



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Conducting Impact Evaluation of the Model Schools Initiative and UNDP Programme in Moldova

RFP Reference No.: **RfP25/03067**
Project: **Transforming education in Moldova through Model Schools**
Country: **Republic of Moldova**

SECTION 1: LETTER OF INVITATION

United Nations Development Programme, through its “**Transforming education in Moldova through Model Schools**” Project hereby invites prospective proposers to submit a proposal to conduct an Impact Evaluation of the Model Schools Initiative and UNDP Program in Moldova in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract and the Terms of Reference as set out in this Request for Proposal (RFP).

To enable you to submit a proposal, please read the following attached documents carefully.

- Section 1: This Letter of Invitation
- Section 2: Instruction to Proposers
- Section 3: Data Sheet
- Section 4: Evaluation Criteria
- Section 5: Terms of Reference
- Section 6: Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms
- Section 7: Proposal Forms
 - Form A: Proposal Confirmation
 - Form B: Checklist
 - Form C: Technical Proposal Submission
 - Form D: Proposer Information
 - Form E: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information
 - Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
 - Form G: Format for Technical Proposal
 - Form H: Format for CV of proposed key personnel
 - Form I: Statement of Exclusivity and Availability
 - Form J: Financial Proposal Submission
 - Form K: Format for Financial Proposal

If you are interested in submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, please prepare your proposal in accordance with the requirements and procedure as set out in this RFP and submit it by the deadline for submission of proposals set out in Section 3: Data Sheet.

Should you be interested to submit a proposal, please log in to the Quantum NextGenERP supplier portal and subscribe to this tender following the instructions in the system user guide. Please search for the tender using search filters, namely **Negotiation ID: UNDP-MDA-00760**. Once subscribed to the tender, you will be able to receive notifications in case of amendments of the tender document and requirements.

Please indicate whether you intend to submit a bid by creating a draft response without submitting directly in the Quantum NextGenERP supplier portal.

Offers must be submitted directly in the Quantum NextGenERP supplier portal following this link: <http://supplier.quantum.partneragencies.org/> using the profile you may have in the portal (please log in using your username and password). In case you have never registered before, follow the Supplier Portal Registration LinkSupplier Portal Registration Link: <https://estm.fa.em2.oraclecloud.com/fscmUI/redwood/supplier-registration/register-supplier/register-supplier-verification?id=TUW16eK6qsD94MNMxATNMoyCOHny7FmchTkUZsdOqrAW4sy6L5xSAB033Q%3D%3D>

Please note that the access link to the Supplier registered profile is sent from Oracle within up to 3 days. In case you have not received the access link after 3 days since registration, you should address for support to UNDP at the email address: sc.md@undp.org. In case you encounter errors with registration (e.g. system states Supplier already is registered), you should address for support to UNDP at the email address: sc.md@undp.org.

Computer firewall could block *oracle* or *undp.org* extension and Suppliers might not receive the Oracle notifications. Please turn down any firewalls on your computers to ensure receipt of email notification.

Do not create a new profile if you already have one. Use the forgotten password feature in case you do not remember the password or the username from previous registration.

Should you require further clarifications on the application through the Quantum online portal, kindly contact the Procurement Unit at sc.md@undp.org. Please pay attention that the proposal shall be submitted online through the Quantum system and any proposal sent to the above email shall be disqualified.

Should you require further clarifications on the Request for Proposal, Terms of Reference or other requirements, kindly communicate using the messaging functionality in the portal.

Deadline for Submission of Offers (Date and Time), which is visible in the online procurement system will be final. System will not accept submission of any proposal after that date and time. It is the responsibility of the bidder to make sure that the proposal is submitted prior to this deadline for submission.

Bidders are advised to upload proposal documents and to submit their offer a day prior or well before the date and time indicated under the deadline for submission of Offers. Do not wait until last minute. If Bidder faces any issue during submitting offers at the last minutes prior to the deadline for submission, UNDP may not be able to assist on such a short notice and will not be held liable in such instance. UNDP will not accept any offer that is not submitted directly through the System.

We look forward to receiving your proposal.

UNDP Moldova

SECTION 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

GENERAL	
<p>1. Scope</p>	<p>Proposers are invited to submit a proposal for the services specified in Section 5: Terms of Reference, in accordance with this Request for Proposal (RFP). A summary of the scope of the proposal is included in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>Proposers shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFP, including any amendment made in writing by UNDP. This RFP is conducted in accordance with Policies and Procedures of UNDP which can be accessed at UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures/Procurement.</p> <p>As part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website (www.ungm.org). The Bidder may still submit a bid even if not registered with the UNGM. However, if the Bidder is selected for contract award, the Bidder must register on the UNGM prior to contract signature.</p>
<p>2. Interpretation of the RFP</p>	<p>Any proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the proposer and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any proposer as a result of this RFP.</p>
<p>3. Supplier Code of Conduct, Fraud, Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality</p>	<p>All proposers must read the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct and acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the UN. The Code of Conduct, which includes principles on labour, human rights, environment and ethical conduct may be found at: https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct</p> <p>Moreover, suppliers should note that certain provisions of the Code of Conduct will be binding on the supplier in the event that the supplier is awarded a contract, pursuant to the terms and conditions of any such contract.</p> <p>UNDP strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, and obstruction of UNDP vendors and requires all bidders/vendors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation. UNDP's Anti-Fraud Policy can be found at UNDP Policy against fraud and other corrupt practices.</p> <p>Bidders/vendors shall not offer gifts or hospitality of any kind to UNDP staff members including recreational trips to sporting or cultural events, theme parks or offers of holidays, transportation, or invitations to extravagant lunches or dinners.</p> <p>In pursuance of this policy, UNDP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Shall reject a proposal if it determines that the selected proposer has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; (b) Further to the UNDP's vendor sanctions policy, shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing a UNDP contract.
<p>4. Eligible proposers</p>	<p>Proposers shall have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract with UNDP.</p> <p>A proposer, and all parties constituting the proposer, may have the nationality of any country with the exception of the nationalities, if any, listed in Section 3: Data Sheet. A proposer shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the proposer is a citizen or is constituted, incorporated, or registered and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country.</p> <p>All proposers found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Proposers may be considered to have a conflict of interest if they are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates that have been engaged by UNDP to provide consulting services for the preparation of the design, specifications, Terms of Reference, cost</p>

	<p>analysis/estimation and other documents to be used for the procurement of the services required in the present procurement process; were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; or are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP and/or are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP.</p> <p>In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of a potential conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose to UNDP, and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such a conflict exists.</p> <p>Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving services under this RFP; and b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices. <p>Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.</p> <p>The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered, operated and managed as an independent business entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate and access to information in relation to this RFP, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Proposal.</p> <p>Proposers shall not be eligible to submit a proposal if at the time of proposal submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is included in the Ineligibility List, hosted by UNGM, that aggregates information disclosed by Agencies, Funds or Programs of the UN System; • is included in the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List, including the UN Security Council Resolution 1267/1989 list; • is included in the World Bank Corporate Procurement Listing of Non-Responsible Vendors and World Bank Listing of Ineligible Firms and Individuals.
<p>5. Proprietary information</p>	<p>The RFP documents and any Terms of Reference or information issued or furnished by UNDP are issued solely for the purpose of enabling a proposal to be completed and may not be used for any other purpose. The RFP documents and any additional information provided to proposers shall remain the property of UNDP. All documents which may form part of the proposal will become the property of UNDP, who will not be required to return them to your firm.</p>
<p>6. Publicity</p>	<p>During the RFP process, a proposer is not permitted to create any publicity in connection with the RFP.</p>
<p>SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS</p>	
<p>7. Clarification of solicitation documents</p>	<p>Proposers may request clarifications on any of the RFP documents no later than the date indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing in the manner indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. Explanations or interpretations provided by personnel other than the named contact person will not be considered binding or official.</p> <p>UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>UNDP shall endeavour to provide responses to clarifications in an expeditious manner, but any delay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part of UNDP to extend</p>

