REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES)

Impact Evaluation of two completed projects: Zambia Central Province RWSS project and Malawi National Water Development Programme

1. Background:
The Water and Sanitation Department, the Human and Social Development Department and the Research Department of the African Development Bank (AfDB) are currently involved in several joint impact evaluations (IE) in a number of regional member countries (RMCs) with the aim of identifying linkages between interventions in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and development outcomes. This is intended to: i) better design future interventions in Africa; ii) use the IE findings to influence policy dialogue within RMCs; and iii) foster learning both at the local and national/regional level.

The departments have recently initiated IE of two completed projects in Zambia and Malawi and are looking for the support of qualified firms to assist in the exercise.

2. General objectives of the assignment:
The overall purpose of the assignment is to rigorously evaluate the impacts of two completed rural WASH interventions co-funded by AfDB, one in Zambia and another in Malawi, on beneficiaries’ development outcomes including health, education, employment and other relevant and quantifiable socioeconomic objectives, and to draw lessons from the findings that will inform WASH policy formulation and project preparation.

3. Specific objectives of the study are:
   i. Develop a study design for IE that will address the proposed evaluation questions.
   ii. Conduct data collection from primary and secondary sources for the IE tasks. Administrative data and recall questions will be used as baseline.
   iii. Assess functionality of provided water and sanitation infrastructures and analyze explaining factors by supporting the collection of updated data on functional/non-functional water points and latrines of those provided by the two projects; collecting data on causes of breakdown/not repair, use and relevant contextual facts.
   iv. Conduct a rigorous IE to answer the identified evaluation questions.
   v. Produce three reports for each project; the full IE report, a 20 page short publishable version and a policy brief, answering the proposed research questions.
   vi. Submit for review to the research team draft and final drafts of the reports and work on reviewers’ comments.
   vii. Present in a workshop to be organized by the research team.
   viii. In collaboration (co-authorship) with the research team, produce publishable papers to be published in one of the AfDB flagship publications or any other external journal.

4. The call
AfDB now invites eligible consulting firms to express their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures or consortia to enhance their capacity for the assignment.

5. Eligibility
The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank’s Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants. Please, note that interest expressed by a Consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include him/her in the shortlist. The estimated duration of services is 6 months and the estimated starting date is April 2015

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (0800 to 1700 GMT+0.00, or write by email j.oduor@afdb.org
Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 23rd January 2015 at 1200noon GMT+0.00 and mention on the envelop “Impact Evaluation: OWAS Malawi and Zambia”.

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