

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

**Country: Palestine**

**Location: Gaza Strip**

**Assignment Title: Vulnerable communities' development through accountable municipal services delivery in Gaza Strip.**

**Reference No.: GVCD - 2.2**

The MDLF has received an initial financing in the amount of 3,000,000.00 CHF from the SDC towards the cost of the first phase of the Gaza Vulnerable communities' development Project (GVCDP).

The GVCDP is Designed to help operationalize the country macro level policies and Strategies, namely the Palestinian's National Policy Agenda – Putting Citizens First (2017,2022), the Draft Local Government Strategic Framework and the new MDLF Strategy (2017-2021) which positioned the needs of Vulnerable populations as a development priority.

Overall the GVCDP seeks to improve the provision of basic services to vulnerable populations on the one hand (supply side) and to increase Municipalities' accountability, civic and vulnerable groups participation in local planning and decision-making process on the other (demand side).

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund now invite eligible consulting NGOs to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested consulting NGOs should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: General NGO'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 the entire consultancy is** to strengthening civic engagement as an approach where vulnerable communities have space and influence the decisions and services provided by the LGUs. In order to have progress toward effective community participation, the consultancy will focus to empower municipalities, civic groups (women's, youth, Neighbourhood Committees), CBOs and citizens to increase their participation in joint local decision making, project planning, prioritization, selection and monitoring processes

The following activities will be carried out:

- Identify and select most vulnerable communities in the targeted areas based on the selection criteria in close consultation with MDLF.
- Conduct a Needs Assessment to assess municipalities, citizens' and community groups' readiness to effectively use civic participation and social accountability tools.



- Based on the needs assessment results, the CSO will identify capacity building needs, design and implement relevant trainings and coaching for municipal officials, civic groups (CBOs), local social mobilisers (especially youth) and citizens at community level on MDLF's civic engagement and social accountability tools and guidelines with the idea to train a critical mass of active citizens who will sustain CP and SA initiatives on an ongoing basis at the local level.
- Facilitate relevant workshops, focus group discussions at community and municipal level.
- Plan, Design and implement small grants - organize grant calls, disburse grants, report on projects' progress and disbursement flows, develop public awareness campaigns.
- Liaise with and promote a culture of constructive dialogue between municipalities, implementing partners (in Component 1) communities, MDLF and communities.
- Work closely with vulnerable communities, youth, women, and elderly for their better inclusion in local decision-making processes and attend to their special needs.

The attention of interested consulting NGOs 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.

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

Consultancy NGOs 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 **30/01/2018**.

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