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THE DIGITAL MALAWI PROJECT

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Background

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In recognition of the foregoing, the Government of Malawi (GoM), with funding from the International Development Association, is developing a new project in the ICT sector - the Digital Malawi Project (DMP). The total available resource envelope is US\$ 70.4 million. The overall purpose of the DMP is to increase the availability of low cost broadband services in Malawi, for both the public and private sectors, and to digitize public services in furtherance of socio-economic development objectives.

Objective of the Proposed DMP

The overall objective of the proposed DMP is to extend and improve access to critical ICT infrastructure for the public and private sectors; improve ICT governance; digitize government and public sector services; improve access to government services; and reduce ICT infrastructure and services costs by providing modern and reliable government digital systems that will facilitate provision of e-services thereby enhancing public service delivery.

Project Components

The proposed DMP has four components with each component further divided into subcomponents briefly as described below:

Component A – Digital Ecosystem, aims at creating an enabling environment through legal and regulatory reform; regulatory capacity building and institutional development; and improved ICT skills development and innovation especially amongst the nation's youth. Under this component, the project will support Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) in developing and maintaining an appropriate regulatory framework including improved economic regulation, data collection and analysis tools, and organizational restructuring required for effective implementation of the mandates stipulated in the Communications and Electronic Transactions Acts of 2016. Improved regulation should translate into improved consumer experiences in the industry.

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Purpose of ESMF

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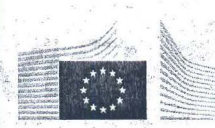
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EUROPEAN UNION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO CONDUCT A BASELINE STUDY

Introduction

Prison Fellowship Malawi (PFM) and Music Crossroads Malawi (MCM) have received funding from the European Union, Malawi Delegation to implement a 3 year project called "Vocational skills training and empowerment for vulnerable and marginalized young people in conflict with the law and persons with albinism" under the Skills and Technical Education Program in Malawi, Reference: EuropeAid/151760/DD/ACT/MW. Through this project, the two organizations will empowerment and rehabilitate 540 prisoners, ex-prisoners and people living with albinism through vocational skills training, psycho-social counseling and spiritual reformation. Therefore, PFM and MCM wishes to call for applications from consultants to conduct a baseline study in Malawi regarding the above project.

Overall Goal of the project

Empower and rehabilitate prisoners, ex-prisoners and people living with albinism through vocational skills training; psycho - social counseling and spiritual reformation.

Main purpose of the baseline study

To develop a clear roadmap and benchmarks that will provide a basis for measuring and communicating project impact and progress among all relevant stakeholders.

Scope of the Assignment

The assignment will focus on assessing and analyzing the current situation premised on project design to feed into its monitoring and evaluation plan and create a basis for impact evaluation:

- Establish baseline current value of project indicators.
- Establish and report on level of awareness, ownership and project alignment of project interventions at local, district and national level.
- Assess and document the extent to which unemployment, stigma and discrimination, loss of social economic capital is impacting the target group beneficiaries, sectors and the country at large and the extent to which vocational skills training and empowerment will contribute to building adaptive capacity and reducing vulnerability of targeted beneficiaries.
- Capture baseline livelihoods strategies and possible outcomes for the target project beneficiaries from selected prisons and communities across Malawi.
- Capture stakeholder perspectives on empowerment and rehabilitation of vulnerable and marginalized young people in conflict with the law and people living with albinism and what changes are appropriate to improve the status quo.
- To identify and document how lessons will be captured and communicated to foster learning and upholding of good practices within the project and beyond.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate should have the following minimum qualifications:

- A Bachelors' Degree in Social Science, Education, Technical Education or any relevant field, those with a Masters or above will have an added advantage
- Must possess a good track record of conducting baseline studies in the past 5years
- Must have good planning, communication, presentation and organizational skills.
- Proven qualitative and analytical skills.
- Knowledge of the prison environment and relevant applicable laws
- Extensive knowledge of development approaches such as result-based management as well as participatory monitoring and evaluation methodologies and approaches.
- Should be familiar with the TEVET sector and methodologies.

How to apply

Qualified Consultants may submit a brief proposal detailing their approach, methodology, working time frame, CV and estimated budget and fees to:

The IPC Chairman,
Prison Fellowship Malawi
Off Andiamo Loop Road
P. O. Box 399
BALAKA
Tel: 01 553 722

Or E-mail: prisonfellowshipmalawi@gmail.com

To reach the organization not later than 30th March, 2017.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

For Investors to Design, Construct and Manage an Office Complex for the Public Private Partnership Commission (PPPC) Under a PPP Framework

Background

The Public Private Partnership Commission (PPPC) was established through an Act of Parliament, the Public Private Partnership Act (PPP Act) of December 2011 as an Implementation Agency for PPP arrangements in Malawi. The PPP Act was made effective from 1st July 2012 having been assented to on 22nd December 2011. Following the passing of the PPP Act, the then Privatization Commission (PC) was renamed PPP Commission in 2013 to spearhead the implementation of PPPs in the country.

