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**DFID Supply Partners** 

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DFID's first Annual Procurement and Commercial Report is published today on Gov.uk.

The report meets the commitment made at the time of DFID's Supplier Review in October 2017 to place more commercial information in the public domain. It summarises key aspects of DFID's procurement and commercial performance and that of our strategic suppliers, complementing the information contained in the Department's Annual Report and Accounts.

The Procurement and Commercial report also sets out the progress we have made in implementing the very significant commercial reforms introduced in the last two years. These include the new Supply Partner Code of Conduct, Strategic Relationship Management of our key partners, greater cost transparency in our funding agreements and measures to improve the participation of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in our supply chains.

These reforms are helping to deliver better value for money for UK taxpayers and better results for poor people throughout the world. Their continuing success will depend on continuing collaboration between DFID and our supply partners and we will work with you to unlock still greater innovation and efficiency, including through our SRM programme, the first UK Aid Supply Conference in September this year, our ongoing market engagement and consultation events and the meetings we are organising to promote greater opportunities for SMEs.

We look forward to continuing our work with you to improve performance, deliver value for money and strengthen innovation in delivering UK aid.

Yours sincerely

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