operational aspect of the services they are proposing.

#### Financial

Any bids that pass the minimum technical evaluation requirements will pass onto financial evaluation.

During the financial evaluation, if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price, the lower price shall prevail. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures the amount in words will prevail.

The total cost of the proposal must be submitted inclusive of taxes in accordance with the applicable legislation, and is not subject to revision.

#### 2.5 Contract award

SPC may award the contract once the Procurement Committee has determined that a bidder has met the prescribed requirements and the bidder's proposal has been determined to be the most responsive to the RFP documents, provide the best value for money and best serve the interests of SPC.

SPC's <u>General Terms and Conditions of Contract</u> will apply to any contracts awarded under this RFP, unless otherwise agreed. Any requested changes to the General Terms and Conditions of Contract must be foreshadowed in the submission.

The award of the contract will be made by contract signed and dated by both parties.

#### 2.6 Key dates

Please see the proposed procurement timetable in the table below. This timetable is intended as a guide only and while SPC does not intend to depart from the timetable, it reserves the right to do so at any stage.

STAGE	DATE

RFP advertised	17/07/2023
Deadline for seeking clarification	4/08/2023
RFP Closing Date	13/08/2023
Award of Contract	1/09/2023
Commencement of Contract	15/09/2023
Conclusion of Contract	31/12/2023

#### 2.7 Legal and compliance

**Child and vulnerable adult protection:** SPC is committed to the well-being of children and vulnerable adults. All SPC contractors are required to commit to the principles of SPC's Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy (XI.G Manual of Staff Policies). Breach of this requirement can result in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder. Any allegations of potential misconduct in relation to this RFP involving children or vulnerable adults should sent to <u>complaints@spc.int</u>.

**Confidentiality:** Unless otherwise agreed by SPC in advance or where the contents of the RFP are already in the public domain when **shared** with the bidder, bidders shall at all times treat the contents of the RFP and any related documents as confidential. SPC will also treat the information it receives from the bidders as confidential.

**Conflict of interest:** Bidders must take all necessary measures to prevent any situation of conflict of interest. You must notify SPC in writing as soon as possible of any situation that could constitute a conflict of interest during the RFP process. If you have any familial connection with SPC staff, this must be declared, and approval will then be sought for you to engage in the RFP process. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the bidder from the RFP process or in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder.

**Cost of preparation of proposals**: Under no circumstances will SPC be liable for any proposal submission costs, expenditure, work or effort that you may incur in relation to your provision of a proposal (including if the procurement process is terminated or amended by SPC).

**Currency, validity, duties, taxes:** Unless specifically otherwise requested, all proposals should be in EURO and must be net of any direct or indirect taxes and duties and shall remain valid for 120 days from the closing date. The successful bidder is bound by their proposal for a further 60 days following notification they are the preferred bidder so that the contract may be awarded. No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted at any time during this period.

**Eligibility:** Bidders are required to disclose to SPC whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by any international organisation, or whether they are subject to bankruptcy proceedings. You may not be bankrupt or suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any international organisation. Failure to disclose such information may result in debarment and termination of any contract issued to the bidder by SPC.

**Fraud and corruption:** SPC has zero tolerance for fraud and corruption. All contractors have an obligation to report potential fraud and corruption. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the bidder from the RFP process or in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder. Allegations of potential misconduct by an SPC staff member or contractor involving fraud or corruption can be sent to <u>complaints@spc.int</u>.

**Good faith:** The information in this RFP is provided by SPC in good faith. No representation, warranty, assurance or undertaking (express or implied) is or will be made, and no responsibility or liability will be accepted by SPC in relation to the adequacy, accuracy, completeness or reasonableness of this RFP or any information provided by SPC in relation to this RFP.

**Modifications**: Any clarifications, corrections or modifications will be published on the SPC website prior to deadline. In the event a bidder has submitted a bid before the clarification, correction or modification, the bidder will be informed and may modify the bid. The modified bid will still need to be received before the deadline.

