



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – Individual Consultant)

Country: Palestine

Assignment Title: Support MDLF in the Development, Implementation, and Promotion of Readable Budgets in the 25 LGUs of Gaza Strip

Reference No.: MDPIICII-2.1.5.E10

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 3rd phase of the Municipal Development Program (MDPIII).

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) as an implementation agency for the project intends to use part of the grant for consulting services to hire an individual Consultant to conduct the above-mentioned assignment which will be conducted in selected municipalities in the **Gaza Strip**.

The objective of this assignment

The primary objective of this assignment is to support MDLF in the achievement of the following objectives:

- Support 25 LGUs in the preparation and development of their Readable Budgets that are in line with the agreed national standards which is endorsed by the RB National Working Group;
- Support the 25 LGUs in the publication and promotion of their Readable Budgets;
- Publish the produced Readable Budgets on Baladiyat.ps, and if existing, on the LGU's Facebook page. And, propose recommendations for disseminating the RB through other ways i.e., regular invoices, etc.);
- Perform the necessary editing for the applied design for posters and flyers/leaflets of the Readable Budgets supported municipalities.
- Hold a public meeting with the civil society representatives of each municipality for presenting and discussing the readable budget with focusing on the challenges of executing the budget of 2021¹. This meeting will be documented and published on social media.
- Production of a Video Documentary that documents the readable budget approach, best practices, achievements, and real impacts in publishing the readable budget.

¹ Considering this critical period after the 11-day aggression on Gaza last May in order to put the stakeholders from civil society in the form of the gap between the budget estimates and the actual achieved figures.



- Deliver central workshop (targeting the 25 municipalities) that presenting the achieved progress of this round comparing the last round and manage open discussion with focus groups to evaluate the impact of implementing the readable budget.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be viewed at website:

www.MDLF.org.ps/TOR

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund now invites eligible qualified individuals to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested individual consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The main qualifications of the consultant are as follows:

- Post Graduate in relevant social sciences.
- Solid background in training skills. At least 5 years of experience in addressing capacity development and training.
- Solid experience in the subject of Readable Budgets and their application in the local government sector.
- Social Accountability and Demand for Good Governance - Foundational knowledge of social accountability.
- Extensive experience in producing development work-related documents for publication and documentaries.
- Communication – High communicating skills and presenting information in a clear and organized manner.
- Possess the qualification to conduct workshops

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.

Individual Consultants will be selected through comparison of qualifications of those who expressed interest in this assignment.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 PM.

Expressions of interest (C.V.'s) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **22/08/2021**.

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