SFG3185 V2

THE DIGITAL MALAWI PROJECT

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (ESMF)

Background

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is now globally recognized as an essential tool in promoting competitiveness, job creation, sustainable development, and overall poverty reduction. A combination of widespread access to broadband and a robust ICT service ecosystem can offer a powerful platform for reducing poverty, improving human development and increasing government transparency and efficiency. ICTs have the potential to transform business and government - driving entrepreneurship, innovation and economic growth and breaking down barriers of distance and cost in the delivery of services.

In recognition of the flowering, the Government of Malawi, with funding from the International Development Association, is developing a new project in the ICT sector - the Digital Malawi Project (DMP). The total available resource amount is US$ 70.4 million. The overall purpose of the DMP is to increase the availability of low-cost broadband services in Malawi, for both the public and private sectors, and to digitize public services in furtherance of socio-economic development objectives.

Objective of the Proposed DMP

The overall objectives of the proposed DMP is to extend and improve access to critical ICT infrastructure for the public and private sectors - improve ICT governance; digitize government and public sector services; improve access to government services and reduce ICT infrastructure and services costs by providing modern and reliable government digital systems that will enable provision of services thereby enhancing public service delivery.

Project Components

The proposed DMP has four components with each component further divided into subcomponents briefly as described below:

Component A - Digital Ecosystem is aimed at creating an enabling environment through legal and regulatory reform; regulatory capacity building and institutional development; and improved ICT skills development and innovation especially amongst the youth. Under this component, the project will support Malawi Communication Regulatory Authority (MOCR) in developing and maintaining an appropriate regulatory framework including improved economic regulation, data collection and analysis tools, and organizational restructuring required for effective implementation of the mandate. It is stipulated in the Communications and Electronic Transactions Acts of 2016. Improved regulation should translate into improved consumer experiences in the industry.

Component B - Digital Connectivity is intended to increase access to connectivity nationwide by addressing connectivity gaps for government, higher education and private consumers. The component will support a long term capacity purchase and services contract to connect all public institutions, public institutions throughout the country such as government offices, hospital and education institutions. The component will also support deployment and scaling up of innovative broadband access networks to underserved areas in the rural areas.

Component C - Digital Platforms and Services, aims at creating opportunities to transform public service delivery in Malawi using digital technologies. The component will focus on development of a Shared Digital Public Services Platform, with the aim to establish a solid foundation upon which all future digital services and applications will be built and developing themes that will support the institutional capacity of the government to deliver modern digital services. The digital platform and services will provide opportunity to the public to access various services through mobile and online platforms. Such services could range from issuing of personal and payment services and collection of fees. The component will also focus on development of citizen-facing digital applications and services that leverage the platform.

Component D - Project Management is designed to support overall project management including support for an overall project manager; a digital government services coordinator and specialists in procurement, financial management, safeguards and technical assistance. The component will also provide funding for internal communications and partnerships, monitoring and evaluation activities as well as funding for utility, logistics and operational overheads.

Purpose of ESMF

The purpose of Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) is to provide guidance on management and implementation of environmental and social aspects of the DMP to ensure project activities are implemented in an environmentally friendly and sustainable manner as required by the World Bank operational policies and Malawi's Environment Management Act. The World Bank operational policy 4.03 requires that all World Bank-financed investments are screened for potential adverse environmental and social impacts and that the potential environmental and social costs be carried out on the basis of the screening results. Section 24 of Environment Management Act, 1996 requires environmental and social considerations to be integrated in various development activities in Malawi. Initial evaluation of the project's potential adverse environmental and social impacts require that the World Bank and the Government should consider the following issues: (a) the project's potential adverse environmental and social impacts; (b) the potential adverse environmental and social impacts associated with the project; and (c) the potential adverse environmental and social impacts associated with the project's implementation.

The preliminary assessment of potential adverse impacts has led to the impacts moderate and assigned the environmental assessment risk category B. The appraisal under category B of Operational Policy 4.03 (Environmental Assessment) indicates that the proposed project activities would generate environmental and social with moderate significance therefore requiring environmental and social management plan to address and manage identified impacts. The ESMF has developed generic environmental and social management and monitoring plan which should guide preparation of site-specific environmental and social management plans once the exact locations and details of the project are defined.

The World Bank policies also require that the ESMF is disclosed to the public during project preparation. This public disclosure notice serves to inform all stakeholders and members of the general public that softcopies may be accessed through the PPCC website (www.pppc.mw).

