

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

THIRD PARTY OPERATIONS REVIEW **NATIONAL SOCIO ECONOMIC REGISTRY UPDATE (PHASE – I)**

Country: Pakistan
Project Name: Pakistan Social Safety Net Project (PSSNP)
Implementing Agency: Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)
Consultancy Services for: **Third Party Operations Review of NSER Update (Phase – I)**

Loan No: PSSN Project – Credit No. 5042 – PAK
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This request for expressions of interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in UN Development Business on 10th February 2012.

Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) is the largest social safety net of Pakistan, established under BISP Act 2010 (No. XVIII of 2010) to provide income support and other social protection and safety net measures to economically unprivileged segment of the society. BISP intends to update the existing National Socio Economic Registry (NSER) that was established as a result of the previous Nationwide Poverty Scorecard Survey during 2010/11, in view of poverty dynamics, demographic changes and to cater for inclusion & exclusion factors. The targeting of the beneficiaries will be undertaken in two phases. Phase – I will comprise of sixteen (16) districts across Pakistan for household level survey using “**Computer Assisted Personnel Interviewing (CAPI)**” methodology.

The Government of Pakistan has received Additional Financing from the International Development Agency (IDA - World Bank) towards the cost of the Pakistan Social Safety Net Project which among others, will support Phase – I of the update of National Socio Economic Registry. BISP intends to apply part of the resources for hiring of consulting firms for the above mentioned “**Computer Assisted Personnel Interviewing (CAPI)**” based poverty scorecard survey in following Clusters: -

Cluster – A	Cluster – B	Cluster – C
Punjab	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Sindh
Chakwal	Lakki Marwat	Thatta
Faisalabad	Charsadda	Jacobabad
Layyah	Haripur	Sukkur
Bahawalpur	Federally Administered Tribal Area	Balochistan
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	Mohmand Agency	Killa Saifullah
Mirpur	Gilgit – Baltistan	Nasirabad
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BISP intends to apply part of the resources for hiring of a consulting firm to carry out the Operations Review including “Qualitative” and “Quantitative” evaluations of the progress of firms (Partner Organizations) who would be undertaking “**Computer Assisted Personnel Interviewing (CAPI)**” based poverty scorecard survey, for improving their performance by identifying shortcomings in survey related processes and proposing remedial measures. -

BISP now invites eligible consulting firms/joint ventures of consulting firms to indicate their interest for providing the required services. The services of a consulting firm will be hired to carry out **Operations Review** covering phase-I of NSER Update in all 3 clusters. The eligible

consulting firms are required to demonstrate/provide following requisite information to prove their qualification/eligibility to perform the assignment: -

- a) Complete historical profile of the organization/firm with the information i.e. incorporation certificate, experience, Corporate Profile indicating years of operations, core competencies & management systems etc. [Max. Score = 30]
- b) Details of completed projects of similar nature, size and scale at national, provincial or regional level with requisite information i.e. project description, cost of the project, client, duration and type of association/JV if any. [Max. Score = 40]
- c) Geographical experience/outreach of the firm at national, provincial or regional level. [Max. Score = 15]
- d) Demonstrated capacity/experience of conducting evaluations/assessments, field surveys, research, etc. [Max. Score = 15]

The attention of interested Consulting Firms 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](#) January, 2011, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consulting Firms are encouraged to make association(s) (sub-consultancy) or Joint Ventures (JVs) to enhance their qualifications/capacity. Firms interested to participate in JV should submit information for each partner, which will be assessed independently regardless of capacity/experience of the other partner. For firms in arrangement of lead sub-consultant, only the experience and capacity of lead firm will be assessed. However, such arrangement should be clearly mentioned in Expressions of Interest Response.

A consultancy firm will be selected through **“Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method”** in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's **Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011**, (as amended from time to time). Method set out in the Consultant Guidelines can be perused at the website: www.worldbank.org/procure.

The potential firms participating for both activities i.e. Targeting/Survey and Third Party Operations Review, will be given an option to choose either one to avoid Conflict of Interest at the stage of evaluation of Technical Proposals and before opening of Financial Proposals.

Further information may be obtained at the address given below during office hours from 0800 to 1300 hours (Pakistan Standard Time (PST)). This REOI is also available on the websites www.ppra.org.pk or www.bisp.gov.pk.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by post) by or before 1300 hours on **18th February, 2016** which shall be opened on same day at 1330 hours in the presence of representatives of consulting firms who may choose to be present.

The assignment title of the consultancy should be clearly written on the front of the envelope or in the subject line.

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