	the submission date of the proposals, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.
8. Amendment of solicitation documents	<p>At any time prior to the deadline for proposal submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a proposer, modify the RFP in the form of an amendment to the RFP. Amendments will be made available to all prospective proposers.</p> <p>If the amendment is substantial, UNDP may extend the deadline for submission of proposals to give the proposers reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their proposal.</p>
PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS	
9. Cost of preparation of proposal	The proposer shall bear all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the proposal, regardless of whether its proposal is selected or not. UNDP shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.
10. Language	The proposal, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the proposer and UNDP, shall be written in the language(s) specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.
11. Documents establishing eligibility and qualifications of the proposer	The proposer shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the forms provided in Section 7 and providing the documents required in those forms. In order to award a contract to a proposer, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfaction.
11.a Documents comprising the proposal	<p>The proposal bid shall comprise of the following documents and related forms which details are provided in Section 3: Data Sheet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder; ▪ Technical Proposal; ▪ Financial Proposal; ▪ Proposal Security, if required by DS; ▪ Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.
12. Technical proposal format and content	<p>The proposer is required to submit a technical proposal using the forms provided in Section 7 and taking into consideration the requirements in the RFP.</p> <p>The technical proposal shall not include any price or financial information. A technical proposal containing material financial information may be declared non-responsive.</p>
13. Financial proposal	<p>The financial proposal shall be prepared using the form provided in Section 7 and taking into consideration the requirements in the RFP. It shall list all major cost components associated with the services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs.</p> <p>Any output and activities described in the technical proposal but not priced in the financial proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items as well as in the final total price.</p> <p>Prices and other financial information must not be disclosed in any other place except in the financial proposal.</p>
14. Currencies	<p>All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. Where proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the proposal into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the UN Operational Rate of Exchange. • In the event that UNDP selects a proposal for award that is quoted in a currency different from the preferred currency in Section 3: Data Sheet, UNDP shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's preference, using the conversion method specified above.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In case of contract award to a local company, payments will be made in Moldovan Leu based on UN Operational Rate of Exchange valid on the date of money transfer, as per the “payment terms and conditions” stipulated in this solicitation document: https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php. • UNDP shall not be kept liable for any fluctuations of the exchange market during contract implementation, the Contractor being legally responsible to register any loss/gain of currency exchange resulting from payments against the Contract in accordance with the national legislation.
15. Duties and taxes	<p>Article II, Section 7, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including UNDP as a subsidiary organ, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs restrictions, duties, and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. All proposals shall be submitted net of any direct taxes and any other taxes and duties, unless otherwise specified in Section 3: Data Sheet</p>
16. Proposal validity period	<p>Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, commencing on the deadline for submission of proposals. A proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.</p> <p>During the proposal validity period, the proposer shall maintain its original proposal without any change, including the availability of the key personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, UNDP may request proposers to extend the period of validity of their proposals. The request and the responses shall be made in writing and shall be considered integral to the proposal.</p> <p>If the proposer agrees to extend the validity of its proposal, it shall be done without any change to the original proposal but will be required to extend the validity of the proposal security, if required, for the period of the extension, and in compliance with Article 17 (Proposal security) in all respects.</p> <p>The proposer has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its proposal without forfeiting the proposal security, if required, in which case, the proposal shall not be further evaluated.</p>
17. Proposal security	<p>A proposal security, if required by Section 3: Data Sheet, shall be provided in the amount and form indicated in the Section 3: Data Sheet. The proposal security shall be valid for a minimum of thirty (30) days after the final date of validity of the proposal.</p> <p>The proposal security shall be included along with the proposal. If a proposal security is required by the RFP but is not found in the proposal, the offer shall be rejected.</p> <p>If the proposal security amount, or its validity period, is found to be less than is required by UNDP, UNDP shall reject the proposal.</p> <p>In the event an electronic submission is allowed in Section 3: Data Sheet, proposers shall include a copy of the proposal security in their proposal and the original of the proposal security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>Unsuccessful proposers’ proposal securities will be discharged/returned as promptly as possible but no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the period of proposal validity prescribed by UNDP pursuant to Article 16 (Proposal Validity Period).</p> <p>The Proposal security may be forfeited by UNDP, and the proposal rejected, in the event of any, or combination, of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the proposer withdraws its offer during the period of the proposal validity specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, or; • In the event the successful Proposer fails:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to sign the contract after UNDP has issued an award; or ○ to furnish the performance security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition precedent to the effectivity of the contract that may be awarded to the proposer.
<p>18. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association</p>	<p>If the proposer is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the proposal, each such legal entity will confirm in their joint proposal that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or Association jointly and severally, and this will be evidenced by a duly notarised agreement among the legal entities, which will be submitted along with the proposal; and • if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who will be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture. <p>After the deadline for submission of proposal, the lead entity identified to represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UNDP.</p> <p>If a JV, Consortium or Association’s proposal is the proposal selected for award, UNDP will award the contract to the joint venture, in the name of its designated lead entity. The lead entity will sign the contract for and on behalf of all other member entities.</p> <p>The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Association shall abide by the provisions of Article 19 (Only one Proposal) herein in respect of submitting only one proposal.</p> <p>The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entities in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the proposal and the JV, Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise the JV, Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNDP.</p> <p>A JV, Consortium or Association, in presenting its track record and experience, should clearly differentiate between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; and • Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association. <p>Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the JV, Consortium or Association or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.</p> <p>JV, Consortium or Associations are encouraged for high value, multi-sectoral requirements when the spectrum of expertise and resources required may not be available within one firm.</p>
<p>19. Only one proposal</p>	<p>The proposer (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.</p> <p>Proposals submitted by two (2) or more proposers shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or • any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or • they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the proposal of another proposer regarding this RFP process; • they are subcontractors to each other's proposal, or a subcontractor to one proposal also submits another proposal under its name as lead proposer; or some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one proposer participates in more than one proposal received for this RFP process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one proposal.
<p>20. Alternative proposals</p>	<p>Unless otherwise specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, alternative proposals shall not be considered. If submission of alternative proposals is allowed in Section 3: Data Sheet, a proposer may submit an alternative proposal, but only if it also submits a proposal conforming to the RFP requirements. Where the conditions for its acceptance are met, or justifications are clearly established, UNDP reserves the right to award a contract based on an alternative proposal.</p> <p>If multiple/alternative proposals are being submitted, proposer must create an alternate response directly in the system and upload all attachments relevant to the alternate proposal separately together with the alternate response...</p>
<p>21. Pre-proposal conference</p>	<p>When appropriate, a pre-proposal conference will be conducted at the date, time and location and according to any instructions specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the pre-proposal conference is mandatory, a Proposer which does not attend the pre-proposal conference shall become ineligible to submit a proposal under this RFP.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the pre-proposal conference is not mandatory, non-attendance shall not result in disqualification of an interested proposer.</p> <p>UNDP will not issue any formal answers to questions from proposers regarding the RFP or proposal process during the pre-proposal conference. All questions shall be submitted in accordance with Article 38 (Clarification of Proposals).</p> <p>The pre-proposal conference shall be conducted for the purpose of providing background information only. Without limiting Article 24 (Proposers responsibility) proposers shall not rely upon any information, statement or representation made at the pre-proposal conference unless that information, statement or representation is confirmed by UNDP in writing.</p> <p>Minutes of the pre-proposal conference will be disseminated as specified in Section 3: Data Sheet. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the RFP, unless specifically incorporated in the minutes of the proposer's conference or issued/posted as an amendment to RFP.</p>
<p>22. Site inspection</p>	<p>When appropriate, a site inspection will be conducted at the date, time and location and according to any instructions specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the site inspection is mandatory, a proposer which does not attend the site inspection shall become ineligible to submit a proposal under this RFP.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the site inspection is not mandatory, non-attendance, shall not result in disqualification of an interested proposer.</p> <p>Proposers participating in a site inspection shall be responsible for making and obtaining any visa arrangements that may be required for the proposers to participate in a site inspection.</p> <p>Prior to attending a site inspection, proposers shall execute an indemnity and a waiver releasing UNDP in respect of any liability that may arise from:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) loss of or damage to any real or personal property; (ii) personal injury, disease or illness to, or death of, any person; (iii) financial loss or expense, arising out of the carrying out of that site inspection; and (iv) transportation by UNDP to the site (if provided) as a result of any accidents or malicious acts by third parties. <p>UNDP will not issue any formal answers to questions from proposers regarding the RFP or solicitation process during a site inspection. All questions shall be submitted in accordance with Article 7 (Clarification of solicitation documents).</p> <p>A site inspection will be conducted for the purpose of providing background information only. Without limiting Article 24 (Proposers Responsibility), proposers shall not rely upon any information, statement or representation made at a site inspection unless that information, statement or representation is confirmed by UNDP in writing.</p>
23. Errors or omissions	<p>Proposers shall immediately notify UNDP in writing of any ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults in any part of the RFP, with full details of those ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults.</p> <p>Proposers shall not benefit from such ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults.</p>
24. Proposers responsibility to inform themselves	<p>Proposers shall be responsible for informing themselves in preparing their proposal. In this regard, proposers shall ensure that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine and fully inform themselves in relation to all aspects of the RFP, including the Contract and all other documents included or referred to in this RFP; • review the RFP to ensure that they have a complete copy of all documents; • obtain and examine all other information relevant to the project and the scope of the requirements available on reasonable enquiry; • verify all relevant representations, statements and information, including those contained or referred to in the RFP or made orally during any clarification meeting or site inspection or any discussion with UNDP, its employees or agents; • attend any pre-proposal conference if it is mandatory under this RFP; • fully inform and satisfy themselves as to requirements of any relevant authorities and laws that apply, or may in the future apply, to the supply of the services; and • form their own assessment of the nature and extent of the services required as included in Section 5: Terms of Reference and properly account for all requirements in their proposal. <p>Proposers acknowledge that UNDP, its directors, employees and agents make no representations or warranties (express or implied) as to the accuracy, currency or completeness of this RFP or any other information provided to the proposers.</p>
25. No material change(s) in circumstances	<p>The proposer shall inform UNDP of any change(s) of circumstances arising during the RFP process, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a change affecting any declaration, accreditation, license or approval; • major re-organisational changes, company re-structuring, a take-over, buy-out or similar event(s) affecting the operation and/or financing of the proposer or its major sub-contractors; • a change to any information on which UNDP may rely in assessing proposals.
SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS	
26. Instruction for proposal submission	<p>The proposer shall submit a complete proposal in the format and comprising the documents and forms in accordance with requirements in Section 3: Data Sheet. The proposal shall be delivered according to the method specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>The proposal shall be submitted by the proposer or person(s) duly authorized to commit</p>

	<p>the proposer. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the legal representative of the proposing entity, or, if requested, a Power of Attorney, accompanying the proposal.</p> <p>Proposers must be aware that the mere act of submission of a proposal, in and of itself, implies that the proposer fully accepts the UNDP General Conditions of Contract.</p>
26A. Online submission	<p>1.1 Electronic submission through online portal shall be governed as follows:</p> <p>Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in Data Sheet;</p> <p>The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be uploaded individually and clearly labelled.</p> <p>The Financial Proposal file must be uploaded separately only in the commercial section of the RFP in the system.</p> <p>Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g., Bid Security, etc.) must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in Data Sheet.</p> <p>Detailed instructions on how to submit, modify or cancel a bid in the online portal are provided in the system Bidder User Guide made available in the procurement notice site and in the portal.</p>
27. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late Proposals	<p>Complete proposals must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in Section 3: Data Sheet. If any doubt exists as to the time zone in which the Proposal should be submitted, refer to http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/. It shall be the sole responsibility of the proposers to ensure that their proposal is received by the closing date and time. UNDP shall accept no responsibility for proposals that arrive late due to any technical issues and shall only recognise the actual date and time that the proposal was received by UNDP.</p> <p>UNDP may, at its discretion, extend this deadline for the submission of proposals by amending the solicitation documents in accordance with Article 8 (Amendment of solicitation documents). In this case, all rights and obligations of UNDP and proposers subject to the previous deadline will thereafter be subject to the new deadline as extended.</p>
28. Withdrawal, substitution and modification of proposals	<p>A proposer may withdraw or modify its proposal after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission directly in the system following the instructions provided in the user guide.</p> <p>However, after the deadline for proposal submission, the proposals shall remain valid and open for acceptance by UNDP for the entire proposal validity period, as may be extended.</p>
29. Storage of proposals	<p>Proposals received are kept confidential and unopened in the system as part security protocols built in the system until the proposal opening date stated in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p>
30. Proposal opening	<p>There is no mandatory public bid opening for RFPs however UNDP may at its discretion sent a public bid opening report from the system only to suppliers who successfully submitted a proposal. The report will include only the names of the companies but not the financial proposal.</p>
31. Late proposals	<p>Any proposal received by UNDP after the deadline for submission of proposals will be destroyed unless the proposer requests that it be returned and assumes the responsibility and expenses for the re-possession of the returned proposal documents.</p>

	In exceptional circumstances, late proposals may be accepted if it is determined that the submission was sent in ample time prior to the proposal closing and the delay could not be reasonably foreseen by the proposer or were due to force majeure.
EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS	
32. Confidentiality	<p>Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to proposers or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.</p> <p>Any effort by a proposer or anyone on behalf of the proposer to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the proposals or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its proposal and may subsequently be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedures.</p>
33. Evaluation of proposals	<p>UNDP shall evaluate a proposal using only the methodologies and criteria defined in this RFP. No other criteria or methodology shall be permitted.</p> <p>UNDP shall conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted technical and financial proposals.</p> <p>Evaluation of proposals shall be undertaken in the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Preliminary examination b) Evaluation of minimum eligibility and qualification (if pre-qualification is not done) c) Evaluation of technical proposals d) Evaluation of financial proposals.
34. Preliminary examination	UNDP shall examine the proposals to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the proposals are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP reserves the right to reject any proposal at this stage.
35. Evaluation of eligibility and qualification	<p>Eligibility and qualification of the proposer will be evaluated against the minimum eligibility and qualification requirements specified in Section 4: Evaluation Criteria and in Article 4 (Eligible proposers).</p> <p>In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) They are not included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee's list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's ineligible vendors' list; b) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments, c) They have the necessary similar experience, technical expertise, production capacity, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the supply of goods and/or services required; d) They are able to comply fully with the UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract; e) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and f) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.

