

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(RE-ADVERTISING)**

**AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK  
Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development Department  
Public Health, Security and Nutrition Division**

1. The African Development Bank hereby invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: **Developing economic case for investment in nutrition in Africa and investment framework highlighting the most cost-effective nutrition interventions for African countries.**
2. Recognizing that poor nutrition is an impediment to attain the development of human capital, the African Leaders for Nutrition (ALN) was formed under the leadership of the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Union Commission and other partners to pursue the fulfilment of commitments under the ‘Declaration on Nutrition Security for Inclusive Economic Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa’ as well as in line with the African Union’s Agenda 2063.

The ALN aims to increase and strengthen political commitment, policy coherence, financial commitments and track progress towards global targets in nutrition in Africa. The initiative makes a case for nutrition investment in Africa through evidence-based knowledge generation and the use of several advocacy and communication tools.

To ensure visibility of the economic impact of malnutrition on Africa's growth and encourage investment in nutrition, the ALN initiative plans to conduct a systematic review and synthesize evidence on economic analysis with regard to benefits and costs of investing in nutrition. The report will serve as a high-level advocacy tool for ALN champions to enable evidence-based advocacy for better nutrition programming in Africa. The report is plan to be launched during the next African Union Summit in Addis Ababa planned in February 2020.

Following an inception documentary of the economic investment case, the AfDB seeks to obtain a more qualitative report to conduct a technical review of AfDB’s Investment Case, and support the AfDB in the preparation of a print-ready version of the document with a focus on available data sets and research publications<sup>1</sup> for provision of coherence evidence-based knowledge.

3. The services to be provided under the Assignment are as follows:
  - Extract economic data on nutrition for Africa from well-established database/research analysis to build cost-effectiveness analysis of Africa’s investments towards nutrition.

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<sup>1</sup> World Bank investment Framework; Cost of Hunger Studies in Africa; Returns to Investment Studies; investment Framework for Nutrition in Kenya; Global Nutrition Reports, etc

- Conduct a thorough technical analysis review of the inception report, enhancing it where possible through the addition of sections such as current status of financing for nutrition, cost of nutrition interventions, and by drafting an executive summary in liaison with AfDB.
  - Copyedit review of the material, translate it to French, and design it for print using recent AfDB publications as style guides, including Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan 2018-2025; and Banking on Nutrition: Harnessing “Grey Matter Infrastructure” to Unlock the Human and Economic Potential of Africa.
  - Provide the continental-level, estimated costs of the proven nutrition interventions.
  - Identify and develop a framework for continental nutrition investment highlighting the most cost-effective nutrition interventions to inform scalable nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions that African countries can adopt in financing their multi-sectoral nutrition programs (why invest, what to invest and how to invest).
  - Review and analyze the latest figures on economic losses from malnutrition and the potential economic gains from scaling up nutrition investments.
  - Share improved document with the Bank’s Economists for peer review.
4. The AfDB’s Public Health, Security and Nutrition Division therefore invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Expected to have a demonstrable track record of experience of writing economic cases and nutrition, interested eligible Consulting Firms shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to provide the required services (documentation, references for similar services, experience in comparable Assignments, availability of qualified staff, etc).
  5. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank’s **Procurement Policy for Recruitment of Corporate Consultants**. Please note that interest expressed by a Consulting Firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include it in the shortlist.
  6. The estimated duration of services is **3 months** and the estimated starting date is the **1 August 2019**.
  7. Interested Consulting Firms may obtain further information at the addresses below during the Bank’s working hours: from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Abidjan local time (GMT).
  8. Expressions of interest must be received by e-mail at the addresses below no later than **28 June 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Abidjan local time (GMT)** and specifically mentioning, “**Firm to Support Nutrition Economic Investment Case Report**”.

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