

# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

## **The Gambia**

### **Electricity Restoration and Modernization Project (GERMP)**

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: **IDA-D3090**

**Assignment Title : Development of a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for three 30 kV MV transmission lines with associated MV T-offs and Distribution Networks for NDR (Niimi – Jokadu) and URR North – Diabugu to Passamas and URR South - Basse Santa su to Fatoto**

**Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): GM-NAWEC-210616-CS-CQS**

The Republic of The Gambia together with the International Development Association (IDA), European Investment Bank (EIB), and European Union (EU), collectively the “Lenders”), is preparing a new energy project to improve the power generation and transmission capacity in the country. The Gambia Electricity Restoration and Modernization Project (GERMP) will increase the generation capacity through renewable sources, reinforce the transmission infrastructure in the Greater Banjul Area, and in the Provinces across the country.

#### **The GERMP consists of the following three components:**

1. **On-grid solar PV with storage:** This component comprises the development of a 20MW solar PV Plant in Jambur village in the Greater Banjul Area. The component will include battery back up to minimize grid absorption concerns.
2. **Transmission and distribution (T&D) restoration and modernization:** This component will include upgrades of the Transmission and Distribution 225 kV line to: (i) absorb the additional generation capacity; (ii) prepare for future capacity expansion including OMVG, other pipeline projects and 30kV MV Backbone lines; (iii) reduce T&D losses; and (iv) make future grid extensions possible. This component also includes activities such as emergency communications campaigns, LED bulbs to replace incandescent bulbs in government offices and replacement of streetlights as part of demand side management initiative, and urgent equipment rehabilitation.
3. **Urgent institutional support for sector turnaround:** This component will involve institutional strengthening, capacity building and project implementation support related to improved operational performance of NAWEC. Institutional strengthening includes 1) twinning with the University of The Gambia for cross-learning; 2) study tour to review environmental and social management systems in other power utilities; and 3) the participation of NAWEC social and environmental specialists in a short-term course on environmental and social management.

The Project site will cover two regions: The North Bank Region and the Upper River Region. This Project will cover the communities not covered by the ECOWAS Regional

Electricity Access Project (ECOREAP) and the Gambia Electricity Access Project (GEAP).

Three lines will be constructed – two in URR and one in NBR:

The first 30kV Transmission line will be in the North Bank named Niumi-Jokadu.

- a) The aim of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) is to include measures to address physical and/or economic displacement depending on the nature of the impacts expected from a project and identify and assess the socio-economic impacts of the planned three 30 kV MV transmission lines with associated MV T-offs and distribution networks for NBR (Niumi – Jokadu) and URR North – Diabugu to Passamas and URR South - Basse Santa su to Fatoto and to prepare an Action Plan to be implemented in line with World Bank 4.12 Operational Policies and Government of The Gambia policies and laws.

The RAP will identify the project affected persons (PAPs), engage them in inclusive, accessible, and participatory discussions regarding the plan, and formulating a plan of action to adequately compensate people or entities for their losses.

The RAP is based on up-to-date and reliable information about (a) the proposed project and its potential impacts on the economically impacted persons and other adversely affected groups, (b) appropriate and feasible mitigation measures, and (c) the legal and institutional arrangements required for effective implementation of resettlement measures.

Project-affected persons (PAPs) may be classified as persons: (a) Who have formal legal rights to land or assets; (b) Who do not have formal legal rights to land or assets but have a claim to land or assets that is recognized or recognizable under national law;<sup>1</sup> or (c) Who have no recognizable legal right or claim to the land or assets they occupy or use.

The expected output is a report that provides detailed information on the scope of adverse social impacts and mitigation measures (resettlement/rehabilitation) actions to be taken by the project. The Consultant is expected to submit to the GERMP PIU the following:

- Inception report describing the procedures and timetable for completion of the RAP preparation process by first week after contract signing
- Report summarizing the preliminary results of the baseline socio-economic survey, PAPs census and consultations with PAPs and other stakeholders (by four weeks after contract signing)
- Draft RAP report (by seven weeks after contract signing).

The main findings of the draft RAP report will be reviewed and cleared by the World Bank, and disclosed publicly by the Government of The Gambia, and the World Bank Infoshop.

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<sup>1</sup> Such claims could be derived from adverse possession or from customary or traditional tenure arrangements.

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

National Water and Electricity Company 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.

#### Qualifications and Experience:

The Consultant team should have a minimum of ten (10) years working experience in social assessment, involuntary resettlement, and other relevant fields, such as the social sciences and gender studies. It is desirable that the consultant team have experience working with international development institutions like the World Bank.

The consultant’s team shall be composed of professionals with experience in socio-economic analysis, including gender-sensitive analysis, surveying, and valuation.

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 Qualification 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

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