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	PROJET D'HARMONISATION ET D'AMELIORATION DES STATISTIQUES EN AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST ET DU CENTRE (PHASAOC-SOP1) (P178497)	

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTICE No. 04/ECOWAS/DRS/HISWACA/2024

Start date: 02 February, 2024End date: 15 February, 2024

Titre: Recruitment of a Demography and Social Statistics Expert, including poverty

I. OBJECTIVES

The ECOWAS Commission has embarked on an “ex-ante” and “ex-post or product harmonization” statistical harmonization process, with a view to having reliable and comparable statistical data within the community. Within the framework of this process, the ECOWAS Commission has received a financial Grant from the World Bank under the implementation of the Harmonizing and Improving Statistics in West Africa Project (HISWA). This Project, which also falls in line with the implementation of the 2017-2026 Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA2) adopted by the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the African Union (Decision EX.CL/Dec.987(XXXII) of January 2018, aims at strengthening the statistical systems of participating countries and regional organisations in West Africa for harmonizing, producing, disseminating and improving the use of basic economic and social statistics.

The ECOWAS Commission has a vast project underway to produce demographic, social and poverty-related data.

The ECOWAS Commission faces an enormous challenge in producing demographic, social and poverty-related data and promoting the harmonization of statistics in the West African region. To implement these activities, the ECOWAS Commission’s Directorate of Research and Statistics is recruiting a qualified consultant in demography, social studies and poverty.

The consultancy services include the elements listed below for an initial contract period of one (1) year renewable based on satisfactory performance. The consultant will be based full-time at the Project Management Unit (PMU) in the office of the Directorate of Research and Statistics of the ECOWAS Commission in Abuja.

The activities to be carried out by the Demography, Social Studies and Poverty Expert are as follows:

- Define a harmonized framework for the general population census;
- Support countries in calculating GPHC indicators;
- Identify women’s marital status (married, divorced, single and widowed) according to age groups, the level of education and/or employment in each member country’s rural and urban areas;

- Identify women's economic status (paid labour, unpaid employment and unpaid work that contributes to maintaining households) in urban and rural areas, while identifying gender-based disparities within the region;
- Propose harmonized methodologies for demographic and social surveys;
- Diagnose the household living conditions survey, and;
- Propose a harmonized community methodology for calculating poverty thresholds and the various poverty profiles.

The specialist in demography, social studies and poverty, in collaboration with other ECOWAS professionals, will support the strengthening of national statistical systems by providing relevant modern tools for the management of social statistics.

The ECOWAS Commission is, through the Directorate of Research and Statistics, inviting interested, eligible and qualified candidates (Individual Consultants) to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested consultants must provide information (*documentation in English, French or Portuguese in Word and PDF format*) demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services (references concerning the execution of similar contracts, copies of diplomas, attestations, certifications, etc. ...).

II. PROFILE OF THE CONSULTANT

The candidate for this position must have the following qualifications:

- Hold a Master or Engineering degree in demography, or any other equivalent degree with a specialization in socio-demographic statistics (demography, gender, measuring the progress of societies, etc.);
- Have at least 5 years' practical experience in socio-demographic statistics (demography, gender, measuring the progress of societies);
- Be able to work in a team, to communicate, to lead meetings and to facilitate training workshops and seminars;
- Have a perfect command of one of ECOWAS' official languages and be able to work in a second language;
- Master computer tools and statistical data processing software;
- Master household living conditions surveys and poverty data processing;
- Have participated in the design of a social survey;
- Be able to work under pressure, and;
- Perform any other tasks assigned by the hierarchy.

Applications will be assessed based on the following evaluation criteria and rating scale:

No.	Evaluation criteria	Rating scale
I	General qualifications (education and experience)	20 points
I-1	Hold a Master or Engineering degree in demography, or any other equivalent degree with a specialization in socio-demographic statistics (demography, gender, measuring the progress of societies, etc.)	5
I-2	Have at least 5 years' practical experience in socio-demographic statistics (demography, gender, measuring the progress of societies)	15

II	Specific experience relevant to the assignment	60 points
II-1	Master household living conditions surveys and poverty data processing	20
II-2	Have practical experience of at least 05 years in the exploitation, analysis and publication of sociodemographic surveys (demography, gender, measurement of societal progress).	20
II-3	Have participated in the design of a social survey	20
III	IT and language skills	20 points
III-1	Master computer tools and statistical data processing software	10
III-2	Be proficient in a second ECOWAS language	10
TOTAL SCORES		100 Points

Remark: Compulsory prerequisites to be met include the presentation of attestations of service rendered as regards the execution of contracts for similar missions, studies and/or activities in connection with the assignment. Similar services that are not backed with legible cover sheet copies and signatures for contracts performed and certificates of successful completion will not be taken into consideration in the evaluation.

III. SELECTION METHOD

The consultant will be recruited using the Individual Consultants' Selection method, and in accordance with the Procurement Regulations for Borrowers Applying for Investment Project Financing (IPF), November 2023 revised version.

The selection procedure will be based on a competitive call for applicants and will comprise two phases:

- A pre-selection phase, in which a shortlist of the best-qualified candidates for the assignment is drawn up based on an analysis of received applications, and;
- An interview phase with shortlisted candidates with the highest scores, following which the successful candidate will be invited to negotiations for awarding the contract.

IV. COMPOSITION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Interested candidates must submit a file comprising:

- A cover letter;
- An updated Curriculum Vitae;
- Copies of diplomas/degrees and certificates, and;
- Copies of contracts or certificates for previous services.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below, during office opening hours, **Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

Applications can be submitted by e-mail at the following address: cedeo.phasao.ugp@gmail.com, with a copy to **Mahamadou YAHAYA**, Director, Research and Statistics (HISWA Project Coordinator): mnyahaya65@gmail.com; myahaya@ecowas.int no later than **15th February, 2024 at 4:00 pm GMT.**



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