Hard copies of the ESMF can be viewed during working hours from 07:30 hours to 16:30 hours at the following offices:

The Chair Executive Officer
The Public Private Partnership Commission
2nd Floor, Ulimo Towers
Glen Jones Road, P.O. Box 997, BLANTYRE
Tel: +265 1 839 606
Fax: +265 1 831 288
E-mail: info@pppc.mw
Website: www.pppc.mw

The Director
The Department of e-Government
Ministry of Information and Communication Technology
Capital Hill, Mzimba
Tel: +265 7 589 4622

CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO CONDUCT A BASELINE STUDY

Introduction

Prison Fellowship Malawi (PFM) and Music Crossroads Malawi (MCM) have received funding from the European Union, Malawi Delegation to implement a 3 year project called "Vocational skills training and empowerment for vulnerable and marginalized young people in conflict with the law and persons with albinism" under the Skills and Technical Education Program in Malawi, Reference: Europeaid/151760/DD/ACT/MW. Through this project, the two organizations will empower and rehabilitate 540 prisoners, ex-prisoners and people living with albinism through vocational skills training, psycho-social counselling and spiritual reformation. Therefore, PFM and MCM wishes to call for applications from consultants to conduct a baseline study in Malawi regarding the above project.

Overall Goal of the project

Empower and rehabilitate prisoners, ex-prisoners and people living with albinism through vocational skills training, psycho-social counselling and spiritual reformation.

Main purpose of the baseline study

To develop a clear roadmap and benchmarks that will provide a basis for measuring and communicating project impact and progress among all relevant stakeholders.

Scope of the Assignment

The assignment will focus on assessing and analysing the current situation in order to design a framework and plan for the project. The assignment should include:

Establish baseline current value of project indicators.

Establish and report on level of awareness, ownership and project alignment of project interventions at local, national and district level.

Assess and document the extent to which unemployment, stigma and discrimination, loss of social economic capital is impacting the target group beneficiaries, sectors and the country at large and the extent to which vocational skills training and empowerment will contribute to building adaptive capacity and reducing vulnerability of targeted beneficiaries.

Capture baseline livelihoods strategies and possible outcomes for the target project beneficiaries from selected prisons and communities across Malawi.

Capture stakeholder perspectives on empowerment and rehabilitation of vulnerable and marginalized young people in conflict with the law and people.living with albinism and what changes are appropriate to improve the status quo.

To identify and document how lessons will be captured and communicated to foster learning and upholding of good practices within the project and beyond.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate should have the following minimum qualifications:

- A Bachelor's Degree in Social Science, Education, Technical Education or any relevant field, those with a Masters or above will have an added advantage
- Must possess a good track record of conducting baseline studies in the past 5 years
- Must have good planning, communication, presentation and organizational skills.
- Proven qualitative and analytical skills.
- Knowledge of the prison environment and relevant applicable laws
- Extensive knowledge of development approaches such as result-based management as well as participatory monitoring and evaluation methodologies and approaches.
- Should be familiar with the TVET sector and methodologies.

How to apply

Qualified Consultants may submit a brief proposal detailing their approach, methodology, working time frame, CV and estimated budget and fees to:

The IPC Chairman,
Prison Fellowship Malawi
And MGM Loop Road
P. O. Box 399
BALAKA
Tel: 01 553 722
Email: prisonfellowshipmalawi@gmail.com

To reach the organization not later than 30th March, 2017.
Background
Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is now recognized as an essential tool in promoting competitiveness, job creation, sustainable development, and overall poverty reduction. A combination of widespread access to telecommunication and a robust ICT services ecosystem can offer a powerful platform for reducing poverty, improving human development, achieving good government transparency and efficiency, ICTs have the potential for driving economic and government - driving entrepreneurship, innovation and exports - as well as improving the rural living conditions and distance to the delivery of services.

In recognition of the foregoing, the Government of Malawi (GoM), with funding from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), is developing a new project in the ICT sector - the Malawi Diagnostic Project (MDP). The total estimated health envelope is US$ 23.4 million. The overall purpose of the MDP is to improve the availability of low cost broadband services in Malawi, for both the public and private sectors, as a digital public service in furtherance of socio-economic development.

Objective of the Proposed DMP
The overall objective of the proposed DMP is to extend and improve access to ICT infrastructure for the public and private sectors; improve ICT governance; digital government and public sector services; improve access to financial services, and reduce ICT infrastructure and services costs by providing resilient and reliable government digital services that will facilitate provision of e-services thereby enhancing public service delivery.

Project Components
The proposed DMP has four components with each component further divided into subcomponents briefly as described below:

Component A - Digital Ecosystem, aims at creating an enabling environment through legal and regulatory reforms; regulatory capacity building in the management of ICT infrastructure, improved ICT skills development and innovation ecosystem. To that end, this component will support Malawi Communications Commission (MCC) in developing and maintaining an appropriate regulatory framework including improved economic, regulatory, data collection and analysis tools, and organizational restructuring required for effective implementation of the mandates stipulated in the Communications and Electronic Transactions Acts of 2016. Improved regulation should translate into improved consumer experiences in the industry.

