



POVERTY REDUCTION FUND III - ADDITIONAL FINANCING

IDA-AF Credit No. 6506, Project No. P168620

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) For Consulting Services to Micro-Finance Officer

The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank towards the cost of the Poverty Reduction Fund III - Additional Financing and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments for hiring the Consulting Services to Micro-Finance Officer.

The Micro-Finance Officer (MFO) is responsible for developing and monitoring microfinance system to be applied under Component 4: Livelihood and Nutrition of PRFIII AF. MFO's main responsibilities include a) developing Lao contextualised microfinance guidelines to be ultimately applied by Self Help Groups (SHGs), Village Self Help Groups Management Committees (VSMCs) and Production Groups (PGs), building capacity and supervising District Coordinator, M&E and Livelihood (DCMEL), District Finance, Administration and Micro-Finance Officers (DFAMOs) and Young Graduates (YGs) to enable them to effectively work with and support the target groups (SHGs, PGs and VSMCs) through Village Livelihood Coordinators (VLCs). MFO is also expected to establish and maintain relationship and knowledge sharing with all national and donors organizations involved in micro-finance programs in Laos.

The Poverty Reduction Fund Project now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information including CV with description of similar assignment demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The Consultants eligible to apply for the Micro-Finance Officer include the following:

- Master's Degree in Accounting, Finance, Economics or Statistics, Micro-Finance, Community Development, Economic Development;
- Minimum of 5 year experience in rural microfinance training and technical assistance, and 3 year experience in participatory planning and establishment of self-help management groups;
- Comprehensive knowledge of SHGs best practices, especially with regard to the provision of financial services in rural areas for agricultural and non-agricultural activities;
- Good understanding of microfinance sector development principles and approaches, the different types of financial institutions and their services;
- Knowledge of participatory approaches for capacity building;
- Excellent report writing and communication skills in Lao and English;
- Ability to work in a multicultural setting;
- Understanding of gender mainstreaming is preferred.

The successful consultant will be selected under Individual method in accordance with the procedures set out and the attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14 to 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018, which can be found at the website: www.worldbank.org/procure.

Further information including Terms of Reference can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08:00 to 16:00 hours, from Monday to Friday (Standard Lao PDR time), or visit <http://prflaos.org/vacancy>.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by 16:00 hour no later than 12nd May 2021.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below:

Attention to: Procurement Unit, Poverty Reduction Fund III - Additional Financing
C/o Prime Minister Council's Office
Sisavat Village, Nahaidiew Road, Chanthaboury District, Vientiane Municipality, Lao PDR
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