<p>36. Evaluation of technical and financial proposals</p>	<p>The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the technical proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and other RFP documents, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in Section 4: Evaluation Criteria. A proposal shall be rendered non-responsive at the technical evaluation stage if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. When necessary, and if stated in the Data Sheet, UNDP may invite technically responsive proposers for a presentation related to their technical proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the proposal document where required.</p> <p>When necessary, and if stated in the Section 3: Data Sheet, UNDP may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical Proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required.</p> <p>In the second stage, only the financial proposals of those proposers who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation.</p> <p>The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet, which may be either of two (2) possible methods, as follows: (a) the lowest priced method which selects the lowest evaluated financial proposal of the technically responsive Proposers; or (b) the combined scoring method which will be based on a combination of the technical and financial score.</p> <p>When the Data Sheet specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the proposals will be as follows:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><u>Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">TP Rating = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100</p> <p><u>Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FP Rating = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100</p> <p><u>Total Combined Score:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Combined Score = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%)</p> </div>
<p>37. Post-qualification/Due Diligence</p>	<p>UNDP reserves the right to undertake a post-qualification assessment, aimed at determining, to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the proposer. Such exercise shall be fully documented and may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the proposer; b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team; c) <u>Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the proposer, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may have done business with the proposer;</u> d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on on-going or completed contracts, including physical inspections of previous works, as deemed necessary; e) Physical inspection of the proposer's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the proposer; f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the

	selection process, prior to awarding the contract.
38. Clarification of proposals	<p>UNDP may request clarification or further information in writing from the proposers at any time during the evaluation process. The proposers' responses shall not contain any changes regarding the substance or price of the proposal, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the proposals, in accordance with Instructions to Proposers Article 23 (Errors or omissions).</p> <p>UNDP may use such information in interpreting and evaluating the relevant proposal but is under no obligation to take it into account.</p> <p>Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a proposer in respect to its proposal which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the proposals.</p>
39. Responsiveness of proposal	<p>UNDP's determination of a proposal's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the proposal itself. A substantially responsive proposal is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the RFP without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the services specified in the contract; or b) limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the solicitation documents, UNDP's rights or the proposer's obligations under the contract; or c) if rectified would unfairly affect the competitive position of other proposers presenting substantially responsive proposals. <p>If a proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the proposer by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.</p>
40. Nonconformities, reparable errors and omission	<p>Provided that a proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the proposal that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not constitute a material deviation. These are a matter of form and not of substance and can be corrected or waived without being prejudicial to other proposers.</p> <p>Provided that a proposal is substantially responsive UNDP may request the proposer to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the proposal related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the proposal. Failure of the proposer to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its proposal.</p> <p>For financial proposals that have been opened, UNDP shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line-item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of UNDP there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price; in which case, the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected; b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail, and the total shall be corrected; and c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail. <p>If the proposer does not accept the correction of errors, its proposal shall be rejected, and its proposal security may be forfeited.</p>

41. Right to accept any proposal and to reject any or all proposals	UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals, and to annul the proposal process and reject all proposals at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected proposer or proposers or any obligation to inform the affected proposer or proposers of the grounds for UNDP's action. UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.
AWARD OF CONTRACT	
42. Award criteria	Prior to expiration of the proposal validity, UNDP shall award the Contract to the qualified proposer based on the award criteria indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet.
43. Right to vary requirement at time of award	At the time the Contract is awarded, UNDP reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of services originally specified by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions and the solicitation document.
44. Notification of award	Prior to the expiration of the period of proposal validity, UNDP will notify the successful proposer in writing by email, fax or post, that its proposal has been accepted. Please note that the proposer, if not already registered at the appropriate level in UNGM, will be required to complete the vendor registration process on the UNGM prior to the signature and finalization of the contract.
45. Debriefing	In the event that a proposer is unsuccessful, the proposer may request a debriefing from UNDP. The purpose of the debriefing is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the proposer's submission, in order to assist the proposer in improving its future proposals for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the proposer's submission shall not be discussed.
46. Publication of contract award	UNDP will publish the contract award on UNDP Procurement Notices website https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_awards.cfm which is linked to the United Nations Global Marketplace , with the RFP Reference number, the information of the awarded proposer's company name, contract amount or LTA and the date of the contract.
47. Contract Signature	Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP. Failure to do so may constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Bid Security, if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Second highest rated or call for new Bids.
48. Contract Type and General Terms and Conditions	The types of Contract to be signed and the applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions, as specified in Data Sheet, can be accessed at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
49. Performance security	<p>The successful Proposer, if so specified in Section 3: Data Sheet shall furnish a Performance Security in the amount and form specified herein: https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Solicitation_Performance%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&action=default, within the specified number of days after receipt of the Contract from UNDP. Banks issuing performance securities must be acceptable to the UNDP comptroller, i.e. banks certified by the central bank of the country to operate as a commercial bank. The Performance Security form is available here. UNDP shall promptly discharge the proposal securities of the unsuccessful proposers pursuant to Article 17 (Proposal security).</p> <p>Failure of the successful proposer to submit the above-mentioned Performance Security or sign the Contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the proposal security. In that event UNDP may award the contract to the next lowest ranked proposer.</p>

<p>50. Bank guarantee for advance payment</p>	<p>Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is UNDP’s standard practice not to make advance payment(s) (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). If an advance payment is allowed as per Section 3: Data Sheet, and if specified there, the proposer shall submit a Bank Guarantee in the full amount of the advance payment using this bank guarantee form available at : https://popp.undp.org/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Contract%20Management%20Payment%20and%20Taxes_Advanced%20Payment%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&action=default. Banks issuing bank guarantees must be acceptable to the UNDP comptroller, i.e. banks certified by the central bank of the country to operate as a commercial bank.</p>
<p>51. Liquidated Damages</p>	<p>If specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages for the damages and/or risks caused to UNDP resulting from the Contractor’s delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract. The payment or deduction of such liquidated damages shall not relieve the Contractor from any of its other obligations or liabilities pursuant to any current contract or purchase order.</p>
<p>52. Proposal protest</p>	<p>Any proposer that believes to have been unjustly treated in connection with this proposal process or any contract that may be awarded as a result of such proposal process may submit a complaint to UNDP.</p> <p>The following link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest procedures: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html</p>
<p>53. Other Provisions</p>	<p>In the event that the Bidder offers a lower price to the host Government (e.g. General Services Administration (GSA) of the federal government of the United States of America) for similar goods and/or services, UNDP shall be entitled to the same lower price. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.</p> <p>UNDP is entitled to receive the same pricing offered by the same Contractor in contracts with the United Nations and/or its Agencies. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.</p> <p>The United Nations has established restrictions on employment of (former) UN staff who have been involved in the procurement process as per bulletin ST/SGB/2006/15 http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&referer</p>

SECTION 3: DATA SHEET (DS)

Ref. Article in Section 2	Description	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1.	Scope	<p>The reference number of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is RfP25/ 03067</p> <p>The competition goal is to contract a specialized and experienced organization/consortium of organization (hereinafter “the Company”) to conduct an Impact Evaluation of the Model Schools Initiative and UNDP Programme in Moldova, <i>as further described in Section 5 of this RFP.</i></p>
2.	Eligible proposers	Proposers from all countries are eligible to participate in this proposal process.
3.	Clarification of solicitation documents	<p>Any request for clarification of solicitation documents must be sent directly I the system through Quantum message functionality.</p> <p>ATTENTION: PROPOSALS (OR ANY PART OF IT) SHALL NOT BE SUBMITTED IN THE ABOVE MANNER</p>
		<p>Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications / questions:</p> <p>5 (five) working days before the submission deadline</p>
		<p>Supplemental information to the RFP and responses / clarifications to queries will be posted directly in the system.</p>
4.	Language	All proposals, information, documents, and correspondence exchanged between UNDP and the proposers in relation to this solicitation process shall be in English
5.	Partial proposals	Not allowed
6.	Currencies	<p>Prices shall be quoted only in the currency indicated in the system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDL (Moldovan Leu) for local suppliers and • USD (US Dollars) for international suppliers <p>For evaluation purposes, financial proposals shall be recalculated at UN Operational Rate of Exchange on the submission deadline: https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php</p> <p>In case of contract award to a local company, payments will be made in Moldovan Leu based on UN Operational Rate of Exchange valid on the date of money transfer, as per the “payment terms and conditions” stipulated in this solicitation document: https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php</p> <p>UNDP shall not be kept liable for any fluctuations of the exchange market during contract implementation, the Contractor being legally responsible to register any loss/gain of currency exchange resulting from payments against the Contract in accordance with the national legislation.</p>
7.	Duties and taxes	<p>All prices shall:</p> <p>Be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes.</p>
8.	Proposal validity period	90 days
9.	Proposal security	Not Required
10.	Alternative proposals	Shall not be considered.

Ref. Article in Section 2	Description	Specific Instructions / Requirements
11.	Pre-proposal conference	Will not be conducted
12.	Site inspection	A site inspection will not be held.
13.	Instructions for proposal submission	<p>Proposals must be submitted directly in Quantum.</p> <p>Allowable manner of submitting proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ File Format: PDF files only ▪ File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard. ▪ All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted. ▪ It is recommended that bidders organize and name the files according to the requirements and structure of the bid to facilitate their review. ▪ The Financial Proposal (Forms J and K) shall be submitted directly in the system only in the “Commercial section” of the requirements. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received. ▪ The bidder should receive an email acknowledging email receipt from the system.
14.	Deadline for proposal submission	Deadline for proposal submission is indicated in the portal. In case of discrepancies between the deadline in the system and deadline indicated elsewhere, the one in the system prevails. It is the responsibility of the bidder to be informed on the tender deadline.
15.	Proposal Opening	Public proposal opening will NOT be held
16.	Evaluation of technical and financial proposals	<p>Evaluation will be based on:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combined scoring method using a distribution of 70%-30%. Technical proposal - financial proposal</p> <p>The maximum number of technical points is detailed in Section 4: Evaluation Criteria</p> <p>To be substantially compliant, Proposers must obtain a minimum threshold of 70% of maximum points from technical evaluation.</p>
17.	Right to vary requirement at time of award	<p>The maximum percentage by which quantities may be increased is 25 %</p> <p>The maximum percentage by which quantities may be decreased is 25 %</p>
18.	Contract award to one or more proposer	<p>UNDP will award a contract to:</p> <p>One Bidder Only</p>
19.	Type of contract to be awarded	<p>Contract Face Sheet</p> <p>http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</p> <p>See Section 6: for sample contract.</p>
20.	Expected date for commencement of contract	Estimative: 25 August 2025

Ref. Article in Section 2	Description	Specific Instructions / Requirements
21.	Conditions of contract to apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for contracts (goods and/or services) See Section 6.
22.	Performance Security	Not Required
23..	Advance payment	Not Allowed
24.	Liquidated damages	Will be imposed as follows: Percentage of contract price per week of delay: 2.5 % up to a maximum of 10% of the Contract value, after which UNDP may terminate the contract.
25.	Other information related to the RFP	<p>Please attach the following documents with your Bid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Company Profile, which should <u>not</u> exceed fifteen (15) pages, including list of relevant institutions the Company has been cooperating with, including the topic and year must be presented together with the application package. ▪ Certificate of Business Registration ▪ List of Shareholders and Other Entities Financially Interested in the Firm owning 5% or more of the stocks and other interests, or its equivalent if Bidder is not a corporation including the Certificate from State Register ▪ Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid on behalf of an entity located outside the country ▪ Tax Registration/Payment Certificate issued by the Internal Revenue Authority evidencing that the Bidder is updated with its tax payment obligations, or Certificate of Tax exemption, if any such privilege is enjoyed by the Bidder ▪ Quality Certificate (e.g., ISO, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards, and citations received by the Bidder, if any ▪ Latest Financial Statements (Income Statements and Balance Sheets) including Auditor's Reports (for international companies) or registered Financial Report at the Statistical Bureau (for local companies) for the past 3 (three) years for the Bidder (2022-2024) ▪ Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the Top three (3) Clients in terms of Contract Value in the past three years ▪ A copy of preliminary Agreement in case of Consortium ▪ Detailed description of the Methodology approach, and Implementation Plan (sequence of actions) for the services required in the ToR, with clear distribution of roles and responsibilities of the proposed key personnel ▪ Copies of contracts to prove that Offeror meets the similar experience requirement (stated under Section 4: Evaluation Criteria) ▪ CVs and Statements of Exclusivity and Availability (signed by the envisaged person) of the Key personnel (mentioned under Section 4: Evaluation Criteria and Section 5: Terms of Reference), clearly stipulating the relevant experience which meets the listed requirements ▪ Dully filled in Proposal Forms A-K (as per Section 7: Proposal Forms). Forms A-I, representing the Technical Proposal, shall be submitted directly in the system in the "Technical section" of the requirements ▪ Forms J and K, representing the Financial Proposal shall be submitted directly in the system only in the "Commercial section" of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received

SECTION 4: EVALUATION CRITERIA

Preliminary Examination Criteria

All criteria will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis and checked during Preliminary Examination.