Component B - Digital Connectivity, is set to improve the delivery of ICT services nationwide by addressing connectivity gaps and improve ICT services for business and consumers. The component will support a long term strategy of improving fixed and wireless services to connect all priority public institutions throughout the country, together with educational institutions. The component will also support a strategy to leverage on the availability of improved broadband access networks to ultimate consumer via mobile services.

Component C - Digital Platforms and Services, aims at creating opportunities to transform public service delivery in Malawi using digital technologies. The component will focus on the development of a Shared Digital Public Services Platform, with the aim to establish a solid framework for the delivery of ICT services which will facilitate economies of scale and applications will be built using and human and institutional capacity of the government to deliver market digital services. The digital platform and services will provide opportunities to the public to access various services through mobile and online platforms. Such services could include processing of passports, drivers license, business registration, birth certificates and payment of utilities and school fees. The component will also focus on developing an electronic citizens ID which will facilitate the development of an electronic government services coordinator and platforms that leverage the shared platform.

Component D - Project Management is designed to support overall project management including support for an overall project management, a digital government services coordinator and specialists in procurement, financial management, communication and technology. The component will also provide funding for strategic communications and partnerships, monitoring and evaluation activities as well as funding for audits, logistics and operational overheads.

Purpose of ESFP
The purpose of Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESFP) is to provide guidance on management and implementation of the environmental and social aspects of the DMP to ensure project activities are implemented in an environmentally friendly and sustainable manner as required by the World Bank operational policies and Malawi's Environmental Management Act. The World Bank operational policy 4.0.4 requires that all World Bank-financed investments are screened for potential adverse environmental and social impacts and that the required environmental and social work be carried out on the basis of the screening results, Section 24 of Environmental Management Act, 1996 requires environmental and social considerations to be integrated in various development activities in Malawi. The adoption of an ESFP will ensure that potential negative social and environmental impacts are addressed and managed identified risks. The ESFP has been developed to guide the implementation of the project in Malawi, to support the project team, to provide guidance to all project partners on the management of environmental and social aspects of the project and to ensure environmental and social management plans once the project is defined.

The Malawi Bank policies also require that the ESFP is disclosed to the public during project preparation. This public disclosure notice serves to inform all stakeholders and members of the public that socio-economic impact assessments are being conducted at this stage of the project development. The environmental and social management plans once the project is defined.

For Investors to Design, Finance, Construct and Manage an Office Complex for the Malawi Investment and Trade Centre (MITC) Under a PPP Framework

Background
The Malawi Investment and Trade Centre (MITC) is a trade and inward investment promotion agency, established to promote Malawi as a leading destination for FDI and investment initiatives and a home for excellent managed national and multinational operations. MITC operates as a One-Stop Service Centre for business start-ups as mandated by the Investment and Export Promotion Act of 2012. MITC is a public entity managed by the Malawi Investment Promotion Agency (MIPA) and Malawi Export Promotion Council (MEPC). The Centre provides support services to all investors to set up and grow their businesses in Malawi. The objective is to attract FDI and create jobs, socially and politically through the creation of opportunities for fulfilling the national objectives of the MITC.

The Government of Malawi would like to engage a Private Investor to design, construct and manage an office complex for the MITC under a PPP arrangement. In regard, a Design, Finance, Build and Operate Transfer protocol is envisaged for private sector participation in the infrastructure project.

Expenditure of Interest
Accordingly, the Government of Malawi through the PPP Commission is seeking expression of interest from eligible investors with strong qualifications and capabilities in delivering infrastructure solutions under the PPP framework.

In this regard interested eligible investors shall provide the following:

1. Company profile, which includes key activities (core businesses) of the organization and number of years in that business - a resume with photos for each member of the association.
2. Technical, financial and managed capabilities of the investor. The ability to achieve long term financing will be particularly critical.
3. A catalogue of similar projects undertaken during the last five years.

Submissions of Expression of Interest
Interested and qualified investors should submit the Expression of Interest clearly marked "Expression of Interest for the Design, Finance, Construct and Manage an Office Complex for the MITC" to:

The PPP Commission, The Public Private Partnership Commission, 2nd Floor, Liberation Towers, Olympia Jones Road, P.O. Box 937, Blantyre, Malawi.

All submissions to have original and four copies of hard copies and should reach the PPP Commission CEO by 16:30hrs on the 3rd March, 2017. Only shortlisted submissions will be required to submit fully funded proposals.