Invitation to Tender: Supply Chain Research - COVID-19 Response Program

ABOUT FIELD READY
Field Ready is a non-governmental organisation that is dedicated to bringing innovation to international disaster relief. Our vision is to meet humanitarian needs by transforming logistics through technology, innovative design and engaging people in new ways. We make possible the local manufacture of useful items to solving problems in various sectors such as health, water, and sanitation. We do this by using the latest technology as well as traditional manufacturing. We pass on these skills to others through training and pioneering innovative approaches to the toughest challenges. The impact of this is dramatically improved efficiency in aid delivery by quickly meeting needs and cutting procurement costs. Our approach is truly effective and ground-breaking. For more information, please visit: www.fieldready.org

THE PROGRAM
Field Ready is leading an exciting program in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Working with partners on-the-ground, Field Ready will bring its extensive experience in digital and appropriate manufacturing to connect supply and demand, map capabilities and make essential infection control and PPE items for frontline workers, with the aim of reducing the transmission of COVID-19. This program also intends to demonstrate the value localised manufacturing of aid supplies in refugee settings in Bangladesh, Iraq, Kenya and Uganda and to compare this to more traditional routes of sourcing aid supplies internationally and then importing.

SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT
The research objective will therefore be to collect and analyse data on the effectiveness of local manufacturing within these contexts, as compared with traditional methods of aid supply by importation and to present the findings in the form of a report to be shared with our program donor, as well as key stakeholders. We are therefore seeking research proposals to cover the following:

- Technical assistance related to researching evidence of our approach to assist in scaling our innovation
- Research comprising of a comparative analysis of the costs, times and quality between local manufacturing (though our COVID-19 response program in Bangladesh, Iraq, Kenya and Uganda) and an equal process via the usual humanitarian supply chain
- Working with our in-country teams, to gather quantitative data and case study data on our program to compare with equivalent processes through usual supply chains
- Collation and analysis of data to be drafted in the form of a report to be submitted to be ready for 31st January 2021

TO APPLY
Please provide a research proposal (no more than five pages) that describes how you would meet the requirements of this research program, along with CV(s) of suggested team members and a provisional budget to: kat.sellers[at]fieldready.org with the subject line ‘Invitation to Tender – Supply Chain Research’ by COB on 17 September 2021. Pitches will be heard for successful proposals shortly after for those short-listed.