

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

# Consultancy for Development of Unemployment Insurance Benefit Scheme under Maldives COVID-19 Emergency Income Support Project

The Government of the Republic of Maldives has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Maldives COVID-19 Emergency Income Support Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for international consultancy services to design and implement a fiscally sustainable unemployment insurance benefit program under Maldives COVID-19 Emergency Income Support Project.

To be eligible for the position, the individual is expected to demonstrate the following:

The Government of Maldives aims to obtain the services of a consultant, with appropriate and relevant expertise and experience in the field of social policy and social protection especially those having the experience of having worked in small island states. The consultant should have adequate experience of assessment relevant country systems and should have formulated relevant programs for countries.

Qualifications at a minimum should include:

- a) Post-Graduate Degree in Public Policy, Development Policy, Economics, or other relevant field in the social sciences.
- b) At least fifteen years of progressively responsible professional work experience in the development, implementation, supervision, research, analysis and evaluation of social protection programs in developing countries.
- c) Experience in social protection policy development and advocacy.
- d) Experience in small island states would be a plus.
- e) Fluency in English.
- f) Demonstrated ability to deal sensitively in multi-cultural environments.
- g) Excellent diplomacy and demonstrated political acumen.

The Ministry of Economic Development now invites selected individual consultants to submit their "Expression of Interest" (EOI) for providing the services. Interested **individual consultants** should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services along with the following documents:

- Updated CV
- Details of relevant experience with regard to the assignment (with supporting docs)
- ID card / Passport copy

Locals are encouraged to submit their "Expression of Interest" (EOI) for providing the service. The TOR for the consulting services is attached with this REOI.

The attention of interested consulting individual is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, 3.17 and 3.18 of the World Bank Procurement Regulations for Borrowers under Investment Project Financing, dated July 1, 2016, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations for Borrowers under Investment Project Financing, dated July 1, 2016.

Expressions of interest must be delivered by email by **1100 hrs. Maldivian time on Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

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