

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

IRRIGATION SCHEMES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN UNYAMA, NAMALU AND SIPI
REGIONS, UGANDA

WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE THE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT
PLAN PREPARATION FOR 3 CATCHMENT AREAS OF UNYAMA, NAMALU, AND
SIPI IRRIGATION SCHEMES AS WELL AS DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF WORKS
FOR SOIL EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES IN KEY HOT SPOT AREAS OF THE
3 CATCHMENT AREAS**

Mode of Financing: *Instalment Sale and ISFD Loan*

Financing No. *UGA -1038*

The Republic of Uganda has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Irrigation Schemes Development Project in Unyama, Namalu and Sipi Regions, Uganda and intends to apply part of the proceeds for these consultant services.

The services include:

1. Critical review of available data (demographic data, water consumption, wastewater generation pattern, solid waste production, rainfall and climate data, forecast of future developments), computer models, GIS information, available documentation (prior studies and reports) that relate to the respective irrigation catchments.
2. Conduct stake holder identification and analysis, establish and facilitate the formation or strengthening of catchment management plans at both the community and the catchment level.
3. Conduct a Catchment situation analysis including a natural resource assessment within the respective catchments for the 3 irrigation schemes.
4. Carry out a Strategic Social and Environmental Assessment (SSEA) of the catchment to identify major social and environmental issues, including particular climate related risks, that must be taken into account in the planning process and that could affect the plans' outcome. The aim is to ensure that these issues are integrated into the planning process at an early stage.
5. Evaluate options for natural resource development and management and formulate alternative plans; the consultant will, in close consultation with stakeholders, compile the possible sets of options (i.e. scenarios) for investment or management actions to address issues and problems highlighted and to tap into opportunities.

6. Determine the costs of each set of options and variations or alternatives as appropriate, and estimate the economic, social and environmental benefits.

The Consultant will utilize the information generated above to identify hot spot areas for tackling soil erosion due to flooding. Cost effective designs shall be prepared. A detailed design of the civil works will be shared, and agreed upon by the different stakeholders, including affected communities. The construction of the civil works for soil erosion control structures shall be supervised under this contract.

The Duration of the Consultancy Services shall be nine (9) calendar months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) for the assignment shall be obtained from the address indicated below or the Ministry of Water and Environment website (www.mwe.go.ug)

The Ministry of Water and Environment now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). The shortlisting criteria is:

1. Be a recognized as consultant firm in a consortium legally registered/ recognized to conduct consultancy activities in Uganda;
2. Experience of at least two (2) similar assignments of similar scope, nature and value.
3. Demonstrate experience in conducting and preparing Catchment Management Plans or related studies with a minimum of 5 years’ experience in addition to prior experience in identifying key hotspots for erosion and sedimentation and proposing feasible mechanisms for control, Water Balance Study and simulation model, Natural Resource Assessment, Strategic Social and Environmental Assessment, designs of soil erosion control structures
4. Experience in similar conditions with at least one (1) project in Sub-Saharan Africa or other countries in the world at similar level of development as Sub-Saharan Africa. **Note: Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage**

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the “Procurement Guidelines”), setting forth IsDB’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 Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS – National firms) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultant Services under IsDB Project Financing (April 2019, revised in February 2023) and is open to all eligible bidders.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours **09:00 to 17:00 hours** (local time) Monday to Friday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person or Courier to the address provided below, **by 11th July 2024, 11:30am.**

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