**No offer of contract or invitation to contract:** This RFP is not an offer to contract or an invitation by SPC to enter into a contract with you.

**Privacy:** The bidder is to comply with the requirements of applicable legislation and regulatory requirements in force for the use of personal data that is disclosed for the purposes of this RFP. SPC will handle any personal information it receives under the RFP in line with its <u>Privacy Policy</u>, and the <u>Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grantees</u>.

**Right to amend, seek clarity, withdraw, not award:** SPC reserves the right to: (1) amend, add to or withdraw all or any part of this RFP at any time, or to re-invite bids on the same or any alternative basis; (2) seek clarification or documents in respect of any bidder's submission; (3) choose not to award a contract as a result of this RFP; (4) make whatever changes it sees fit to the timetable, structure or content of the procurement process, depending on approvals processes or for any other reason. Please note that while SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP without the RFP process being re-issued, SPC does reserve the right at the time of award of contract to vary the quantity of services and goods specified in the RFP and to accept or reject any proposal at any time prior to award of the contract without incurring any liability to the affected bidder or any obligation to inform the affected bidder/s of the grounds for SPC's action.

**Right to disqualify:** SPC reserves the right to disqualify: (1) any bidder that does not submit a proposal in accordance with the instructions in this RFP; (2) any bidder that misrepresents information to SPC; (3) any bidder that directly or indirectly canvasses any SPC employee concerning the award of a contract.

**Use of material**: Bidders shall not use the contents of the RFP or any related material for any purpose other than for the purpose of considering submitting, or submitting, a bid to SPC.

**Warranty, representation, assurance, undertaking:** The bidder acknowledges and agrees that no person has any authority to give any warranty, representation, assurance or undertaking on behalf of SPC in connection with any contract which may (or may not) follow on from this RFP process.

#### 2.8 Complaints process

Bidders that consider they were not treated fairly during any SPC procurement process may lodge a protest. The protest should be addressed to <u>complaints@spc.int</u>. The bidder must provide the following information: (1) full contact details; (2) details of the relevant procurement; (3) reasons for the protest, including how the alleged behaviour negatively impacted the bidder; (4) copies of any documents supporting grounds for protest; (5) the relief that is sought.

#### Part 3: Terms of Reference

#### Background/context

The Republic of Vanuatu has a total population of 300,019 in 2020. Amongst its Pacific neighbours, it is a country that has been progressive in several social reforms, including addressing the complex social issue of aiding people with disability.

Vanuatu has a long history of committing to those persons with disabilities. Vanuatu was a ratifying member of the "United Nations Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities", it has strongly endorsed the "Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (2013- 2022)", and further consolidated the country's commitment in the "Vanuatu 2030: The People's Plan". Borne further from these pledges is the introduction of the "National Disability Inclusive Development Policy (2018 – 2025)". Further strengthening the national devotion to those with disabilities, the Government of Vanuatu (also called "the Government") is currently drafting the Disability Bill which is ready for nation-wide consultation at the time this report is written.

Under the Health Sector Strategy 2021-2030, the Ministry of Health (i.e., "MOH") have committed to achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by providing a continuum of care through a referral process, and by ensuring health services are equitable, affordable, and inclusive. This includes people with disabilities and other disadvantaged and vulnerable populations. MOH plays a key and substantial role to ensure people with disability are not neglected by the health system and are included in health and wellbeing outcomes.

As part of the national initiative to introduce a National People with Disability System (i.e., the "National PWD System), a Medical Disability Registry system (i.e., the "MDR") will need to be developed to support the process of diagnosing, documenting, and certifying the clinical diagnosis of a patient using the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (i.e., "ICF") together with the Washington Group Survey before patients are eligible to be enrolled in the National Disability Program. The Washington Group sets of questionnaires are currently being used by the Vanuatu Society for People with Disability (i.e., "VSPD") and have been used by the Vanuatu National Statistics Office (i.e., "VNSO") in the last population census conducted in 2020.

