



NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Maseru, Lesotho
June 8, 2022

RE - Procurement 2: Health Systems Strengthening, Primary Health Care and Counter Gender-Based Violence Support

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) awards eligible countries with fixed-amount, fixed-term (five year) grants (“compacts”) for a defined set of projects aimed at reducing poverty through economic growth (the Program). Country ownership of compacts and programs is a core part of MCC’s model and influences a great deal of MCC’s work. MCC supports country ownership through the establishment of a local team of professionals for each compact, typically called a “Millennium Challenge Account” or “MCA”, a body charged with compact implementation.

The MCC and the Government of Lesotho (GoL) signed the US\$ 300 million multi-sectoral Lesotho Health and Horticulture Compact (the Compact) in March, 2022. The Lesotho Millennium Development Agency (LMDA) will continue to represent the Government of Lesotho in matters related to the Compact and this Request for Information (RFI) until such time as the Government establishes the Millennium Challenge Account-Lesotho II (“MCA-Lesotho II”) to serve as the accountable entity for implementing the Compact.

To implement the Health Strengthening Systems (HSS) Project, the LMDA intends to procure the services of a number of consulting firms to provide the necessary technical services and support to the Ministry of Health (MOH) and other partners/stakeholders. Within this package of support to the GoL, the Compact will provide approximately US\$75 million to support systems strengthening within the health sector through the HSS Project. The overall objective of this HSS Project is to improve health outcomes through strengthening Lesotho’s Primary Health Care (PHC) system. It is anticipated that this support will assist the GoL to:

- Provide high quality PHC services, including clinical services and those targeted at survivors of Gender-Based Violence (GBV); and
- Improve management and support services to deliver PHC primarily at the district level.

Prior to the formalizing of the procurement process, the LMDA hereby publishes this RFI to get feedback from potential Offerors on certain key aspects of the terms of reference.

LMDA now invites responses to the RFI from legally constituted consulting firms and other organizations (Offerors).

Offerors interested in receiving the RFI and willing to submit responses should register by sending an e-mail with the subject (**Request for HSS_PHC_GBV Support RFI**) to the Procurement Point of Contact, Zenobia Maddy (Ms.), Interim Procurement Agent for the Lesotho Millennium Development Agency, Email: zenobia.maddy@crownagents.co.uk with a copy to: LMDA Interim Procurement Director - Malehlohonolo Lefothane, lefothanem@lmda.org.ls.

Deadline for submission of responses to the RFI is **5:00 pm SAST (GMT+2)**, on **June 24, 2022**.