Criteria	Documents to establish compliance
Completeness of the Proposal	All documents requested in Section 2: Instruction to Proposers have been provided and are complete.
Proposer accepts UNDP General Conditions of Contract as specified in Section 6.	Duly signed and stamped Form C: Technical Proposal Submission has been provided.
Proposal Validity	Duly signed and stamped Form C: Technical Proposal Submission has been provided.
Appropriate signatures	Proposal Forms have been duly signed and stamped.
Power of Attorney [if applicable]	Certified Letter of Appointment and/or power of attorney authorizing the representative of the Bidder to sign bids has been provided.

Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

Minimum eligibility and qualification criteria will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis.

If the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture, Consortium or Association, each member should meet the minimum criteria, unless otherwise specified.

The offers will be evaluated based on their compliance with the general requirements specified below:

Eligibility Criteria	Documents to establish compliance
Legal Status: Proposer is a legally registered entity	Form D: Proposer Information
Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging: Proposer belongs to a diverse supplier group, including micro, small or medium sized enterprise, women or youth owned business or other civil society organization.	Form D: Proposer Information
Eligibility: Vendor is not suspended, nor otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization, the World Bank Group or any other International Organisation in accordance with Section 2 Article 4.	Form C: Technical Proposal Submission
Conflict of Interest: No conflicts of interest in accordance with Section 2 Article 4.	Form C: Technical Proposal Submission
Bankruptcy: The Proposer has not declared bankruptcy, is not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against the vendor that could impair its operations in the foreseeable future	Form C: Technical Proposal Submission

Qualification Criteria	Documents to establish compliance
History of non-performing contracts: Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default within the last 3 years.	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Litigation History: No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Proposer for the last 3 years.	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Previous Experience	

<p>Minimum (5) years of proven experience in conducting evaluations, research, and surveys, including both qualitative and quantitative data collection</p> <p><i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, TEAM Lead company should meet requirement).</i></p>	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
<p>At least one (3) research studies/evaluations/surveys related to education sector, including, but not limited to areas such as educational policies, school management, curriculum development, teacher training, student learning etc.</p> <p><i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, TEAM Lead company should meet requirement).</i></p>	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Minimum Key Personnel	
<p>The Key personnel mandatory for the implementation of the contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 (one) Task Manager • 1 (one) Senior Research Specialist • 1 (one) Data Collection Supervisor • 1 (one) Data Analysis/Statistical Expert • 1 (one) Educational Expert <p><i>Please note: The above listed roles can be cumulated by certain team members, but not more than two roles per team member, clarifying in the Methodology the reasoning for such approach and distribution of tasks.</i></p> <p><i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties should meet requirement).</i></p>	Duly signed CVs and Statements of Exclusivity and Availability, including any other supporting documents, attached to Form H: Format for CV of proposed Key Personnel
Financial Standing	
<p>Turnover: Minimum average annual turnover of USD 100,000 for the last 3 years.</p> <p><i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i></p>	Copy of audited financial statements for the last 3 (three) years (2022-2024) Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
<p>Liquidity: The Ratio Average current assets / Current liabilities over the last 3 (three) years must be equal or greater than 1. Proposers must include in their Proposal audited balance sheets cover the last 3 (three) years.</p> <p><i>If QR is less than 1: UNDP shall verify financial capacity of the bidder and has the authority to seek references from concerned parties & banks on the bidder' financial standing. UNDP has the right to reject any bid if submitted by a contractor whom investigation leads to a result that he is not financially capable and/or had serious financial problems.</i></p> <p><i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i></p>	Copy of audited financial statements for the last 3 (three) years (2022-2024) Form F: Eligibility and Qualification

Technical Evaluation Criteria

Summary of technical proposal evaluation sections		Points obtainable
1	Proposer's qualification, capacity and experience	230
2	Proposed methodology, approach and implementation plan	370
3	Management structure and key personnel	400
Total		1000

Section 1. Proposer's qualification, capacity and experience		Points obtainable
1.1.	<p>Reputation of organization and staff credibility / reliability / industry standing. Organization / Company profile – 25 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The company is a well-known market player with a good standing – 25 pts • The company is well-known but lacks a good standing in the field – 10 pts • The company has poor reputation and lacks a good standing in the field - 0 pts 	25
1.2.	<p>General organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age of the legal entity (5 years – 15 pts, 2,5 pts for each additional year, up to 20 pts) • Project management support mechanism (no – 0 pts, yes -10 pts.) • Project management controls (up to 15 pts.) 	45
1.3.	<p>Relevance of specialized knowledge and experience on similar engagements carried out in the region/country:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least five (5) years of proven experience in conducting evaluations, research, and surveys, including both qualitative and quantitative data collection (5 years – 25 points, 5 points for each additional year, up to 40 points) • At least one (3) research studies/evaluations/surveys related to education sector, including, but not limited to areas such as educational policies, school management, curriculum development, teacher training, student learning etc. (3 research studies/evaluations/surveys – 20 points, 10 points for each additional contract, up to 40 points) • Previous experience in conducting quantitative or mixed impact evaluation studies is an asset (each relevant assignment – 10 pts, up to a maximum of 30 pts) • Previous proved experience of working with UNDP or other international development partners will be considered an advantage and capacity to properly manage a contract/subcontract under a donor funded effort is an advantage (no experience – 0 points, yes – 10 points) 	120
1.4.	<p>Quality assurance and risk mitigation framework and policies in place, supported by recognized certifications or accreditations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive quality assurance framework and policies in place - up to 20 pts; • Limited or no evidence of quality assurance procedures or certifications – 0 pts. 	20
1.5.	<p>Organisation Commitment to Sustainability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation is compliant with ISO 9001 or equivalent – 5 points • Organisation is a member of the UN Global Compact – 5 points • Organization demonstrates significant commitment to sustainability through some other means – 10 points, for example internal company policy 	20

	documents on women empowerment, renewable energies or membership of trade institutions promoting such issues, overall gender balance in the team, diversity within the team: people from minority, vulnerable or marginalized groups are part of the team, demonstrated experience in applying the Human Rights Based Approach and Gender Mainstreaming in the area (if relevant)	
Total Section 1		230

Section 2. Proposed methodology approach and implementation plan		Points obtainable
2.1.	<p>To what degree does the Proposer understand the task? Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail? (up to max 100 pts.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proposer has full understanding of the assignment. The proposed approach and methodology fully demonstrate responsiveness to the ToR, most important aspects are covered in detail – 66 pts. to 100 pts; • The Proposer has satisfactory understanding of the assignment. The proposed approach and methodology correspond to the TOR but require some adjustments to properly address all the tasks – 31 pts. to 65 pts; • The Proposer has no and/or limited understanding of the assignment. The proposed approach and methodology don't correspond to the TOR and require major adjustments to properly address the tasks – 0 pts. to 30 pts. 	100
2.2.	<p>Is the proposed evaluation framework, methodology and tools appropriate for the task? (up to max 90 pts):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presented evaluation framework and methodology is appropriate for the assignment, all important aspects and tools being fully described, and requirements addressed – 55 pts. to 90 pts; • The presented evaluation framework and methodology requires some adjustments to fully incorporate all aspects, tools and requirements of the assignment – 21 pts. to 54 pts; • The presented evaluation framework and methodology requires major adjustments to address all the aspects and requirements of the assignment – 0 pts. to 20 pts. 	90
2.3.	<p>Are the different components of the project adequately weighted relative to one another? (up to max 70 pts):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal provides a detailed and clear plan for organizing, controlling, and delivering all service elements. It includes specific roles and responsibilities, timelines, and control mechanisms. The plan demonstrates a high level of coordination and efficiency – 41 pts. to 70 pts; • The proposal outlines a good plan for organizing, controlling, and delivering service elements. Most roles, responsibilities, and timelines are clearly defined, with minor areas needing improvement. Control mechanisms are generally effective - 16 pts. to 40 pts; • The proposal presents a basic plan for organizing, controlling, and delivering service elements. Some roles, responsibilities, and timelines are defined, but several details are lacking. Control mechanisms are somewhat effective but need refinement - 0 pts. to 15 pts 	70
2.4.	<p>Is the proposed monitoring and evaluation methodology appropriate to the tasks? (up to max 50 pts.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed M&E methodology fully responds to the engagement – 26 pts. to 50 pts.; • The proposed M&E methodology is well-structured and defined but requires some clarifications from bidder – 11 pts. to 25 pts.; • The proposed M&E methodology requires major adjustments to address the tasks – up to 10 pts.; • No M&E methodology was provided – 0 pts. 	50

2.5.	<p>Assessment of the implementation plan proposed including whether the activities are properly sequenced and if these are logical and realistic? (up to max 60 pts.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The implementation plan is clear, well-structured with a defined and realistic sequence of activities, which promises efficient implementation of the assignment – 31 pts. to 60 pts; • The implementation plan is clear, well-structured with a defined yet rather unrealistic sequence of activities – 11 pts. to 30 pts; • The presentation is not well structured and doesn't present a clear sequence of activities – 0 pts. to 10 pts. 	60
Total section 2		370