#### Purpose, objectives, scope of services

People with disability include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments, which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. Disability may be experienced by people of any age – children, young and older people.

In Vanuatu, everyone is entitled to the same rights and freedoms, regardless of their disability status. This is a fundamental principle of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

(CRPD), which Vanuatu ratified in 2008. However, persons with disabilities often lack equitable access to the same opportunities enjoyed by their peers without disabilities. Barriers such as negative attitudes and stigma, an inaccessible built environment, and exclusionary policies can restrict persons with disabilities from enjoying their rights to education, health care, employment, and other opportunities. This is particularly the case in the context of disasters and emergencies. Although Ni-Vanuatu people are highly resilient with strong cultural bonds and social values, people with disability are often the most affected by natural disasters and pandemics and have the most difficulty accessing health and allied health services and re- establishing livelihoods and re-building assets and shelter in recovery.

Vanuatu has been one of the pioneering leaders in the Pacific in recognizing the rights and freedoms of people with disabilities. Vanuatu has taken a step further by forging ahead to look at the broader social protection issues and have established a Disability Desk at the Ministry of Justice and Community Services (i.e., MJCS). The Disability Desk, with the support of the broader government, is currently planning to introduce a National PWD System to support the National Disability Inclusive Development Policy and Implementation Plan to accelerate meeting the country's inclusive policy targets.

#### **Objective:**

The consultancy objective is to build and implement a Medical Disability Registry (i.e., "MDR") for deployment and use at the five public hospitals in Vanuatu namely, Vila Central Hospital (Port Vila, Efate), Northern Provincial Hospital (Luganville, Espiritu Santo), Lenakel (Lenakel, Tanna), Lolowai (Lolowai, Ambae), and Norsup (Norsup, Malekula).

#### Scope of Services:

The MDR will be a national registry technology platform owned by the MOH and operated by the country's five provincial hospitals. By adopting Vanuatu's National ID as the unique health identifier (i.e., UHI), and together with the National PWD System, it makes it possible to draw a link between the patient's disability history and various social protection programs patients are eligible and entitled to receive.

The MOH, along with its development partner, the Pacific Community (i.e., "SPC") is seeking a highly qualified firm-level supplier that can build and deliver the MDR. The MDR will support the ministry's national disability-inclusive health services by collecting information about the longitudinal history of the patient, ensure important clinical information is documented using standard coding procedures, and to support the ongoing enhancement and facilitation of quality health care.

Integrated Program Operations and Capabilities

The MDR will also be supported by the following capabilities that will be administered by each hospital. These include the following:

- 1. Capturing patient demographics.
- 2. Documenting and/ or receiving past medical history.
- 3. Establishing and updating the patient's health status.
- 4. Capturing the clinical diagnosis of the patient using the WHO's International Classification of Diseases (i.e., ICD-10).
- 5. Classifying functioning and disability using WHO's International Classification of Functioning and Disability (i.e., ICF) together with the Washington Group of Short Set on Functioning (i.e., WG-SS).

- 6. Capturing other patient identifiers as necessary.
- 7. Medical interventions and procedures provided, including assistive devices recommended and/ or provided.
- 8. Documenting patient referral (e.g., rehabilitation).
- 9. Capturing prescription history.
- 10. Documenting patient history with devices, assistive technologies, procedures, or services of interest to the disability registry.
- 11. Documenting patient outcomes including both primary end points and any secondary end points that are part of the disability registry's goals.
- 12. Scheduling of patient appointments.
- 13. Ability to produce medical disability certificates electronically and on paper.
- 14. Ability to produce reports, analytics, and dashboards.
- 15. Ability to administer the MDR application.

#### **Functional Interface to other Applications**

The MDR will also be designed with secure open interfaces to integrate with Vanuatu's public health reporting system called VanPHIS that is currently using the DHIS2 system.

