



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

**Country: West Bank and Gaza**

**Title: Integrating Resilience in Local Governance in West Bank and Gaza (WB&G).**

**Reference No.: GZ-MDLF-245788-CS-QCBS**

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), has received an initial financing of **EUR 130 Million** from the World Bank-International Development Association (IDA), PA, KfW, Denmark, SDC, VNG, GIZ and AFD towards the cost of the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the Municipal Development Program (MDPIII).

MDPIII is aligned with the PA's long-term strategy to consolidate and strengthen service delivery in the LG sector towards financially sustainable LGUs as specified in the MoLG's Sector Strategy 2017 – 2022.

MDP III is at the center of a series of interlocking interventions by the multi donors in collaboration with the central government to strengthen the institutional development, accountability and financial sustainability of local governance and service delivery in Palestine.

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) as the implanting agency for the projects intends to use part of the grant for consulting services to hire a Consultancy Firm to conduct the above-mentioned assignment.

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

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund now invites 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: **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 number of key staff).**

### **Objectives of the Assignment:**

The target of this assignment is to lay the foundation for integrating resilience in local governance through the production of technical knowledge, information, and guidelines and the conduct of the corresponding institutional capacity development. To achieve this target, the assignment is composed of the following activities:

- *Conduct of a Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment and Mapping*
- *Development of Guidelines on Local Resilience Planning*
- *Formulation of Resilience Plans for Pilot Local Governments*
- *Formulation of resilience standards for critical infrastructure*
- *Capacity building of the National Disaster Risk Management Center (NDRMC)*



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 Quality-Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 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 **19/08/2021**.

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