Section 3. Management Structure and Key Personnel		Points obtainable
3.1.	Task Manager	100
	University degree or equivalent in Social Sciences/Economics/Statistics/ Pedagogy, or other relevant fields (Bachelor Degree – 5 pts, Master's Degree – 10 pts, PhD – 15 pts)	15
	At least five (5) years of proven experience in planning, supervising, or leading the development of comprehensive evaluations, assessment reports, economic or social research, analytical reports, or feasibility studies (5 years – 25 pts, each additional year – 2,5 pts, up to 35 pts)	35
	Experience as Task Manager in at least three (3) similar projects (3 projects – 15 pts, each additional project – 5 pts, up to 30 pts)	30
	Experience in similar activities with UNDP and/or other international projects are a strong advantage (no – 0 pts, 1 assignment – 5 pts, > 1 assignments – 10 pts)	10
	Proficiency in Romanian, Russian and English languages (Romanian, Russian – 2.5 pts each, English – 5 pts, for a total maximum of 10 pts)	10
3.2.	Senior Research Specialist	80
	University degree in Social sciences/ Economics/Statistics/ Education or other relevant fields (Bachelor Degree – 5 pts, Master's Degree – 10 pts, PhD – 15 pts)	15
	At least seven (7) years of experience in conducting research, evaluations, or impact assessments in the education or social sector (7 years – 15 pts, each additional year – 5 pts, up to 30 pts)	30
	At least five (5) years/records of practical experience in designing research methodologies, including application of quantitative and qualitative methods (e.g., randomized control trials, quasi-experimental designs, mixed-methods approaches) (5 years – 10 pts, each additional year 5 pts, up to a total of 25 pts)	25
	Proficiency in Romanian, English, and Russian (Romanian, Russian – 2.5 pts each, English – 5 pts, for a total maximum of 10 pts)	10
3.3.	Data Collection Supervisor	70
	University degree or equivalent in Social Sciences/ Economics/ Development studies/ Statistics/Data management, Education, Public Policy or other relevant area (Bachelor Degree – 5 pts, Master's Degree – 10 pts, PhD – 15 pts)	15
	At least three (3) years of experience in coordinating and monitoring field teams, ensuring data quality, and managing large-scale data collection processes (3 years – 15 pts, each additional year – 5 pts, up to 40 pts)	40
	Proficiency in data collection tools and data management software (Excel, SPSS, STATA, Kobo, etc.) explicitly mentioned and described in the CV in the training/certifications section. (Yes -10 pts, No – 0 pts)	10

	Proficiency in Romanian and Russian (each language 2.5 pts, up to max of 5 pts.)	5	
3.4.	Data Analysis/Statistical Expert		60
	University degree in Statistics, Econometrics, Economics, or other relevant degree (Bachelor Degree – 5 pts, Master’s Degree – 10 pts, PhD – 15 pts)	15	
	At least three (3) years of experience in quantitative and qualitative data analysis (3 years – 20 pts, each additional year of experience – 5 pts, up to a total of 40 pts)	40	
	Proficiency in Romanian and Russian (each language 2.5 pts, up to max of 5 pts.)	5	
3.5.	Educational Expert		90
	University degree or equivalent in Education, Pedagogy, Educational Policies, Social Sciences, or a related field (Bachelor Degree – 5 pts, Master’s Degree – 10 pts, PhD – 15 pts)	15	
	At least five (5) years of experience in educational research, policy analysis, education program evaluation, educational assessments or other relevant areas (5 years – 30 pts, each additional year –5 pts, up to 50 pts)	50	
	Proven experience working with education systems, school reform initiatives, and competency-based learning approaches, teacher training, capacity-building programs etc. (no experience – 0 pts, one record– 10 pts, each additional record 5 pts, up to a total of 20 pts)	20	
	Proficiency in Romanian and Russian (each language 2.5 pts, up to max of 5 pts.)	5	
Total Section 3			400

SECTION 5: TERMS OF REFERENCE

Job title:	Conducting impact evaluation of the Model Schools Initiative and UNDP Programme in Moldova
Duty Station:	Republic of Moldova, Chisinau
Reference to the projects:	Transforming education in Moldova through Model Schools/ Advancing Quality Education and Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All
Contract type:	Service provision
Contract duration:	August 2025 – August 2028
Indicative starting date:	August 2025

I. BACKGROUND

Education system of the Republic of Moldova faces persistent challenges in delivering relevant, high-quality and equitable learning conditions leading to good education outcomes. The 2022 PISA results showed over half of students failing to meet minimum competency levels in math, reading, and science. Recent monitoring of gymnasium graduation exams results revealed significant declines in passing rates in several districts, especially for exact science disciplines.

To address these systemic issues, in early 2024 the Ministry of Education and Research (MER), with support from development partners, including UNDP, launched the [Model Schools Initiative](#) (hereinafter Initiative). This Initiative aims to transform [35 district schools](#) (hereinafter Initiative Schools) selected by MER into modern, inclusive and high-quality educational establishments. The transformation envisages infrastructure upgrades, acquisition of modern learning equipment, provision of free transportation for rural students, and improved teaching and school management practices.

As part of a Joint Programme (see details below), UNDP committed to contribute to the implementation of the Initiative by providing support to 15 schools (hereinafter referred to as “Programme Schools”) out of the preselected 35 district schools.¹

During 2024 – 2028, UNDP is implementing the programme “*Transforming education in Moldova through Model Schools*”, funded by the Government of Norway. The overarching programme objective is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of Moldova's education system through the transformation of district schools into Model Schools. The interventions under this programme are built on and are complimentary to the activities of the EU-funded “*Advancing Quality Education and Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All*” programme implemented jointly by UNDP and UNICEF. Both programmes (hereinafter referred to as “Joint Programme” or Programme) are anchored into the national priorities set in the *Development Strategy Education 2030* and are set to empower all stakeholders to contribute to the advancement of the quality of education through enhanced human capacities, upgraded learning environments, relevant lifelong opportunities, and increased digital literacy skills. Specifically, the Programme will contribute to improving equitable access for all children to quality education, promoting the development of an inclusive, digital, and resilient society and upgrade of learning environments through renovation and equipping of science labs, to facilitate the development of the 21st century skills. In addition, it will support continuous professional development of teachers through training teachers in STEAM and interdisciplinarity, as well as the use of digital educational technologies for education, supporting the reconceptualization of continuous development of teachers training through the INEL (National Institute for Education and Leadership).

Under this Programme, UNDP will support:

¹ The list of Model Schools is available here: [Ministerul Educației și Cercetării | Guvernul Republicii Moldova](#)

1. Transforming Fifteen Programme Schools into [Model Schools](#)²: These schools will undergo significant renovations, to create modern, inclusive learning environments with upgraded infrastructure, and new furniture, enabling better learning outcomes and improved efficiency of the school network. Green school principles will be incorporated to reduce environmental impact.

2. Facilitating the development of 21st century skills of students through improving education quality and school management: This includes supporting the curricular reform, strengthening initial teacher training, and enhancing local education governance. Activities will focus on developing relevant curricula, providing initial and continuous professional development for teachers in the implementation of STEAM and interdisciplinary approaches, use of active teaching methods such as project-based learning, problem-based learning, inquiry-based learning and others, with special focus on science disciplines, integration of green and sustainability practices into the curricula; improving local level education governance and school management and autonomy to enhance the quality of education.

In this context, the Joint Programme's overall goal is to contribute to enhancing the quality and efficiency of Moldova's education system. This will be achieved through the provision of two types of support (treatments) to the Programme Schools:

- **Universal support for improving education quality and school management:** Targeted activities, such as providing continuous professional development for teachers of the STEAM disciplines and support for transformational organization of schools, covering all 15 Programme Schools. Non-targeted activities, such as developing relevant curricula, are likely to have nationwide coverage.
- **Additional support for some Programme Schools for physical capital transformation:** This involves gender- and disability-responsive renovations, creation of modern, inclusive learning environments with upgraded infrastructure, including laboratories and school libraries, new furniture and incorporation of green school principles to reduce environmental impact. This support covers 5 out of the 15 Programme schools. The other 10 Programme Schools will receive support for the modernization of STEAM spaces, including physics, biology, and chemistry laboratories.

The group represented by remaining 20 district schools (hereinafter referred to as “non-Programme schools”) are likely to receive various forms of support from other Moldova's development partners over the course of Programme implementation.

II. PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

A complex quantitative or mixed impact evaluation is required to assess both the **specific effects of the Joint Programme interventions** and the **broader, system-wide impact of the national Model Schools Initiative**, including potential **spillover or displacement effects on schools not participating in the Initiative (non-Initiative schools)**. More specifically, the impact evaluation has to assess the:

- Programme-level impact of the UNDP Joint Programme on the Programme Schools (against both non-Programme schools and comparable non-Initiative Schools);
- Policy-level impact of the Initiative on:
 - Initiative schools;

² Model Schools Concept: Annex 2 to Ministry of Education and Research Order No. 198 of 26.02.2024 Model

- Non-Initiative schools.

The impact has to be assessed against indicators such as students' outcomes and achievements, learning processes, teachers' professional development, organizational transformation, school infrastructure and other relevant educational indicators.

The impact evaluation is expected to provide valuable data to guide further policy changes, curriculum delivery changes, professional development, organizational transformation and school infrastructure to determine which interventions are effective and should be scaled up or replicated. The evaluation has also to provide insights to remedy potential non-intended negative effects of the Initiative.

In this context, a **baseline study** will be conducted early in the Programme to assess the current state of schools. This study will identify perceptions, conditions, practices, gaps, challenges, and opportunities, mapping them to measure key indicators and establish a starting point for critical elements of the work. These benchmarks will later be used to measure progress and determine the impact. The data from the baseline study will be used to assess changes and improvements, which will be reflected in an **endline study** to evaluate the outcomes and impact of the Programme and of the Initiative, including the potential long-term impact on Moldova's education system.

In this regard, UNDP seeks to contract an organization/consortium company specialized in research, data collection and analysis with advanced technical expertise and capacity to design the impact evaluation methodology, conduct the baseline and endline surveys and analyze the collected data in line with the proposed methodology.

III. SCOPE OF WORK

UNDP Moldova intends to contract a specialized and experienced organization/ consortium of organizations (hereinafter "the Organization") to design and conduct an ex-post quantitative or mixed quantitative-qualitative impact evaluation of the Joint Programme and of the Model Schools Initiative on four educational dimensions:

- Students' learning outcomes;
- Teachers' performance and satisfaction;
- Quality of schooling environment;
- Quality of school management/school leadership.

A noncomprehensive list of potential impact indicators is included in **Annex 1**. The list of indicators will be coordinated and approved by UNDP after the contract is signed.

As part of this assignment, the Organization is expected to:

- Design a sound, risk-aware statistical methodology for impact evaluation;
- Construct control group/s matching the treatment group/s;
- Propose and/ or develop and deploy data collection tools;
- Conduct the baseline and follow-up data collection;
- Perform data analysis;
- Write the baseline and endline evaluation reports.

Data and conclusions derived from the work should guide further policy changes, curriculum delivery changes, professional development, organizational transformation and school infrastructure to determine which interventions are effective and should be scaled up, replicated, terminated or changed.