We also anticipate that in the not-so-distant future, the MDR will integrate with the new Disability Registry at the VSPD, the Vanuatu National PWD System at MJCS and the Vanuatu Electronic Health Record System (i.e., National EHR") which is currently out of scope.

#### **Dynamic Data Exchange**

The MDR will work towards achieving a platform that dynamically exchanges data between other external registries including the Central Registration System and Population Register, which together produce the National ID, at the Department of Civil Registration and Identity Management.

#### **Project Management and Software Development Standards**

The MDR will be developed using the Agile Methodology using SCRUM Planning for detailed requirements gathering and rapid product development and testing.

#### Documentation

The MDR will be delivered with a complete set of Technical and User Documentation.

#### Training

The firm will support with the delivery of training to end-users before going live.

#### **Technical Standards**

In developing the MDR, the firm will adopt the following technical standards:

1.Use of HL7 FHIR standards.

2.Amazon Web Services (AWS) for cloud-based application access and computing.

3.Android OS for mobile computing.

4.Web-browser interface.

5.Dashboard and report generation with the option of exporting to Microsoft Power BI.

#### Timelines

The project is expected to start on 15th September 2023 and end on 31st December 2023

Duration: 14 weeks

#### **Reporting and contracting arrangements**

The firm will work with the MOH's Disability Services Focal Point, the provincial hospital focal points, the WHO Vanuatu CLO representative for disability, and a local team consisting of a project manager and business analyst.

SPC will not cover separate lines for overheads/running costs, contingencies. If these apply, the costs are to be considered in the professional fees charged for the delivery of the specific services.

SPC does not provide or reimburse insurance for consultants travel or health, professional indemnity or any other risks or liabilities that may arise during the consultancy (this includes any subcontractors or associates the consultant may hire). SPC is also not responsible for any arrangements or payments related to visas, taxes or duties for which the consultant may be liable.

The Contractor's duty station is Vanuatu or home based. No work travel is anticipated for this consultancy. SPC will not cover any IT and communication equipment for the duration of the assignment. The consultant is to ensure stable internet connection for virtual interactions when necessary.

#### **Skills and qualifications**

The qualification of the firm are as follows:

Mandatory:

- 1. Minimum of 7 years developing digital health solutions.
- 2. Minimum 5 years' experience with Agile methodology.
- 3. Minimum 2 years' experience with HL7 FHIR.
- 4. Proven methodology developing digital solutions offshore or remotely.
- 5. Proven methodology working with local teams.
- 6. Experience developing Android OS applications compatible with FHIR
- 7. Experience delivering digital health systems in Vanuatu

#### Desirable:

1. Based in Port Vila (Vanuatu)

#### Scope of Bid Price and Schedule of Payments

Milestone/deliverables	Deadline	% payment
Completion of System Design	15/10/2023	30 %
Development of the Medical Registry of the National People with Disability registry	01/12/2023	40 %
Successful testing and user acceptance by Vanuatu Ministry of Health	15/12/2023	20%
Production cutover and implementation	31/12/2023	10%
TOTAL		100%

# Part 4: PROPOSAL EVALUATION MATRIX

#### 4.1 Evaluation criteria & Score Weight

A two-stage procedure will be utilised to evaluate the proposals, with evaluation of the **Technical proposal** being completed prior to any **Financial proposal** being opened and compared.

The competencies which will be evaluated are detailed in Part 3.

The evaluation matrix bellow also reflects the obtainable score specified for each evaluation criterion (technical requirement) which indicates the relative significance or weight of the items in the overall evaluation process.

The technical component, which has a total possible value of 700 points, will be evaluated using the following criteria.

