

**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 FOR CONDUCTING THE AGRI BUSINESS NEEDS
ASSESSMENT SURVEY IN THE CATCHMENT DISTRICTS OF THE 3 IRRIGATION
SCHEMES OF SIPI, NAMALU AND UNYAMA**

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: a detailed review of the current status of agribusiness opportunities along the apiculture, rice, horticulture and aquaculture value chains, i) desk reviews of all relevant documents obtainable from government ministries, authorities, local governments, producer organizations, processors and traders/associations; ii) key informant interviews with identified market chain actors and enablers; iii) stakeholders' consultations; iv) analysis of the collected data; v) generation of a series of recommendations against study objectives that will inform the project on the required key agribusiness interventions for rice, apiculture, horticulture and aquaculture enterprise value chains necessary for youth/women job opportunities.

The Duration of the Consultancy Services shall be three (3) 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 independent consultant or consultant firm in a consortium legally registered/ recognized to conduct consultancy activities in Uganda;

2. Experience in conducting agricultural/agribusiness needs assessments or related studies with a minimum of 3 years' experience in addition to prior experience in aquaculture, apiculture and youth in agriculture is a must.
3. Demonstrated ability to collect and synthesise qualitative and quantitative data, and to deliver preliminary analysis of data as evidenced in previous data sets and project reports.
4. At least two related assignments handled by the firm/organization in conducting agricultural value chain empowerment and evaluation activities as well as value chain analysis (production, value addition, marketing, consume preference and investment studies) for the four commodity value chains (Rice, Aquaculture, horticulture and aquaculture). Sufficient knowledge and understanding of the apiculture, aquaculture, rice and horticulture value chain development challenge is a must. **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 by courier to the address provided below, **by 9th July 2024, 11:30am.**

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