To achieve the above-mentioned objective, the following specific tasks shall be carried out by the Organization:

a) Develop a statistically robust and appropriate design, including:

- Conduct a preliminary assessment of the Model Schools Initiative and Joint Programme context to decide on the most appropriate statistical design (examples: difference-in-differences, propensity matching score, instrumental variable, ridge regression, other appropriate or hybrid statistical methods and techniques);
- Justify units of analysis and aggregation (pupil versus school), propose and justify optimal data structure (cross-section versus panel) and relevant sampling approaches. The proposed data collection strategy should consider, inter alia, the impact of the Initiative on the pupils potentially absorbed by Model Schools from non-model schools;
- Describe statistical indicators, tests, tools and models to be used;
- Estimate minimum detectable effect and/ or sample sizes, considering potential clustering effects;
- Address potential biases arising from the non-random selection of the Initiative schools and of the Programme Schools;
- Address potential pupils-level and teachers-level spillover effects arising from geographical proximity of the schools in the treatment and control groups;
- Address potential attrition effects arising from the likelihood of MER adding (a limited number of) new schools to the Model Schools Initiative;
- Address concerns arising from potentially low statistical power or exceedingly high samples required, incorporate complementary qualitative tools for data collection, including but not limited to interviews, focus-groups and field observations;
- Present and validate the proposed design with the Ministry of Education and Research, UNDP, other key development partners and educational stakeholders. UNDP will facilitate the organization of the joint working meeting.

b) Construct matching control group/s, including:

- Propose control group/s construction strategy, including optional stratification and relevant matching criteria;
- Address comparability and external validity aspects;
- Define strategy/approaches to mitigate and adjust to potential spillovers and attrition effects;
- Propose logical mixes of qualitative and quantitative tools addressing control group/s strategy.

c) Propose and/ or develop data collection tools, including:

- Following consultations with the Programme Partners, propose and agree upon a comprehensive list of impact indicators addressing the targeted dimensions;
- Design and/ or adapt objective test instruments to measure STEAM learning outcomes or propose risk-proof approaches to using existing assessment tools (school marks, exam marks, official standardized tests, external randomized tests, PISA tests in 2022/2025/2028);
- Design and/ or adapt data collection tools referring to other objectively measurable indicators, such as drop out, repetition, etc.;
- Develop student, teacher and managers questionnaires capturing dimensions of wellbeing, satisfaction, engagement, attitudes, as well as measuring relevant covariates and addressing possible spillovers;
- Develop questionnaires addressing improvements in the institutional environment, school culture;
- Explain how non-cognitive outcomes will be validated, potential response biases will be handled and ensure that instruments are psychometrically sound.

d) Collect data, including:

- Define data sources and data collection mechanisms;
- Ensure training of evaluators / data collectors and of data quality protocols;
- Conduct baseline and follow-up assessment;
- Monitor possible spillovers along the data collection process.

In this regard, the impact evaluation is expected to draw on a diverse range of data sources to ensure a comprehensive and rigorous analysis. These include:

Data sources: school-level data (school development strategies, school records, teachers reports, students' performance data etc.); school-level data for school building plans/blueprints; administrative data (school census data/ministry reports/ National Agency for Curriculum and Evaluation; school-based survey "*Barometer of the situation in lower- and upper-secondary general education*"; development partners data; information about teacher education level; stakeholder data (teachers and student surveys, interviews/focus group with school staff); longitudinal data: 9th grade graduation exam results in 2025 as baseline data versus 2028 to assess changes in students' learning outcomes etc.

UNDP and the Ministry of Education will facilitate access to existing data/provide the necessary data to support the evaluation process.

The Evaluation Team is expected to provide credible, reliable, and useful evidence-based information through rigorous data triangulation, utilizing multiple quantitative and qualitative data sources to cross-check and confirm findings.

e) Conduct data analysis, including:

- Perform comprehensive data analysis in line with the proposed statistical design;
- Address intra-group comparisons along the relevant criteria (sex, area of residence or other relevant);
- Report effect sizes, confidence intervals and statistical power;
- Perform robustness checks.

f) Provide written deliverables, including:

- Detailed baseline and endline narrative reports;
- Compile technical annexes including test construction, sampling protocols, power calculations, etc.;
- Cleaned documented datasets;
- Public presentation, if deemed necessary.

IV. KEY DELIVERABLES AND TENTATIVE TIMETABLE:

Tasks	Key deliverables	Indicative deadline for deliverables
Task 1: Design a robust impact evaluation methodology	1.1. Draft detailed impact evaluation methodology , including evaluation framework and key metrics; evaluation criteria and questions; description of data collection and data analysis methods and tools; evaluation design requirements, including construction of control group/s matching the treatment groups; evaluation matrix; data sources; work plan; annexes; other relevant methodological considerations, etc.	By September 15, 2025

Task 2: Present in a workshop, validate and approve the methodology for impact evaluation with the representatives of the Ministry of Education and Research, UNDP, other key development partners and educational stakeholders	2.1. Power Point Presentation reflecting the impact evaluation methodology developed and presented for validation and approval for key educational and development stakeholders	By September 20, 2025
	2.2. Final impact evaluation methodology for the Model Schools Programme in Moldova submitted to UNDP	By October 1, 2025
Task 3: Collect data for the baseline study based on the validated impact evaluation methodology	3.1. Data collection instruments developed and validated by UNDP	By October 20, 2025
	3.2. Data collection process and fieldwork for the baseline study completed	By December 1, 2025
Task 4: Develop a detailed Baseline Study based on the collected data at the beginning of the intervention	4.1 Draft Baseline Report developed and submitted to UNDP	By December 15, 2025
	4.2 Final Baseline Report developed and submitted to UNDP	By December 20, 2025
Task 5: Design and conduct an Endline Study	5.1. Data collection process and fieldwork for the endline study completed	By April 30, 2028
	5.2. Draft Endline Report developed and submitted to UNDP for approval and validation	By May 30, 2028
	5.3. Final Endline Report developed and submitted to UNDP	By July 1, 2028
	5.4. PowerPoint presentation summarizing the key findings and conclusions of the endline study, developed and presented to UNDP and other relevant donor and educational stakeholders during a public event. The presentation should be highly visual using advanced data visualisation tools	By July 15, 2028
	5.5. Final report of the assignment developed and submitted to UNDP	By July 30, 2028

Language

All questionnaires and interviews shall be conducted in Romanian or Russian, as per language spoken by the stakeholders and beneficiaries. The proposed design methodology, which will be presented and validated during a working meeting with the Ministry of Education and Research, UNDP, key development partners, and other educational stakeholders, shall be delivered in Romanian. The key deliverables and final report shall be submitted in English.

Requirements for the Final Report

The Final Report shall include:

- Executive Summary

- Brief narrative description of activities conducted under the assignment with dates, and corresponding evidence provided in Annexes, including but not limited to:
 - Description of the impact evaluation methodology and workplan.
 - Validated research tools used for the baseline and endline report.
 - Final baseline report.
 - Final endline report.
 - Recommendations for scaling the Model Schools Program, replicating it in other regions, or improving the intervention and / or addressing potential negative effects on non-Initiative schools.
 - Power Point Presentation of the key findings and results of the endline study.
 - Other relevant materials produced under the assignment.

The Final Report must be signed by the Task Manager and approved by the *Advancing Quality Education and Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All/ Transforming Education in Moldova through Model Schools* Project Manager prior to disbursing the last instalment of the contract.

Submission and use of data, reports and other material produced under assignment

All primary data, reports, and other documentation produced during this assignment shall be made available to UNDP in appropriate electronic format (Word, Excel, PDF, etc.) depending on the nature of its content. All data acquired, and products developed during the assignment will be in the ownership of UNDP and cannot be used by the Organization and its team without prior written permission.

V. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The payments to the Organization shall be done upon approval and acceptance of the deliverables by Task Manager and approved by the *Advancing Quality Education and Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All/ Transforming Education in Moldova through Model Schools* Project Manager. Payments to cover administrative (management and operational) costs shall be linked to instalment and shall be transferred as per the schedule agreed upon the signing of the Agreement.

Payment for services shall be provided in 4 instalments, as follows:

Payment schedule	Key deliverables
1st payment: 20% of the total contract cost – following the submission and approval of Deliverables #1.1; 2.1. and 2.2	1.1. Draft detailed impact evaluation methodology , including evaluation framework and key metrics; evaluation criteria and questions; description of data collection and data analysis methods and tools; evaluation design requirements, including construction of control group/s matching the treatment groups; evaluation matrix; data sources; work plan; annexes; other relevant methodological considerations, etc.
	2.1. Power Point Presentation reflecting the impact evaluation methodology developed and presented for validation and approval for key educational and development stakeholders

	2.2. Final impact evaluation methodology for the Model Schools Programme in Moldova submitted to UNDP
2nd payment: 30% of the total contract cost – following the submission and approval of Deliverables # 3.1; 3.2; 4.1 and 4.2	3.1. Data collection instruments developed and validated by UNDP
	3.2. Data collection process and fieldwork for the baseline study completed
	4.1 Draft Baseline Report developed and submitted to UNDP
	4.2 Final Baseline Report developed and submitted to UNDP
3rd payment: 10 % of the total contract cost – following the submission and approval of Deliverables # 5.1; 5.2	5.1. Data collection instruments developed and validated by UNDP
	5.2. Data collection process and fieldwork for the endline study completed
4th payment: 40 % of the total contract cost – following the submission and approval of Deliverables # 5.3; 5.4; 5.5 and 5.6	5.3. Draft Endline Report developed and submitted to UNDP for approval and validation
	5.4. Final Endline Report developed and submitted to UNDP
	5.5. PowerPoint presentation summarizing the key findings and conclusions of the endline study, developed and presented to UNDP and other relevant donor and educational stakeholders during a public event. The presentation should be highly visual using advanced data visualisation tools
	5.6. Final report of the assignment developed and submitted to UNDP

VI. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Management arrangements

The Organization will work under the direct supervision of the *Advancing Quality Education and Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All/ Transforming Education in Moldova through Model Schools* Project Manager. The Organization shall take specific guidance from the Component Managers and Project Analysts during the assignment. The Organization shall also liaise and cooperate with experts/projects from UNDP, and other organizations, as relevant, working on similar/complementary activities.

The organization shall follow the agreed time schedule and be accountable for the delivery of quality outputs to the Project Manager, who will approve Organization's deliverables. The *Advancing Quality Education and Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All/ Transforming Education in Moldova through Model Schools* Projects shall facilitate the initial communication with relevant central authorities, local educational departments and school and will provide additional available information to support the implementation of the assignment.

Consultation process

The responsibility for facilitating the consultation process for the purpose of completing the tasks outlined hereto will be borne primarily by the Organization. The Organization shall be responsible for preparing working materials and agendas, ensuring participation of the key team members as required, communicating, and coordinating with invited stakeholders, preparing minutes etc.

Staffing

The Organization shall designate key-personnel for each role required under the assignment. The listed roles can be cumulated by certain team members, but not more than two roles per team member, clarifying in the Methodology the reasoning for such approach and distribution of tasks. The number of planned person-days per expert/area of expertise need to be indicated in the Bidder's proposal. The Organization will ensure that all other necessary staff and additional technical resources required for the effective and efficient implementation of the assignment shall be ensured by the Organization (e.g., logistical support for organizing various meetings and conducting field work).

Timeliness and quality

The selected organization shall take overall responsibility for the quality and timeliness of completing all assignment deliverables, and the Organization's implementation performance shall be assessed against the respective factors. The Organization shall be notified of any deviation from the agreed schedules and standards, pursuant to which it will be required to remediate its performance. In case no satisfactory remediation shall be obtained UNDP reserves the right to terminate the contract.

Costs of the assignment

The Organization should calculate and include in its financial offer all relevant costs associated with the assignment such as staffing, transportation, full logistics, and any other costs for acquiring other information required for the successful completion of the tasks. UNDP shall not accept any additional expenses which were not included in the company's financial offer, unless UNDP revises the scope of work during the contract implementation within allowable margins.

VII. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Organization shall provide sound argumentation of the proposal by demonstrating compliance with the ToR and the environment in which it will provide the services. The bidder shall include information on the volume of allocated resources to carry out the assignment.

A breakdown of the working days allocated for each key-personnel shall be submitted, clearly explaining the role of the team members involved in producing the deliverable. In this context, the Organization shall ensure a clear presentation of distribution of tasks and allocation of working days deemed necessary for engagement of Key staff, supervisors and enumerators to be engaged for the fieldwork.