Evaluation criteria	Score Weight (%)	Points obtainable	
Mandatory requirements			
<ol> <li>E-mail 1(technical proposal):</li> <li>Annex 1-3 completed and signed.</li> <li>Annex 4 and supporting doc         <ul> <li>Technical proposal highlighting develop and delivery approaches, proposed design, and architecture.</li> <li>Cover Letter highlighting the firm's qualification to deliver.</li> <li>Past projects relevant to this project.</li> <li>CV of proposed team.</li> <li>References to contact for similar or relevant projects.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Email 2 (financial proposal):</li> <li>Price proposal outlining the cost items of proposal price.</li> </ol>	Bidders will be disqualified if any of the requirements are not met		
Technical requirements	1		
<b>Technical requirement 1:</b> minimum 7 years of developing digital health solutions	15%	105	
<b>Technical requirement 2:</b> Minimum 5 years experience with AGILE methodology	15%	105	
Technical requirement 3: Minimum 2 years' experience with HL7 FHIR	15%	105	
Technical requirement 4: Proven methodology developing digital solutions offshore or remotely	15%	105	
<b>Technical requirement 5:</b> Proven methodology working with local teams in Vanuatu	10%	70	
<b>Technical requirement 6:</b> Experience developing Android OS application compatible with FHIR	15%	105	
<b>Technical requirement 7:</b> Experience delivering health solutions in the Pacific (preferably in Vanuatu)	15%	105	
Total Score	100%	700	
Qualification score	70%	490	

#### 4.2 Financial evaluation

The financial component of the proposal will be scored on the basis of overall costs for the delivery of the services and financial incentives and benefits provided to SPC. The lowest financial proposal will be awarded maximum 300 points and other financial offers and incentives will be awarded points as per the formula below:

#### Financial Proposal score = (Lowest Price / Price under consideration) x 300

# Part 5: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORMS

## Annex 1: BIDDER'S LETTER OF APPLICATION

#### Dear Sir /Madam:

Having examined the Solicitation Documents, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we the undersigned, offer to supply the required services for the sum as may be ascertained in accordance with the Financial Proposal attached herewith and made part of this proposal.

We acknowledge that:

- SPC may exercise any of its rights set out in the Request for Proposal documents, at any time;
- The statements, opinions, projections, forecasts or other information contained in the Request for Proposal documents may change;
- The Request for Proposal documents are a summary only of SPC's requirements and is not intended to be a comprehensive description of them;
- Neither the lodgement of the Request for Proposal documents nor the acceptance of any tender nor any agreement made subsequent to the Request for Proposal documents will imply any representation from or on behalf of SPC that there has been no material change since the date of the Request for Proposal documents, or since the date as at which any information contained in the Request for Proposal documents is stated to be applicable;
- Excepted as required by law and only to the extent so required, neither SPC, nor its respective
  officers, employees, advisers or agents will in any way be liable to any person or body for any loss,
  damage, cost or expense of any nature arising in any way out of or in connection with any
  representations, opinions, projections, forecasts or other statements, actual or implied, contained in
  or omitted from the Request for Proposal documents.

We undertake, if our proposal is accepted, to commence and complete delivery of all items in the contract within the time frame stipulated.

We understand that you are not bound to accept any proposal you may receive and that a binding contract would result only after final negotiations are concluded on the basis of the Technical and Financial Components proposed.

For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]
Signature:
Name of the Bidder's representative: [insert name of the representative] Title: [insert Title of the representative] Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]

# Annex 2: CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

#### What is a conflict of interest?

A conflict of interest may arise from economic or commercial interests, political, trade union or national affinities, family, cultural or sentimental ties, or **any other type of relationship or common interest between the bidder and any person connected with the contracting authority** (SPC staff member, consultant or any other expert or collaborator mandated by SPC).

#### Always declare a conflict

The existence of a potential or apparent conflict of interest does not necessarily prevent the bidder concerned from taking part in a tender process. However, the declaration of the existence of such a conflict by the persons concerned is essential and allows SPC to take appropriate measures to mitigate it and prevent the associated risks.

