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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT TO GOOD GOVERNANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH (GEEM-IG) PROJECT

Grant Agreement reference: 5900155009354

Project ID No.: PS-SS-KF0-003

The Government of South Sudan has received financing from the African Development Fund toward the cost of the Institutional Support to Good Governance and Capacity Building in Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Project, and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to payments under the contract for the provision of Grant Management Services for Potential Women Entrepreneurs Groups.

The services involved under this consultancy include but not limited to managing the calls for proposal from the women entrepreneurs, communicating the results of the evaluation of the proposals to the national Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, managing financial and skills literacy programs to the selected groups; monitoring and advising on the management of the implementation of the projects by the women entrepreneurs; and rendering narrative and financial reports to the Grant Management Office at the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare in Juba.

The South Sudan Women Entrepreneurs Grant shall contribute to the overall objectives of the GEEM-IG Project to address poverty and inequality as a key driver to socio-economic fragility by strengthening efforts to empower women and increase their participation in economic activities.

The South Sudan Women Entrepreneurs Grant shall be established based on a Results-based management approach, and will set clear objectives and outcomes that focus on the results of the interventions on people and systems, as well as indicators with targets and baselines used to assess measurable progress towards desired results/impact.

Through the financing from African Development Bank, the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, intends to engage the services of an experienced consultancy NGO to manage a grant on its behalf in form of delivering supplies and equipment to eligible women entrepreneurs in six (6)

states of South Sudan. This will entail support to entities relevant for women's economic participation, which will build upon previous interventions by other partners such as World Bank which has previously provided some support that allowed Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare (GCSW) to disseminate grants to a number of women groups who started small businesses in all previous ten states.

This grant will be managed through a call for proposals for women's entrepreneur organized groups which will also involve financial literacy and training programs for women groups in terms of capacity building and training in business skills and cottage industry development. The GIA will manage the process for the call for proposals in coordination with the national, state and local government levels. The grant management is expected to be managed and completed over a period of 12 months, which will involve supervision by the national and state Ministries of Gender, Child and Social Welfare.

The Ministry of Finance and Planning 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.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants" (May 2008 Edition, Revised July 2012), which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours between 08:30 AM and 05:00 PM East African Standard Time on working days.

Expressions of interest must be delivered or e-mailed to the address below by **15th July 2019** at **4:00 PM** East African Standard Time and mention "Expression of Interest for Grant Management Services for Potential Women Entrepreneur Groups".

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