1. Qualifications of the company/organization:

- Be legally registered entity or a consortium of companies/organizations.
- At least five (5) years of proven experience in conducting evaluations, research, and surveys, including both qualitative and quantitative data collection.
- At least one (3) research studies/evaluations/surveys related to education sector, including, but not limited to areas such as educational policies, school management, curriculum development, teacher training, student learning etc.
- Previous experience in conducting quantitative or mixed impact evaluation studies is an asset
- Previous proved experience of working with UNDP or other international development partners will be considered an advantage and capacity to properly manage a contract/subcontract under a donor funded effort is an advantage

Qualifications of the Key-personnel:

Experts	Experience
Task Manager:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University degree or equivalent in Social Sciences/Economics/Pedagogy, or other relevant fields; - At least five (5) years of proven experience in planning, supervising, or leading the development of comprehensive evaluations, assessment reports, economic or social research, analytical reports, or feasibility studies; - Experience as Task Manger in at least 3 similar projects; - Experience in similar activities with UNDP and/or other international projects is considered a strong advantage; - Proficiency in Romanian, Russian and English languages.
Senior Research Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University degree in Social sciences/ Economics/ Statistics/Public Policy/Education or other relevant fields; - At least seven (7) years of experience in conducting research, evaluations, or impact assessments in the education or social sector; - At least five (5) years/records of practical experience in designing research methodologies, including application of quantitative and qualitative methods (e.g., randomized control trials, quasi-experimental designs, mixed-methods approaches); - Proficiency in Romanian, Russian and English.
Data Collection Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University degree or equivalent in Social Sciences/ Economics/ Development studies/ Statistics/Data management, Education, Public Policy or other relevant area; - At least three (3) years of experience in coordinating and monitoring field teams, ensuring data quality, and managing large-scale data collection processes; - Proficiency in data collection tools and data management software (Excel, SPSS, STATA, Kobo etc.) explicitly mentioned and described in the CV in the training/certifications section; - Proficiency in Romanian and Russian.

Data Analysis/Statistical Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University degree in Statistics, Econometrics, Economics, or other relevant degree; - At least 3 years of experience in quantitative and qualitative data analysis; - Proficiency in Romanian and Russian.
Educational Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University degree or equivalent in Education, Pedagogy, Educational Policies, Social Sciences, or a related field; - At least five (5) years of experience in educational research, policy analysis, education program evaluation, educational assessments or other relevant areas; - Proven experience working with education systems, school reform initiatives, and competency-based learning approaches, teacher training, capacity-building programs etc; - Proficiency in Romanian and Russian.

Bidders should enclose a detailed and comprehensive CV (as per form H) for each person proposed to be assigned to the project and should include specific information on the staff's previous experience and roles. Specifically, CVs should include:

- Anticipated role and level of participation in the project.
- Previous experience relevant to the assigned role in the project.
- Education, training, and certification details.
- Contact information (name, title, organization, mailing address, phone, and email) for a minimum of three business references.
- Linguistic skills.

Bidders agree that the Key-personnel proposed will be involved in the project participate in the project for the agreed duration, unless written approval for substitutions is granted by the UNDP Management Team.

During the assignment, the Key Technical Experts should prove commitment to the core values of the United Nations, in particular, respecting differences of culture, gender, religion, ethnicity, nationality, language, age, HIV status, disability, and sexual orientation, or other status.

Annex 1. List of potential indicators to measure impact

- **Student learning outcomes:**
 - attendance rate;
 - graduation rate;
 - dropout rate;

- academic performance (standardized test scores; PISA assessments);
- students' capacities in applying STEEAM competencies in real-world/problem-solving;
- percentage of students considering choosing STEEAM careers;
- percentage of students reporting career awareness;
- students' motivation and engagement;
- perceived level of wellbeing and social-emotional skills;
- students' assessments of quality of teaching materials and teaching process;
- rate engagement in extracurricular activities;
- satisfaction with school infrastructure, physical premises and equipment;
- etc.
- **Teacher performance and satisfaction:**
 - teachers collective efficacy;
 - percentage of teachers implementing active learning methods;
 - teachers' capacity for STEEAM integration in teaching practices;
 - level of teacher engagement in using inclusive education practices;
 - teacher engagement in using digital materials and technologies in classroom instruction;
 - rate of teachers applying diverse teaching methods (e.g. group work, project-based learning, case studies, practical activities, use of information technologies);
 - teacher satisfaction regarding perceived quality of education; (e.g. teacher training, diversified teaching-learning-evaluation strategies, school culture, teaching conditions, school leadership, curriculum delivery, parental monitoring of school progress)
 - teacher retention rates within the schools;
 - teachers' education level
 - inclusiveness of curriculum development process
 - etc.
- **Quality of schooling environment/School infrastructure, physical facilities and learning resources:**
 - availability and quality of teaching and learning resources, educational technologies, teaching aids (projectors, computers, tablets, interactive whiteboards), physical facilities;
 - availability of digital infrastructure;
 - availability of physical facilities (including WASH facilities);
 - etc.
- **Quality of school management/School leadership quality:**
 - School operations efficiency indicators;
 - Evidence-driven decision-making indicators;
 - School governance indicators;
 - Distributed leadership indicators;
 - Etc.

SECTION 6: CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACT FORMS

6.1 The types of Contract to be signed and the applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions, as specified in Data Sheet, can be accessed at <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html>

6.2 Special Conditions of Contract

Not applicable.

SECTION 7: PROPOSAL FORMS

Form A: Proposal Confirmation

Form B: Checklist

Form C: Technical Proposal Submission

Form D: Proposer Information

Form E: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information

Form F: Eligibility and Qualification

Form G: Format for Technical Proposal

Form H: Format for CV of proposed key personnel

Form I: Statement of Exclusivity and Availability

Form J: Financial Proposal Submission *[Form J is part of the Financial Proposal and shall be submitted directly in the system only in the “Commercial section” of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.]*

Form K: Format for Financial Proposal *[Forms K is part of the Financial Proposal and shall be submitted directly in the system only in the “Commercial section” of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.]*

FORM B: CHECKLIST

This form serves as a checklist for preparation of your Proposal. Please complete the returnable Proposal Forms in accordance with the instructions and return them as part of your Proposal submission: No alteration to the format of forms shall be permitted and no substitution shall be accepted.

Before submitting your Proposal, please ensure compliance with the instructions in Section 2: Instructions to Proposers and Section 3: Data Sheet.

Technical Proposal:

Have you duly completed all the Returnable Proposal Forms?	
▪ Form C: Technical Proposal Submission	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form D: Proposer information	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form E: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form F: Eligibility and Qualification	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form G: Technical Proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form H: CVs of proposed key personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form I: Statements of exclusivity and availability for key personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you provided the required documents in support of Form D: Proposer Information?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Financial Proposal:

▪ Form J: Financial Proposal Submission	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form K: Financial Proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>

Forms J and K, representing the Financial Proposal shall be submitted directly in the system only in the "Commercial section" of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.

FORM C: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	Rfp25/03067		

We, the undersigned, offer to supply the services required for [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) in accordance with your Request for Proposals No. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#). We hereby submit our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal uploaded separately under the commercial section in the system as instructed.

Proposer Declaration: on behalf of our firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries and employees, including any JV / Consortium / Association members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract.

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requirements and Terms and Conditions: I/We have read and fully understand the RFP, including the RFP Information and Data Sheet, Terms of Reference, the General Conditions of Contract and any Special Conditions of Contract. I/we confirm that the proposer agrees to be bound by them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We confirm that the proposer has the necessary capacity, capability and necessary licenses to fully meet or exceed the requirements and will be available to deliver throughout the relevant contract period.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethics: In submitting this proposal I/we warrant that the proposer: has not entered into any improper, illegal, collusive or anti-competitive arrangements with any competitor; has not directly or indirectly approached any representative of the buyer (other than the point of contact) to lobby or solicit information in relation to the RFP; has not attempted to influence, or provide any form of personal inducement, reward or benefit to any representative of the buyer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We confirm to undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, or any other unethical practice, with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN and we have read the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct : https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct and acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the UN.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conflict of interest: I/We warrant that the proposer has no actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest in submitting this proposal or entering into a contract to deliver the requirements. Where a conflict of interest arises during the RFP process the proposer will report it immediately to the Procuring Organisation's Point of Contact.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prohibitions and Sanctions: I/We hereby declare that our firm, ultimate beneficial owners, affiliates or subsidiaries or employees, including any JV/Consortium members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract is not under procurement prohibition by the United Nations, including but not limited to prohibitions derived from the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists and have not been suspended, debarred, sanctioned or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We do not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with our firm in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15);
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bankruptcy: I/We have not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against us that could impair our operations in the foreseeable future.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposal Validity Period: I/We confirm that this Proposal, including the price, remains open for acceptance for the proposal validity period.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We understand and recognize that you are not bound to accept any proposal you receive.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	By signing this declaration, the signatory below represents, warrants and agrees that he/she has been authorised by the Organisation/s to make this declaration on its/their behalf.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

[Stamp with official stamp of the Proposer]

FORM D: PROPOSER INFORMATION

RFP Reference	RfP25/03067
Legal name of Proposer	Click or tap here to enter text.
Legal Address, City, Country	Click or tap here to enter text.
Website	Click or tap here to enter text.
Year of registration	Click or tap here to enter text.
Proposer's Authorized Representative information	Name and Title: Click or tap here to enter text. Telephone numbers: Click or tap here to enter text. Email: Click or tap here to enter text.
Legal structure	Choose an item.
No. of full-time employees	Click or tap here to enter number.
No. of staff involved in similar contracts	Click or tap here to enter number.
Are you a UNGM registered vendor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, insert UNGM Vendor Number
Years of supplying to UN organisations	Click or tap here to enter text.
Are you a <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small> vendor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, insert Vendor Number
Countries of operation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Subsidiaries in the region (please indicate names of subsidiaries and addresses, if relevant to the proposal)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Commercial Representatives in the country: Name/Address/Phone (for international companies only)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	Click or tap here to enter text.
Does your Company have a corporate environmental policy or environmental management system/accreditation such as ISO 14001 or ISO 14064 or equivalent? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	<p>Tick all that apply and provide supporting documentation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Environmental Policy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ISO 14001</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ISO 14064</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small></p>
Does your organization demonstrate significant commitment to sustainability, including the following aspects that have	<p>Attach a formal statement that outlines your organisation's commitment to sustainability, where possible providing evidence of tangible results that demonstrate progress such as:</p> <p>Tick all that are attached:</p>

<p>been identified in the UN Sustainable Procurement Framework?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental: prevention of pollution, sustainable resources; climate change and mitigation and the protection of the environment, biodiversity. • Social: human rights and labour issues, gender equality, sustainable consumption, and social health and wellbeing. • Economic: whole life cycle costing, local communities and small or medium enterprises, and supply chain sustainability. 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Formal statement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability report</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> UN Global Compact Communication on Progress</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>Does your company belong to a diverse supplier group including micro, small or medium sized enterprise, women or youth owned business or other?</p> <p><i>(If yes, please provide details and documentation)</i></p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>Is your company a member of the UN Global Compact?</p>	<p>Choose an item.</p> <p>If yes, please provide link to Global Compact profile:</p> <p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>Bank Information</p>	<p>Bank Name: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Bank Address: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>IBAN: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>SWIFT/BIC: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Account Currency: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Bank Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>Contact person that Click or tap here to enter text. may contact for requests for clarifications during Proposal evaluation</p>	<p>Name and Title: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Telephone numbers: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Email: Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

FORM E: JOINT VENTURE/CONSORTIUM/ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
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To be completed and returned with your Proposal if the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association.