Bidders are therefore invited to declare any situation, fact or link which, to their knowledge, could generate a real, potential or apparent conflict of interest.

#### Declaration at any time

Conflicts of interest may arise at any time during the procurement process or the implementation of a contract (e.g. new partner in the project) or as a result of a change in personal life (e.g. marriage, inheritance, financial transaction, creation of a company). If such a relationship is found and could be perceived by a reasonable person as likely to influence a decision, a declaration of the situation is necessary. In case of doubt, a conflict situation must be declared.

#### Declaration for any person involved

A declaration must be completed for each person involved in the tender (principal representative of the bidder, possible subcontractors, consultant, etc.)

#### Failure

Failing to declare a potential conflict of interest may result in the bidder being refused a contract or placed on SPC's list of non-responsible suppliers.

### DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, [name of the representative of the Bidder], acting in the name and on behalf of the company [name of the company], declare that:

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C	To my knowledge, I am not in a conflict-of-interest situation						
E	There is a potential conflict of interest with regard to my [Choose an item]. relationship with [name of						
	the person concerned] in his or her capacity as position/role/personal or family link with the person						
	concerned], although, to the best of my knowledge, this person is not directly or indirectly involved in						
	any stage of the procurement process						
C	I may be in a conflict of interest with regard to my [Choose an item] relationship with [name of the person						
	concerned] in his or her capacity as position/role/personal or family link with the person concerned], as						
	this person is, to the best of my knowledge, directly or indirectly linked to the procurement process						
Ľ	To my knowledge, there is another situation that could potentially constitute a conflict of interest:						
	[Describe the situation that may constitute a conflict of interest]						

#### In addition, I undertake to:

- declare, without delay, to SPC any situation that constitutes a potential conflict of interest or is likely to lead to a conflict-of-interest;
- not to grant, seek, obtain or accept any advantage, whether financial or in kind, to or from any person where such advantage constitutes an unfair practice or an attempt at fraud or corruption, directly or indirectly, or constitutes a gratuity or reward related to the award of the contract;
- to provide accurate, truthful and complete information to SPC in connection with this procurement process.

I acknowledge that I and/or my company and/or my business partners who are jointly and severally bidding on the **RFP** [SPC Reference] may be subject to sanctions such as being placed on SPC's list of non-responsible vendors, if it is established that false statements have been made or false information has been provided.

For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]

Signature:

Name of the representative: [insert name of the representative] Title: [insert Title of the representative] Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]

# Annex 3: INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIDDER AND DUE DILIGENCE

Please complete the following questionnaire and provide supporting documents where applicable.

VENDOR INFORMATION							
Are you already registered as an SPC vendor?							
1. Please provide info	ormation related to	your entity.			I	<b>-</b>	
Company name	[Enter company na	me]	Address	[Enter addres	ss]		
Director/CEO	[Enter name of the executive person]		Position	[Enter position of the executive person]			
<b>Business Registratio</b>	n/License number	[Enter compan	y registration/	license numbe	er (or tax n	umber)]	
Date of business reg	istration	[Enter date of	business regist	ration]			
Country of business	registration	[Enter country	of business re	gistration]			
Status of the entity:							
🗆 For-profit entity (	company), 🗌 NGO, 🛛	International	organisation,	🗆 Governmer	nt body,		
🗌 University, 🗌 Ass	ociation, $\Box$ Researc	h Institute, 🗌 O	ther: [insert de	etails]			
2. Please provide rel		•••	•	legal existend	e of the e	ntity, the	
-	icer and proof of its						
•	authority or power o	•	ment				
□ Certificate of b	ousiness registration,	/license					
Memorandum	n, Articles or Statutes	of Association					
🗌 Telephone, wa	ater, or electricity bil	l in the name of	the entity				
	details bearing the n		,				
3. How many employ		-			swer]	T	
4. Do you have profe			espect of you	r employees,	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	
	roperty and equipm						
If 'No', what type of				-		T	
5. Are you up to date			ayment obliga	tions?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	
If 'No', please explai		ovide details]			□ Yes	1	
6. Is your entity regulated by a national authority?						🗆 No	
If 'Yes', please specif		ert name of the r	national regula	tion authority	]	1	
7. Is your entity a pu	7. Is your entity a publicly held company?Image: YesImage: No						
8. Does your entity h	ave a publicly availa	ble annual repo	ort?		🗆 Yes	🗆 No	
Please send SPC your	r audited financial sto	atement from th	e last 3 financ	ial years if ava	ilable		

