



Request for Quotations (RFQ) for Transportation of Biological Samples by Registered Couriers

 Village Reach

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INTRODUCTION

VillageReach is an INGO that work in the health sector. Its mission is to transform health care delivery to reach everyone, so that each person has the health care needed to thrive. We develop solutions that improve equity and access to primary health care. This includes making sure products are available when and where they are needed and primary health care services are delivered to the most under-reached. Radical collaboration with governments, the private sector and other partners strengthen our ability to scale and sustain these solutions. Our work increases access to quality health care for more than 70 million people in sub-Saharan Africa. VillageReach is incorporated in Washington State and has offices in Seattle (USA), Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, and Mozambique.

SERVICE REQUEST

VillageReach in collaboration with Ministry of Health's Expanded Program for Immunisation (EPI) and funding from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) are seeking for services of a local courier company or companies to transport Biological Samples (Polio, Measles and as may be required) as follows;

LOT 1: Health Center to District Hospital Tier

Transport samples from all public facilities (800+) on demand (immediately upon request) to respective district Hospitals (DHO), as and when available and notified.

LOT 2: District Hospital to National Level Tier

Transport samples from all District Hospitals (29) on demand (immediately upon request) to National EPI office in Lilongwe as and when available and notified.

Also include separately costs of returning the sample carriers and trackers back to originating districts from National EPI Office

TERMS

The terms and conditions for this RFQ are as follows;

1. The request for quotes is open to all registered couriers with in country presence
2. A courier can send quotations for one or both Lots
3. Under close supervision of Ministry of Health, the successful courier(s) will comply with bio-safety requirements for sample transport - a biosafety training may be provided to strengthen the courier's capacity
4. Successful courier(s) will receive a performance-based contract; payment will be tied to meeting agreed timelines for collection and delivery of samples, and quality of sample handling.

Table 1: District To National Timeline Targets

Tier	Zone	Zone Description	Timeline
Health Center to District	Zone A	All health facilities to respective district Health Office	Delivery within 16 hours from when transport request is placed
District to National Level	Zone B	Central Region Districts	Delivery within 16 hours from when transport request is placed

	Zone C	Southern Region & Northern Region Districts except those in Zone 3	Delivery within 18 hours from when transport request is placed
	Zone D	Chitipa, Karonga, Likoma and Nsanje	Delivery within 22 hrs from when transport request is placed

Note: Typically a transport request comes 24hrs -48hrs after an alert for sample availability from a location.

5. Village Reach is not bound to accept any quotes

6. Closing date for receiving quotes is 24th November 2023 at 5 pm.

Applicants must provide the following information;

1. Capacity to provide on demand sample transportation across the country by indicating a. Staffing distribution across the country

b. Functional operation equipment such as vehicles and motorcycles across the country c. District presence

2. Previous experience in lab sample transportation indicating;

a. Previous project successfully executed

b. Type of samples transported

c. Duration of the engagement

d. Geography/districts covered

3. Cost structure for sample transportation i.e charge/km for each lot/district or zone

4. Familiarity/experience with shipment creation, tracking devices or any other technologies

On 21st November 2023, an open meeting with prospective applicants will be held at 10:00-11:00 am, at area 3 EPI offices in Lilongwe to address any questions arising from this RFQ.

Interested applicants should submit quotations to the address below, including the information above. The last day for receiving applications is **5:00 pm on Monday, 27th November 2023**.

The Chairperson

Internal Procurement Committee

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