No	Name of Partner and contact information (<i>address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail address</i>)	Proposed proportion of responsibilities (in %) and type of services to be performed
1	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
2	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
3	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

<p>Name of leading partner (with authority to bind the JV, Consortium, Association during the RFP process and, in the event a Contract is awarded, during contract execution)</p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
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We have attached a copy of the below referenced document signed by every partner, which details the likely legal structure of and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said joint venture:

Letter of intent to form a joint venture **OR** JV/Consortium/Association agreement

We hereby confirm that if the contract is awarded, all parties of the Joint Venture/Consortium/Association shall be jointly and severally liable to Click or tap here to enter text for the fulfilment of the provisions of the Contract.

Name of partner:

Name of partner:

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Name of partner:

Name of partner:

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

FORM F: ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATION

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	RfP25/03067		

If JV/Consortium/Association, to be completed by each partner.

History of Non- Performing Contracts

<input type="checkbox"/> No non-performing contracts during the last 3 years			
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract(s) not performed in the last 3 years			
Year	Non- performed portion of contract	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$)
		Name of Client: Address of Client: Reason(s) for non-performance:	

Litigation History (including pending litigation)

<input type="checkbox"/> No litigation history for the last 3 years			
<input type="checkbox"/> Litigation History as indicated below			
Year of dispute	Amount in dispute (USD)	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (USD)
		Name of Client: Address of Client: Matter in dispute: Party who initiated the dispute: Status of dispute: Party awarded if resolved:	

Previous Relevant Experience

Please list only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the **last 5 years**.

List only those assignments for which the Proposer was legally contracted or sub-contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the Consortium/JV partners. Assignments completed by the Proposer’s individual experts working privately or through other firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Proposer, or that of the Proposer’s partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Proposer should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested.

Project name & Country of Assignment	Client & Reference Contact Details	Contract Value (<i>insert currency</i>)	Period of activity and status (<i>month, year</i>)	Types of activities undertaken and role (Contractor, sub-contractor or consortium member)

Proposers may also attach their own Project Data Sheets with more details for assignments above.

Attached are the Statements of Satisfactory Performance from the Top 3 (three) Clients or more.

Financial Standing

Annual Turnover for the last 3 years	Year 2024	Currency	Amount
	Year 2023	Currency	Amount
	Year 2022	Currency	Amount
Latest Credit Rating (if any), indicate the source and date.			

Financial information (USD)	Historic information for the last 3 years		
	2022	2023	2024
	<i>Information from Balance Sheet</i>		
Total Assets (TA)			
Total Liabilities (TL)			
Current Assets (CA)			
Current Liabilities (CL)			
	<i>Information from Income Statement</i>		
Total / Gross Revenue (TR)			
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)			
Net Profit			
Current Ratio (current assets/current liabilities)			

- Attached are copies of the audited financial statements (balance sheets, including all related notes, and income statements) for the years required above complying with the following condition:
- a) Must reflect the financial situation of the Proposer or party to a JV, and not sister or parent companies;
 - b) Historic financial statements must be audited by a certified public accountant;
 - c) Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited. No statements for partial periods shall be accepted.

FORM G: FORMAT FOR TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	RfP25/03067		

The proposer’s proposal must be organized to follow the format of this Technical Proposal Form. Where the proposer is presented with a requirement or asked to use a specific approach, the proposer must not only state its acceptance, but also describe, where appropriate, how it intends to comply. Where a descriptive response is requested, failure to provide the same will be viewed as non-responsive.

Section 1: Proposer’s qualification, capacity and expertise

- 1.1 Brief description of the organization, including the year and country of incorporation, and types of activities undertaken.
- 1.2 General organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted (if so, provide details).
- 1.3 Relevance of specialized knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in the region/country.
- 1.4 Quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures.
- 1.5 Organization’s commitment to sustainability.

Section 2: Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan

This section should demonstrate the proposer’s responsiveness to the TOR by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed and demonstrating how the proposed approach and methodology meets or exceeds the requirements. All important aspects should be addressed in sufficient detail and different components of the project should be adequately weighted relative to one another.

- 2.1 A detailed description of the approach and methodology for how the Proposer will achieve or exceed the requirements of the Terms of Reference, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment. Detail how the different service elements shall be organized, controlled and delivered.
- 2.2 Provide comments and suggestions on the Terms of Reference: have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail? Are the different components of the project adequately weighted relative to one another? Include additional services that will be rendered beyond the requirements of the ToR, if any.
- 2.2 The methodology shall also include details of the Proposer’s internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms.
- 2.3 Explain whether any work would be subcontracted, to whom, how much percentage of the work, the rationale for such, and the roles of the proposed sub-contractors and how everyone will function as a team.
- 2.4 Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for the proposed assignment.
- 2.5 Demonstrate how you plan to integrate sustainability measures in the execution of the contract.
- 2.6 Implementation plan including a Gantt chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.
- 2.7 Any other comments or information regarding the project approach and methodology that will be adopted.

Section 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel

- 3.1 Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing the project. Include details of key personnel including their name and nationality, the Position they will assume and their role as per the ToR. Include an organization chart for the management of the project describing the relationship of key positions and designations. Provide a spreadsheet to show the activities of each personnel and the time allocated for his/her involvement.
- 3.2 For each of the key personnel provide: the CV using the format in Form H and the statement of exclusivity and availability using the format in Form I.

FORM H: FORMAT FOR CV OF PROPOSED KEY PERSONNEL

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	RfP25/03067		

Position (as per ToR)			
Personnel Information	Name:		
	Nationality:	Date of birth:	
	Language Proficiency:		
Present Employment	Name of employer:	Contact: (manager or HR)	
	Address of employer:		
	Telephone:	Email:	
	Job title:	Years with present employer:	
Education / Qualifications	<i>Summarise college/university and other specialised education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees/qualifications obtained.</i>		
Professional Certifications	<i>Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of services including name of institution and date of certification.</i>		
References:	<i>Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2) references.</i>		

Summarise professional experience over the last 20 years in reverse chronological order. Indicate particular technical and managerial experience relevant to the project.

From	To	Company / Project / Position / Relevant technical and management experience

I, the undersigned, certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV is accurate.

Signature of Personnel

Date (Day/Month/Year)

FORM I: STATEMENT OF EXCLUSIVITY AND AVAILABILITY

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	Rfp25/03067		

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I agree to participate exclusively with the Proposer [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) in the above referenced RFP. I further declare that I am able and willing to work for the period(s) foreseen for the position for which my CV has been included if this proposal is successful, namely:

From	To
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

I confirm that I am not engaged in other projects in a position for which my services are required during the periods where my services are required under this RFP.

By making this declaration, I understand that I am not allowed to present myself as a candidate to any other proposer submitting a proposal for this RFP. I am fully aware that if I do so, I will be excluded from this RFP, the proposals may be rejected, and I may also be subject to exclusion from other UNDP’s solicitation procedures and contracts.

Furthermore, should this proposal be successful, I am fully aware that if I am not available at the expected start date of my services for reasons other than ill-health or *force majeure*, I may be subject to exclusion from other [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) solicitation procedures and contracts and that the notification of award of contract to the Proposer may be rendered null and void.

Name:
 Title:
 Date:
 Signature:

FORM J: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	RfP25/03067		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services indicated in our proposal and in accordance with your Request for Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Financial Proposal in the amount indicated herewith.

Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period specified in the Data Sheet.

We understand that you are not bound to accept any Proposal that you receive.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of *[Insert amount in words and figures]*. Please make sure the total matches with the total indicated in the deliverables section of the system (lines) and with the total deriving from the cost breakdown (form K).

FORM K: FORMAT FOR FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	RfP25/03067		

The proposer is required to prepare the Financial Proposal following the below format and submit it in an envelope separate from the Technical Proposal as indicated in the Instruction to Proposers. **The inclusion of any financial information in the Technical Proposal shall lead to disqualification of the Proposer.** The Financial Proposal should align with the requirements of the Terms of Reference and the proposer’s Technical Proposal.

Currency of the proposal: MDL (Moldovan Leu) for local suppliers and USD (US Dollars) for international suppliers

Table 1: Summary of Overall Prices

Costs	Amount <i>(insert currency)</i>
Professional Fees (from Table 2)	
Other Costs (from Table 3)	
Total Amount of Financial Proposal <i>(insert currency)</i>	

Table 2: Cost Breakdown by Cost Component*

Expenses	Unit of measure (working day, unit, piece, km etc.)	Quantity	Unit Price, USD (excl. VAT) <i>(insert currency)</i>	Total Price per budget line, USD <i>(insert currency)</i>
I. Personnel Services **				
1. Key personnel for the preparatory design phase, data collection, data preparation and analysis				
1 (one) Task Manager	Working days			
1 (one) Senior Research Specialist	Working days			
1 (one) Data Collection Supervisor	Working days			
1 (one) Data Analysis/Statistical Expert	Working days			
1 (one) Educational Expert	Working days			
<i>Other staff (if any)</i>	Working days			
<i>Other staff field work assistants (if any)</i>	Working days			
Subtotal I.1				
Sub-total – Personnel Services (1)				
II. Direct Costs				
2.1 Data collection				
Travel for pilot & data collection (mobile teams)	km			

Expenses	Unit of measure (working day, unit, piece, km etc.)	Quantity	Unit Price, USD (excl. VAT) <i>(insert currency)</i>	Total Price per budget line, USD <i>(insert currency)</i>
Survey administrators	working days			
Interviews byper respondent	per interview			
.....systems usage	system			
Other costs (if any)				
Subtotal 2.1				
2.2 Data preparation				
Translation of materials	pages			
Other costs (if any)				
Subtotal 2.2				
Sub-total – Direct costs (2)				
TOTAL BUDGET (1+2)				

* Please adjust the table as per your technical proposal. You may add/delete any budget sub-categories which are relevant to your technical proposal.

** **Applicable taxes and social benefits should be included in the unite price proposed.**

Table 3: Total Cost per Deliverable

Deliverable / Milestone as per Terms of Reference	Price (Lump Sum, All Inclusive) <i>(insert currency)</i>
1.1. Draft detailed impact evaluation methodology , including evaluation framework and key metrics; evaluation criteria and questions; description of data collection and data analysis methods and tools; evaluation design requirements, including construction of control group/s matching the treatment groups; evaluation matrix; data sources; work plan; annexes; other relevant methodological considerations, etc.	
2.1. Power Point Presentation reflecting the impact evaluation methodology developed and presented for validation and approval for key educational and development stakeholders	
2.2. Final impact evaluation methodology for the Model Schools Programme in Moldova submitted to UNDP	
3.1. Data collection instruments developed and validated by UNDP	
3.2. Data collection process and fieldwork for the baseline study completed	
4.1 Draft Baseline Report developed and submitted to UNDP	

4.2 Final Baseline Report developed and submitted to UNDP	
5.1. Data collection process and fieldwork for the endline study completed	
5.2. Draft Endline Report developed and submitted to UNDP for approval and validation	
5.3. Final Endline Report developed and submitted to UNDP	
5.4. PowerPoint presentation summarizing the key findings and conclusions of the endline study, developed and presented to UNDP and other relevant donor and educational stakeholders during a public event. The presentation should be highly visual using advanced data visualisation tools	
5.5. Final report of the assignment developed and submitted to UNDP	