





## Republic of Sierra Leone Ministry of Finance Public Debt Management System REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SERVICE

RECRUITMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PUBLIC DEBT AND GENDER IMPACT ON PUBLIC DEBT MANAGEMENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LREONE

**COUNTRY: Sierra Leone** 

NAME OF PROJECT: Enhancing Efficiency in Public Debt Management Institutional

**Support Project (EEPDMIS)** *Insert sector:* **Debt Management** 

Financing Agreement reference: 5900155018308

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The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Finance (MoF) has received from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Enhancing Efficiency in Public Debt Management Institutional Support, and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for the Recruitment of Individual Consultant for the Provision of Consultancy Service to Undertake A Study on Socio-Economic Impact For Public Debt and Gender Impact on Public Debt Management for the Government of Sierra Leone.

The overall objective of the EEPDMIS Project is to contribute to macro-economic stability resulting from better resource utilization through debt optimization. Specifically, the Project will promote effective and efficient public debt management operations and practices through improved institutional frameworks, enhanced debt transparency and staff capacity.

The basis for undertaking the study is to assess the impact of public debt on gender, particularly on women and children. Public debt burden triggers high debt servicing costs which have The potential to crowd out spending in social sectors which are meant to protect women and the vulnerable. The study would assess the path of public debt in Sierra Leone

and implications for gender parity and protection of critical spending meant to promote the welfare of women and girls. The study would recommend appropriate fiscal adjustment to ensure an appropriate balance between public debt management and promoting the interest of women and girls.

## **Objecting of the Consulting Assignment**

The main objective of the study is to assess the socio-economic impact of public debt on gender, particularly on women and girls. The study would proffer policy actions aimed at managing public debt without undermining the gender parity and social protection for women and girls.

## **Scope of Consulting Assignment**

The research/study to be undertaken must be limited to public debt management in Sierra Leone and socio-economic implications for women and girls, without delving into the implications of debt build-up on other sections or interest groups in Sierra Leone.

## 1.4 Expected Deliverables

The consultant must produce a well written research paper with ingredients that makes it worthy of publication in any renowned Journals. This must be accompanied by a comprehensive report on the process, and this must be submitted to the Project Coordinator.

It is proposed this activity will be conducted with Eight (8) Weeks

The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Finance (MoF) now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's *Procurement policy dated October 2015*, which is available on the Bank's website at <a href="http://www.afdb.org">http://www.afdb.org</a>. MOF is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

Interested consultants may obtain further information including the Terms of Reference at the address below during office hours:

Attention: The Head of Procurement OR Project Coordinator, Project Fiduciary Management Unit (PFMU) 13<sup>TH</sup> Howe Street, Former World Bank Office 3<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Freetown

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Expressions of interest must be written in English and delivered to the address below by 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at 17:00 hours local time and mention RECRUITMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY ON SOCIO -ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PUBLIC DEBT AND GENDER IMPACT ON PUBLIC DEBT MANAGEMENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE".

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