

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – NOG's SELECTION)

Country: Palestine

Assignment Title: Implement a Pilot National Tool Kit for Social

Accountability Tools

Reference No. : 3.1.7.4

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), has received an initial financing in the amount of 61.97 Million Euros from the World Bank-International Development Association (IDA), PNA, KFW, Denmark, SIDA, EU, SDC, VNG, BTC, GIZ and AFD towards the cost of the 2nd phase of the Municipal Development Program (MDPII).

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 NGO organization to conduct the “**Implement a Pilot National Tool Kit for Social Accountability Tools**” assignment.

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund now invite eligible NGO organizations to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested NGO organizations should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: General NOG's profile (Core business and years in business, qualifications in the field of the assignment, technical and managerial organization of the NGO, general qualifications and number of key staff).

Objective of the Assignment:

The overall objective of this assignment is to support the institutionalization process of SA in 10 targeted municipalities, 6 in West Bank and 4 in Gaza strip, and to promote the principles of good governance to strengthen the relationship between citizens and local government units. More specifically, the aims are to:

1. Raise the awareness on SA of municipal staff and local council including mayors.
2. Reach a common understanding of SA in LGUs and based on the National Toolkit
3. Implement series of SA tools based on the National Toolkit on Social Accountability
4. Strengthen the mechanisms of complaints at the targeted municipalities and raise the awareness of citizens on how to use these mechanisms
5. Increase responsiveness of targeted local government units toward its citizen



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6. Increase cooperation between the local community and local government units to implement positive and sustainable models of SA in Palestine
7. Strengthen and improve the relationship between community based organizations at the targeted areas and local government units.
8. Increase the level of community participation in the target areas in terms of quantity and quality.

The attention of interested NGO organizations is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers published by the World Bank in January 2011, revised in July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

NGO's may associate with other NGO's in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

NGO's will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the MDLF Procurement Manual which is based on the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by the World Bank Borrowers, published by the World Bank in January 2011, revised in July 2014/ **Selection based on Quality-Cost Based Selection (QCBS)**.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 08:00 AM to 04:00 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 **03/08/2017**.

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