DUE DILIGENCE								
9. Does your entity have foreign branches and/or subsidiaries?								
If you answered 'yes' to the prev	vious quest	ion, please	e confirm the branches:					
Head Office & domestic	branches			🗆 Yes	🗆 No			
Domestic subsidiaries				🗆 Yes	🗆 No			
Overseas branches		🗆 Yes	🗆 No					
Overseas subsidiaries					🗆 No			
10.Does your entity provide financial services to customers determined to be high risk including but not limited to:								
Foreign Financial Institutions	🗆 Yes	🗆 No						
Cash Intensive Businesses	Foreign Government Entities	🗆 Yes	🗆 No					

Non-Resident Individuals	🗆 Yes	🗆 No				
Other, please provide details: [Provide details]						
11.If you answered 'yes' to any	of the b	oxes in q	uestion 10, o	does your entity's		
policies and procedures spec	ifically out	line how	to mitigate t	the potential risks	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
associated with these higher	risk custon	ner types	?			
If 'Yes', please explain how:		[Provid	de explanatio	n]		
12.Does your entity have a wr	itten polic	cy, contro	ols and proce	dures reasonably		
designed to prevent and dete	ct fraud, c	orruption	, money laun	dering or terrorist	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
financing activities?						
If 'Yes', please send SPC your po	licy in Engl	ish.		1		
If 'No', what process does your	entity have	e in place	to prevent	[provide answer]		
and detect money laundering or terrorist financing activities?					-	1
13.Does your entity have an officer responsible for anti-corruption, or anti-money					□ Yes	🗆 No
laundering and counter-terrorism financing policy?						
If 'Yes', please state that officer's contact details: [Insert name and contact details						1
14.Has your entity or any of its	current or	former o	directors or C	EOs ever filed for	□ Yes	🗆 No
bankruptcy?	1					
If 'Yes', please provide details:	[Provide	details]				1
15.Has your entity or any of its	15. Has your entity or any of its current or former directors or CEOs ever been the					
subject of any investigations or had any regulatory or criminal enforcement					□ Yes	🗆 No
actions resulting from violat	actions resulting from violations of any laws or regulations, including those					
relating to money laundering	or terroris	m financi	ng?			
If 'Yes', please provide details:	[Provide of	details]				

# SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY (SER)

16.Does your entity have a written polic Social and Environmental Responsibi	🗆 Yes	🗆 No				
If 'Yes', please send SPC your policy in English.						
If 'No', what process does your entity he	ave in place	to	[provide answer]			
ensure your social and environmental re	esponsibility	?				
Does your Policy or Process cover the f	ollowings?					
$\Box$ Child protection $\Box$ Human rights $\Box$	Gender equ	ality	$\square$ Social inclusion			
Sexual harassment, abuse or exploita	ation 🗆 Env	ironı	mental responsibility			
Please, outline the major actions you have undertaken in these areas: [provide answer]						
17.Does your entity have an officer responsible for Social and Environmental					□ No	
Responsibility (SER)?						
If 'Yes', please state that officer's contact details: [Insert name and contact details]						

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (where relevant)	
Business registration/license proof	
Bank account details document	
Address of the entity and Authority of officer proofs	
<ul> <li>Audited financial statement from the last 3 financial years</li> </ul>	
Fraud, corruption, anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing Policy	
SER Policy	

I declare that the particulars given herein above are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, and the documents submitted in support of this form are genuine and obtained legally from the respective issuing authority.

