



PUNTLAND STATE OF SOMALIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SECOND PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CAPACITY STRENGTHENING PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CONSULTANT SERVICES- INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

Project ID: 151492

Assignment Title: Planning and Budget Specialist/Expert

Reference No: PSS/PFMII /ICS/ 2017/002

1.0 Background

The Ministry of Finance of Puntland is implementing the PFM Project aimed to strengthen the capacity of the Government Institutions. The overall PFM reform objective of the Government is “to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public financial management processes, and systems in order to provide timely, transparent and accurate financial information across the public sector to underpin policy formulation and inform Government decision making in support of service delivery”.

The reforms specifically aims to: Improve transparency and openness of the national budget process; Enhance fiscal discipline through internal and external controls; Focus public expenditure on priority areas of Government programs; Enhance efficiency and effectiveness of public expenditures; and Strengthen overall financial management and accountability.

The PFM reforms are anchored on four platforms: (i) instituting PFM fundamentals for budget credibility; (ii) effective budget execution and financial accountability; (iii) improved policy formulation, planning and budget preparation; and (iv) institutional structures; Strategic Human Resource Management (SHRM); Financial Management Information Systems (FMIS); and cross-cutting issues.

2.0 Overall objective of the consultancy

The objective of the assignment is to assist Puntland State of Somalia in achieving the overall objectives of the project in strengthening capacities for macroeconomic and fiscal forecasting and economic analysis.

The Puntland State of Somalia desires to recruit an Individual consultant to work as a Planning and Budget Specialist /Expert in the Public Financial Management Reform Unit, Ministry of Finance.

3.0 Key responsibilities:

The Consultant, under the Ministry of Finance and the PFM Reform Unit, will be responsible for following tasks:-

3.1 Enhance macroeconomic and fiscal management and policy planning

- i) Review of existing practices and revised macroeconomic forecasting methodology.
- ii) establishing a forecasting routine for key macroeconomic and fiscal variables, and a coordination mechanism between Ministries and Departments involved in macroeconomic analysis and forecasting, including MoF's Budget Department and Revenue Department,
- iii) Planning and Budget Specialist will focus on annual budget formulation, Medium term fiscal framework, budget implementation, training and overall fiscal policy direction of the Government.
- iii) Establishment of basic forecasting tools and guidance leading to the adoption of a Medium-Term Fiscal Framework for three years (2018-2020)

3.2 Strengthening the budget preparation process.

- (i) Review of the current budget formulation calendar and practice;
- (ii) Preparation of revised budget guidelines;
- (iii) Review of budgeting guidelines and budget bid templates for line ministries;
- (iv) Conduct one workshop a year with line ministries to disseminate budget guidelines and guide bid preparation;
- (v) Provide support to the preparation and assessment of line ministries' bids.

3.3 Improving budget dissemination and transparency

- (i) Support an increase in availability and access to fiscal information to the public, and the facilitation of dialogue between the Government, Parliament and non-state actors (businesses and civil society) on macroeconomic and budgetary policies.

3.4 Provision of training to enhance policy planning, and budget process.

(i) Providing training on macro-fiscal analysis and forecasting; policy analysis and principles of budgeting.

4.0 Duration and duty station of the assignment

The assignment is for an initial 12 months – period. The Planning and Budget Specialist /Expert will report to the PFM Coordinator and work closely with the Ministry of Finance to support overall coordination of strategic communications activities geared towards PFM initiatives.

The duty station is Garowe, Puntland

5.0 Qualifications, Experience and knowledge:

The Consultant is expected to have the following qualifications and experience as a minimum:

- Advanced University Degree (Masters or equivalent) in economics, public finance, business administration, or field relevant to the position.
- The budget expert should have at least 10 years’ experience in a similar environment (i.e. in post conflict, or countries in transition) at senior policy level in the areas of: budgeting preparation (including gender budgeting), analysis, execution and public finance matters in transition economies.
- Hands on experience in all aspects of a budget department.

The Project Coordinator now invites eligible **Individual Consultants** to express their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services by submitting their expressions of interest (cover letter, detailed curriculum vitae, copies of academic certificates and any other relevant information.).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011, revised July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s Policy on conflict of interest.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank’s [*Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers*](#) (current edition).

Deadline for submission: The Expression of Interest (EOI) must be delivered to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by Monday 7th August 2017 at 5.00 pm (Puntland time).

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