



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consulting Firms: Gender, youth, disability and nutrition mainstreaming training needs analysis and training for PMU and Service Providers

1. **Introduction:** The Ministry of Local Government, Unity, and Culture rolled out a six-year initiative, the Transforming Agriculture through Diversification and Entrepreneurship (TRADE) Programme, a follow-up to the Rural Livelihoods and Economic Enhancement Programme (RLEEP). Funded by IFAD and OFID, TRADE aims to elevate the sustainable livelihoods of rural Malawians. The programme encompasses several objectives. For details and terms of reference: www.tradeprogramme.org
2. **Assignment Overview:** TRADE programme seeks to engage the services of a consultant who has a strong background in gender equality, disability inclusion, youth empowerment and nutrition-sensitive agriculture interventions in the context of agricultural value chain development. The consultant will conduct a training needs analysis for PMU and its service providers in component 1.2 and deliver an evidence-based training session for the PMU and the Service Providers. The assignment aims to strengthen the capacity of PMU and service providers to implement the programme in a way that will bring economic empowerment, reduce the workload burden and enhance the voice and influence of women, youth and persons with disabilities while improving nutrition outcomes among beneficiary households.
3. **Two-Stage Process**
 1. Submission of Expression of Interest.
 2. Shortlisted candidates will be prompted to submit detailed project proposals.

Key Deliverables:

- Inception report.
- Training needs analysis report
- Training materials and training schedule
- Delivery of training
- Training report

4. Consulting Firms' Credentials:

Applying firms should:

- Possess legitimate registration and a history of similar assignments.
- Assemble a team of experts as specified in the EOI form to be accessed on www.tradeprogramme.org
- Submit CVs of the team leader and primary experts.

5. **Assignment Specifics:** Location: (Lilongwe, Ntchisi, Mchinji, Kasungu, Nkhatabay, Karonga, Chitipa, Thyolo and Blantyre) *Duration: 40 days*, inclusive of the final report submission.

6. **Selection Method:** The selection will adhere to Quality - and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) standards, following Malawi Government's procurement guidelines and the IFAD Procurement Handbook.

7. Additional Details & Submission:

- Queries should be directed to TRADE at procurement@tradeprogramme.org before 25th February, 2024. TRADE programme will have no obligation to respond to questions submitted after this date. Responses to all questions received by the 25th February, 2024 will be published on the TRADE programme website.
- The detailed written Expression of Interest must be delivered through hard copies only by 29th February, 2024 before **16:30** (Malawi Time) clearly indicating the description of the assignment. All applicants are requested to use the application form.
- All applications should be addressed to:

The National Programme Coordinator, TRADE Programme, Plot No. 9/ 328, Off Mchinji Road/ Multichoice Road, P.O. Box 2135, Lilongwe.

Note: Ensure to adhere to the guidelines provided and check the website for comprehensive details.

