**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)**

Name of Country: **Pakistan**

Project: **Sindh Integrated Health and Women Empowerment Program**

Sector: **Health**

Assignment: **Hiring of Firm for Micro-Finance Lending**

Mode of Financing: **Loan**

Financing No: **PAK-1057**

The Government of Sindh has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Sindh Integrated Health and Women Empowerment Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

The services include Hiring of firm for Micro-Finance lending for 6000 women (1500 every year) across the Sindh Province against the business plan provided by the women after their skills development vocational training.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: https://sihpp.gos.pk/tender.php

or

can be obtained from the address given below:

Office No. 201, Plot No. 180-C Al-Murtaza Commercial Lane-2 Phase-VIII-A Pakistan Defense Officers Housing Authority, Karachi submitting written request letter to the Program Director, Project Management Unit, Sindh Integrated Health & Women Empowerment Project, Karachi.

The Sindh Integrated Health and Women Empowerment Program (SIHWEP)now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.)

| **No.** | **Criterion** |
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|  | * **Corporate Capacity:** Core business, number of offices, and years in the same business, including involvement in micro-finance lending across the Sindh province. * **Minimum Track Record:** The firm must have a track record of at least 10 years. * **Geographical Coverage:** The organization/institution must cover all divisions of Sindh province. * **Registration Requirements:** The firm must be registered as per government of Pakistan regulations and with State Bank of Pakistan, Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and Sindh Revenue Board (SRB) * **Financial Stability:** Provide evidence of financial stability with an annual turnover of PKR 1 Billion and the capacity to meet contractual obligations, including audit reports of the last three years. * **Recovery Rate:** The firm must have no less than 95% of overall recovery rate. |
|  | **General experience:**   * The firm must have experience of delivering micro-financing programs for minimum of 10 years |
|  | **Relevant experience:**   * The firm must have at least **Ten (10)** years of relevant experience in delivering the micro-financing program for women in across of Sindh province. * The firm must have efficient and latest Management Information System (MIS) for Micro-Financing (can generate reporting: Donor, Location, Trade, Risk analysis ratio, Recovery Ratio and Reconciliation etc.) |
|  | **Overall** **managerial capacity:** (Core managerial and Technical staff)   * Experts with relevant experience of micro-finance of similar works across the Pakistan, the list of required staff is given in the ToRs (CVs will not be evaluated at this stage) |

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the “Procurement Guidelines”), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest.

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.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person by **09th July, 2024 12:00 pm** at below given address.

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