

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

The Gambia

Electricity Restoration and Modernization Project (GERMP)

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: **IDA-V1120**

**Assignment Title: Developing a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) Implementation
in The Gambia Transmission and Distribution Electricity Network Modernization
in The Greater Banjul Area**

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): GM-NAWEC-207468-CS-CQS

The Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) was based on the outcome of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report of the proposed high voltage (HV) transmission and distribution (T&D) infrastructure (lines, substation and other ancillary facilities) along the Jabang-Brikama corridor in the Greater Banjul Area (GBA) of The Gambia. The different sub-components of the Transmission and Distribution network in the Greater Banjul Area are:

1. 225 kV transmission line in the GBA will be used for transmission purpose, while the 33 kV will remain used for distribution/transmission purpose.
2. Creation of a new 225/33 kV substation (S/S) in Jabang and 33kV in Kotu Tank to develop the meshing of the 33 kV grid nearby Kotu. There are also new 33 kV overhead lines to build from the future 225/33 kV Jabang substation.
3. Create a National Control Center (NCC) at Brikama and improve communication control. From the NCC, it shall be possible to operate remotely and automatically power plants, 225/33 kV substations and 33/11 kV substations.

The Transmission and Distribution network infrastructure in the Greater Banjul Area is one component of the Gambia Electricity Restoration and Modernization Project (GERMP), with the specific aim of generating reliable and renewable energy. GERMP is a \$164 million multi-donor funded project involving the World Bank (WB), European Union (EU) and the European Investment Bank (EIB). Specifically, the development of the Transmission and Distribution network infrastructure is funded by the World Bank.

Currently, the proposed location of the project consists mainly of bushes and shrubs, but also some inhabited areas along the lines from Brikama to Jabang, then from Jabang to Brusubi, Wellingara, Old Yundum and Kotu Tank. Given the above, therefore, the ESIA report recommended the development of a RAP since the project's social risks identified include restricted access to natural resources, loss of land, assets, and livelihoods and can potentially have a negative impact on community social cohesion.

The objective of the RAP, therefore, is to provide guidelines that will ensure that since land acquisition for the project activities is inevitable, resettlement and compensation processes for the lost land and associated assets must be executed in line with the RAP.

The timeline for initiating the RAP implementation will be provided by the PIU. From initiation, the duration of the services will be for six months. The consultant shall help NAWEC PIU in all other matters deemed necessary to implement the RAP in its spirit and entirety.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below:

National Water and Electricity Company Limited (NAWEC) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide

information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Team for the Assignment

The NGO/consultant firm shall dedicate a team of professionals to the site. The constitution of the Core Team and their required qualification and experience shall be as follows.

| Position | Number of Positions | Qualification/Experience |
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| Project Manager / Team Leader | 1 | Project Manager/Team Leader should be a post-graduate, preferably in social sciences with financial management background. S/he should have 10 years' experience in implementation of resettlement plans and development of reports with good knowledge on GIS and mapping of Project affected area and PAP plots of land. S/he should have held responsible position in the previous assignments and should possess participatory management skills. Knowledge of local language (Mandinka) will be a good asset. |
| Social Specialists as Community Facilitators | 2 | The social specialists should have a graduate or post-graduate or equivalent in social sciences with at least five years field experience. They shall have experience in implementation of resettlement in project development works with knowledge of prevailing resettlement policies including WB policies, and knowledge of gender issues and/or GBV. They Should have at least five years of experience in community consultation (including one with demonstrated experience with gender-sensitive consultation approaches and working with women community members to create safe-spaces for discussion). Knowledge of the local language and experience of working in The Gambia are desired. At least one of the social specialists will be a woman to be able to conduct meetings with women, especially as it relates to gender inclusive practices and GBV At least one of the social specialists shall have knowledge about good financial management practices and skills development/training. |
| Land acquisition facilitator | 1 | Should have knowledge of the Gambia's Land Acquisition and Compensation Act and land acquisition process, prevailing resettlement policies including WB policies and its implementation. They should have 5 years working experience on land acquisition issues and facilitating discussions between various stakeholders related to land acquisition. |
| Land Acquisition Specialist | 1 | Should be a graduate or equivalent in the social sciences with five years field experience in Land Acquisition, using maps to identify PAP assets, should have knowledge of prevailing land acquisition and compensation Act and WB policies. |

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 and revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank'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 Consultant's Qualification-based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours:

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 19th January 2021.

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