

REPUBLICS OF GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE
MANO RIVER UNION (MRU)
POST EBOLA RECOVERY SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND (PERSIF) PROJECT
(PERSIF)

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

ISSUE DATE: 21 December 2015

1. The Republics of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone through the Mano River Union have received a blend of grants totalling UA23.97million (USD33.32million) from the African Development Fund, and the United States Department of State to finance the Post Ebola Recovery Social Investment Fund Project.

2. The objective of the project is to contribute to the availability of selected basic social services, restoration of livelihoods and economic opportunities. It will be operationalized by providing seed money to establish a Social Investment Fund hosted at the Mano River Union (MRU) Secretariat to finance demand-driven, small-scale activities on the basis of calls for proposals issued by the Fund. The project seeks to support the National Post-Ebola Recovery Plans of the target countries, complementing and working in coordination with other partners supporting transition and recovery. The procurement of vehicles will be carried out through national competitive bidding procedures whilst the procurement Furniture and IT equipment will be procured through shopping. Consultancy services including Fund Management Agent will be carried out through shortlist of firms using the Quality and Cost Based Selection method whilst Audit Services will be procured through shortlisting using least cost selection method. Technical assistance services provided by individual consultants will be procured using the Bank's selection method for individual consultants. Miscellaneous investments will **be procured through** "Call for proposals" issued by the Secretariat, to be implemented either through Government entities, Parastatals Institutions, using the Bank's procurement rules and procedures or national procedures as relevant; or through NGOs, CBOs and private sector companies using established commercial practices

3. The project components are broken down as follows:

- Social Investment Fund Establishment & Operations: to support the day-to-day functioning of the Fund including its Monitoring and Evaluation activities at both the regional and country levels.
- Investment Support with 2 windows: i) the restoration of basic social services for which major outputs include the rehabilitated health centres and water supply and sanitation for schools and Ebola affected communities; and ii) the revival of local economic opportunities, especially for women through sustained job creation in value adding businesses and markets.

4. Procurement of Goods and of Services necessary for the execution of the activities of the Post Ebola Recovery Social Investment Fund shall be undertaken by a Fund Management Agent on behalf of the MRU and National Authorities, through Calls for Proposals for the Investment following African Development Bank's new rules and procedures for the Procurement of Goods and Works and the

Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants dated August 2015, using the relevant Bank Standard Bidding Documents as well as National Competitive Bidding procedures of the various countries where appropriate. Bidding documents for Fund Management Agent will be available from second half of January 2016, and from June 2016 for other bidding documents.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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