Over the years, and in view of its private sector investment mandate, the PPP Commission has since inception operated from rented premises in the central business district of Blantyre. In view of the escalating costs of rentals and the need for a purpose build office complex to augment operating efficiencies the PPP Commission intends to construct a purpose built office facility to accommodate the Commission's current and future office space needs. Apart from accommodating the PPP Commission, space will be available for letting out for office operations, banking and other commercial uses.

The PPP Commission will construct the purpose build office complex using the public private partnership arrangement. This will entail that a private investor will be responsible for raising finance, designing the complex and operating the services.

Private Sector Participation

Government of Malawi would like to engage a Private Investor to design, construct and manage office complex for the PPPC under a PPP arrangement. In this regard, a Design, Finance, Build Operate Transfer protocol is envisaged for private sector participation in this infrastructure project.

Expressions of Interest

Accordingly, the Government of Malawi through The PPP Commission

is seeking expressions of Interest from eligible Investors with strong qualifications and capabilities in delivering infrastructure solutions using the PPP framework.

In this regard interested eligible investors shall provide the following:

1. Company profile, which includes key activities (core business) of the organisation and number of years in that business - for a consortium this would be for each member of the consortium.
2. Technical, financial and managerial capabilities of the investors. The ability to raise long term financing will be particularly critical.
3. A catalogue of similar projects undertaken during the last five years.

Submission of Expressions of Interest

Interested and qualified Investors should submit their Expressions of Interest clearly marked "Expression of Interest for the Design, Finance, Build, Operate The PPP Head Office to

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The Public Private Partnership Commission,
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Glyn Jones Road,
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Blantyre,
Malawi.**

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All submissions to have one original and four copies of hard copies and should reach the PPPC CEO by 16:00 Hrs. local time on 23rd March, 2017. Only shortlisted submissions will be requested to submit fully fledged proposals.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

For Investors to Design, Finance, Construct and Manage an Office Complex for the Malawi Investment and Trade Centre (MITC) Under a PPP Framework

Background

The Malawi Investment and Trade Centre (MITC) is a trade and inward investment promotion agency, established to promote Malawi as an ideal destination for trade and investment in Africa and beyond. MITC operates as a One-Stop Service Centre for business start-ups as mandated by the Investment and Export Promotion Act of 2012.

MITC is a product of a merger between the Malawi Investment Promotion Agency (MIPA) and Malawi Export Promotion Council (MEPC). The Centre provides specialized support to investors in all prioritized sectors for industrializing Malawi, and also promotes and facilitates export of products and services from Malawi.

The Government of Malawi would like to develop an ultra-modern office complex along the Presidential Drive near Zimbabwe High Commission House in City Centre, Lilongwe to house this One Stop Service Centre. This will be achieved through a public private partnership arrangement (PPP) in which a private sector partner will design, finance, build, maintain and operate the office complex in return for a unitary payment and rentals for the lettings. In order to ensure sustainability of the office complex, additional space will be incorporated for letting purposes to third parties. Currently the MITC is housed in Aquarius House in City Centre Lilongwe.

Expressions of Interest

The Government of Malawi, through the Public Private Partnership Commission, would like to invite expressions of interest from eligible long term investors to design, finance, build, maintain and operate an ultra-modern office complex for MITC in Lilongwe. The PPP contract structure is such that the facility will be transferred to MITC at the end of the PPP contract period in the style of a Build Operate Transfer arrangement (BOT).

Accordingly, the Government of Malawi, through The PPP Commission, envisages that the eligible investors will have a demonstrated capability to mobilise long term financing and capability to develop and manage an office facility to the highest standards possible.

Submissions required

Those interested to participate should submit expressions of interest and the following information:

1. Company profile, which includes key activities (core business) of the organisation and number of years in that business - for a consortium this would be for each member of the team. The profile should demonstrate evident capability to mobilise long term financing and capacity to develop and manage the facility at hand.
2. The Capabilities, Qualification and Experience of key players in the investment consortium.
3. Similar assignments executed during the past five years.
4. Available sources of funding for the project.

Application

Interested and qualified Investors should submit their Expressions of Interest clearly marked "Expression of Interest for the Design, Finance, Construction and Management of an Office Complex for The MITC" to

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