

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON

LEBANON EMERGENCY CRISIS AND COVID-19 RESPONSE SOCIAL SAFETY NET PROJECT (ESSN)

IBRD Loan No. 9198-LB

Project ID No. P173367

Assignment Title: Third-Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA)

Reference No. LB-PCM-259792-CS-CQS

The Government of Lebanon (GOL) has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The “World Bank”) towards the Emergency Crisis and COVID-19-Response Social Safety Net Program (ESSN). The objective of the \$246 million project is to provide cash transfers and access to social services to extreme poor and vulnerable Lebanese populations affected by the economic and COVID-19 crises.

The Government of Lebanon (GOL) intends to apply part of the proceeds to consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the following tasks:

The Third-Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA) will provide independent monitoring of project outcomes and perform ongoing audits on the implementation for Components 1-3 of the project. The key responsibilities are the following:

- A. **Beneficiary eligibility verification:** This includes verifying whether beneficiary households meet the eligibility conditions of ESSN. The verification process will include administering a household survey to determine eligibility.
- B. **Audit project implementation:** This includes a technical audit on the different aspects of project implementation, including the registration process, status of cash transfers, accuracy of amounts, delays in transfers, etc. The audit will also include reconciling monthly reports provided by WFP with the financial reports of the PCM.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment are attached to this Request for Expressions of Interest and can be found at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers website: <http://www.pcm.gov.lb> - خدمات / مشاريع ووظائف.

The Central Management Unit (CMU) under the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (PCM) is responsible for managing the Financial and Procurement activities under the ESSN project. The Central Management Unit (CMU) now invites **firms (“Consultants”)** to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. **Please note that no CVs of staff are required at this stage.**

The short listing criteria are:

1. General Experience (years in the market, International Affiliations, services provided, client portfolio)
2. Specific Experience of the Consultant related to the Assignment
3. General Profile and number of Key Staff

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" (November 2020) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth World Bank's policy on conflict of interest in the World Bank's "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under World Bank Procurement in Investment Project Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services" dated July 1, 2016 revised on November 2017 and August 2018.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

Consultants will be selected using Selection Based on the Consultants' Qualifications Based Selection (CQS) method in accordance with the procedures method set out in the World Bank Consultant Guidelines Procurement Regulations. The full version of the Terms of Reference can be reviewed at <http://www.pcm.gov.lb> / [مشاريع ووظائف-خدمات](http://www.pcm.gov.lb) on the website of the Presidency of Council of Ministers.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours: from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Beirut time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered electronically or in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by November 11, 2021 by 4:00 PM Beirut time.

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