I declare that none of the funds received or to be received by my company will be used for criminal activities, including financing terrorism or money laundering.

By sending this declaration to SPC, I agree that my business and personal information may be used by SPC for due diligence purposes. I also understand and accept that SPC will treat any personal information it receives in connection with my proposal in accordance with its <u>Privacy Policy</u>, and the <u>Guidelines for handling</u> <u>personal information of bidders and grantees</u>.

For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]

Signature:

Name of the representative: [insert name of the representative] Title: [insert Title of the representative] Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]

# Annex 4: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

Bidder/s need to meet the mandatory requirement set in the RFP and will be disqualified if these are not met.

Technical Requirements				
Evaluation criteria		Response by Bidder		
Experience and specified personnel/sub-contractors				
	Experience:			
Experience: Evidence of the	[insert details of relevant experience]			
bidder's relevant experience	Details for three references:			
must be submitted. Bidders shall provide details of three contracts that demonstrate their track record in completing works/services similar to the ToR in Part 4 of this RFP The bidder should provide contact details of one	1. Client's name: [insert name of client 1]			
	Contact name:	[insert name of contact]		
	Contact details:	[insert contact details]		
	Value contract:	[insert value of contract]		
	2. Client's name: [insert name of client 2]			
	Contact name:	[insert name of contact]		
	Contact details:	[insert contact details]		
referee for each of the	Value contract:	[insert value of contract]		
contracts. Please attach CV(s)	3. Client's name: [insert name of client 3]			
and any supporting information as necessary.	Contact name:	[insert name of contact]		
	Contact details:	[insert contact details]		
	Value contract:	[insert value of contract]		
Requirement 1				
Minimum of 7 years developing digital health solutions)		[Bidder's answer]		
Requirement 2				
Minimum 5 years' experience with Agile methodology		[Bidder's answer]		
Requirement 3				
Minimum 2 years' experience	with HL7 FHIR	[Bidder's answer]		
Requirement 4				
Proven methodology developing digital solutions		[Bidder's answer]		
offshore or remotely.				
Requirement 5				
Proven methodology working with local teams in		[Bidder's answer]		
Vanuatu				
Requirement 6				
Experience developing Android OS applications compatible with FHIR		[Bidder's answer]		

For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]

Signature:

Name of the representative: [insert name of the representative]

Title: [insert Title of the representative] Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]

### Annex 5: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

All costs indicated on the Financial Proposal should be **inclusive** of all applicable taxes. The format shown below should be used in preparing the price schedule.

Particulars	Amount (EURO)
Fees	
Other Cost (Give Details)	
Total financial offer (inclusive of taxes)	Maximum total fee : EURO

Professional fees: Staff salaries, consultant fees and any other professional costs (with details on the level of effort of each person on the team if applicable. i.e. 50% full time, full-time, etc.).

SPC will not cover separate lines for overheads/running costs, contingencies... If these apply, the costs are to be considered in the professional fees charged for the delivery of the specific services.

SPC does not provide or reimburse insurance for consultants' travel or health, professional indemnity or any other risks or liabilities that may arise during the consultancy (this includes any subcontractors or associates the consultant may hire). SPC is also not responsible for any arrangements or payments related to visas, taxes or duties for which the consultant may be liable.

The Contractor's duty station is their home country or Vanuatu. SPC will not cover any IT and communication equipment for the duration of the assignment. The consultant is to ensure stable internet connection for virtual interactions when necessary.

No payment will be made for items which have not been priced. Such items are deemed to be covered by the financial offer.

Bidders will be deemed to have satisfied themselves, before submitting their proposal and to its correctness and completeness, taking into account of all that is required for the full and proper performance of the contract and to have included all costs in their rates and prices.

For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]

Signature:

Name of the representative: [insert name of the representative] Title: [insert Title of the representative] Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]