



WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION
ORGANISATION OUEST AFRICAINE DE LA SANTE
ORGANIZAÇÃO OESTE AFRICANA DA SAÚDE

RECRUITMENT OF A (FIRM) FOR THE FINAL EVALUATION OF THE ECOWAS SWEDD PROJECT (OOAS + UNFPA-WCARO) IMPLEMENTED FROM APRIL 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Reference number: **BF-WAHO-BF-455347-CS-CQS**

1- Introduction

The West African Health Organization is the specialized health agency of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

The mission of the West African Health Organization (WAHO) is to provide the peoples of the region with health care of the highest quality, anchored in the harmonized policies of member states, the pooling of resources and cooperation between member states and other countries and partners for a collective and strategic fight against health problems in the region;

In accordance with the mandate given to it by the ECOWAS Heads of State and Government, WAHO ensured the regional coordination of the project and supported the implementation of regional interventions. To ensure the project's implementation, the World Bank allocated **twenty-seven million (USD\$27 million)** to WAHO, including: **5 million for SWEDD-1, 22 million for SWEDD-2**, including **6.14 million** for WAHO's own activities, and **15.98 million USD** to enable it to provide technical assistance to countries through a memorandum of understanding with the UNFPA Regional Technical Secretariat (STR/UNFPA/WCARO);

The development objective of the SWEDD project is to “Accelerate the demographic transition, the control of fertility, maternal and infant mortality - in order to trigger the demographic dividend: economic growth, and the reduction of gender inequalities in the Sahel region”. The three components of the project are: (i) Increasing the demand for reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and nutritional health (RMNCH) services by promoting social and behavioral change and the empowerment of women and adolescent girls; (ii) Strengthening regional capacities to improve the supply of RMNCH products and skilled personnel, and (iii) Promoting political commitment and policy-making capacities.

In order to fulfill its mission, the West African Health Organization has received funding from the World Bank (WB) to implement the Women's Empowerment and Demographic Dividend in the Sahel (SWEDD) project and intends to use part of the funds to finance the recruitment of a firm for the final external evaluation of the ECOWAS SWEDD project (WAHO + UNFPA-WCARO) implemented from **April 2015 to December 31, 2024**.

2- Service description

The Consultancy Services (“the Services”) consist of:

- Analyze the relevance of the project's development objective and the institutional arrangements for its implementation;
- Determine the level of performance in terms of coordination, programming, physical execution,



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fiduciary, and monitoring and evaluation of the project;

- Assess the performance of the technical partner (STR/UNFPA/WCARO) in its support to countries;
- Collect difficulties encountered, challenges, best practices and lessons learned in project implementation;
- Propose recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of SWEDD+ project implementation.

3- Mission duration

The estimated duration of the evaluation mission is a maximum of 40 calendar days, which may not exceed the project closing date of December 31, 2024.

4- Documents to be submitted

WAHO now invites eligible firms of consultants (“Consultants”) to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants shall provide information demonstrating that they have the relevant qualifications and experience (documentation on the firm and its areas of expertise, references on the execution of similar contracts in the past) to provide the Services. References must be substantiated (contracts, certificate of completion, etc.). Candidates must submit a summary table including past experience, references, mission purpose, client addresses, contract costs, years of completion and duration.

Interested consultants (firms) are invited to submit an expression of interest file including:

- A duly signed letter of expression of interest,
- A copy of the trade register or statute,
- A presentation of the list of permanent staff, including the organization chart with details of the current position held in the company,
- A list of the most important achievements in the field concerned over the last ten years (justified as indicated above),
- If the firm is a consortium, a copy of the consortium agreement signed by all its members, or a letter of intent to form a consortium if their proposal is selected, signed by all its members and accompanied by an indicative project for the consortium agreement.

5- Qualifications

WAHO is seeking the services of a consulting firm with relevant experience in project/program evaluation, including projects/programs financed by technical and financial partners, including the World Bank, over the past ten years. The firm must have experience in executing/evaluating regional projects/programs, and experience in the health sector.

Consultants interested in the assignment are invited to refer to section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's “Procurement Rules for Borrowers Seeking Investment Project Finance (IPF)”, fifth edition, September 2023, which describes the World Bank's policies on conflicts of interest.

Consultants can associate with other consultants in the form of a group of firms in order to strengthen their qualifications.



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6- Selection method

The consultant (firm) will be selected on the basis of the Selection Based on Consultant Qualifications (CQS) method in accordance with the World Bank's "Procurement Rules for Borrowers Applying for Investment Project Financing (IPF)", fifth edition, September 2023.

7- Criteria for short-listing are

- Relevant experience in project/program evaluation across all funding sources and all fields during the last ten years: **30 points**
- Relevant experience in evaluating projects/programs financed by the World Bank during the last ten years: **30 points**;
- Relevant experience in project/program evaluation in the health sector during the last ten years: **30 points**;
- Permanent staff in the normal operation of the firm: **10 points**.

In the event of a tie, the consultant (firm) with the most experience in the health sector will be preferred.

8- Other information about the submission

Interested consultants (firms) may also obtain further information on the reference documents from the e-mail address below, during working times, **Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 16:00**: procurement@diffusion.wahooas.org

They can also download the terms of reference or this notice of expression of interest from the WAHO website: <https://data.wahooas.org/tenders/tenders/list>

Interested and duly qualified consultants (firms) are invited to express their interest by submitting their request electronically to <https://data.wahooas.org/tenders/tenders/list>

The deadline for receipt of applications is **November 11, 2024 at 12:00 GMT**.

The costs of preparing and sending the expression of interest are to be borne by the consultant (firm).

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