



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

Grant No. : P171328
Country : Palestine/Gaza Strip
Assignment Title : Technical Assistance for JSC-KRM and Municipalities
Assignment Ref : GZ-MDLF-229054-CS-CQS

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority, has allocated additional financing (AF) in the form of a grant in the amount of US\$2.00 million from the Global Partnership for Results-Based Approaches (GPRBA) and US\$ 1.25 million from the Partnership for Infrastructure Development Multi-Donor Trust Fund (PID-MDTF) to the Palestinian Authority (PA); for the Gaza Solid Waste Management Project (GSWMP), and will be executed by Municipal Development & Lending Fund (MDLF). MDLF intends to apply part of the grant for hiring consultancy firm for implementing Technical Assistance for JSC-KRM and Municipalities.

The additional finance (AF) would contribute to the improvement of service quality and management by the JSC-KRM, which covers about 64 percent of the Gaza Strip's total geographic area and serves around 900,000 of the Gaza Strip population (46% of Gaza Strip population). The additional finance (AF) would be used to support operational costs associated with the infrastructure and services supported under the Gaza Solid Waste Management Project (GSWMP) that include the new landfill in Sofa, upgraded transfer stations, collection equipment, and medical waste treatment. In doing so, the grant for the additional finance fund will (a) allow the service provider (JSC-KRM) to deliver quality solid waste services; (b) strengthen the operational and financial capacity of the JSC-KRM and member Local Government Units (LGU's); (c) help ensure the project's operational and financial sustainability, hence amplifying the project's long-term impact; and (d) contribute to the development of operational standards that could be replicated across the West Bank and Gaza.

The Municipal Development & Lending Fund (MDLF), as the delegated implementation agency for the additional finance of GSWMP, is now seeking the services of a highly qualified consultancy firm to provide technical assistance to the JSC-KRM and its 17 member LGU's assignment in the Gaza Strip in terms of financial management and planning, and more specifically in cost and revenue management for solid waste management services.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR's) for the assignments can be viewed at the website: www.MDLF.org.ps/TOR

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund now invite eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consulting firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are the **General firm's profile (Core business and years in business, qualifications in the field of the assignment,**



technical and managerial organization of the firm, general qualifications, and several key staff).

Objective of the Assignment:

The overall objective of the consultancy service is to strengthen the financial capacity of the JSC-KRM and its member Local Government Units (LGU's) through enhancing their revenue collection and optimizing expenditures, with an aim to enhance financial sustainability. This will be done by providing the required support and technical assistance through the identification of existing gaps and opportunities, and development of the necessary capacity building measures that will contribute to enhancing LGU's capacity to plan and implement the recommendations towards reducing costs and increasing revenue streams of the various solid waste management related services.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **selection based on the consultant's qualification (COS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 PM.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **18/07/2021**.

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