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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**DACAAR RFP 03 PRF-250 DANIDA 1801-ROI RID4.3 MEU 03.2020****Date: March 17, 2020**

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Request for Proposal for Conducting Research on A-SDGs, NPPs and Triple Nexus

DACAAR invites interested freelance consultants, consultancy firms and NGOs to submit their sealed proposals inside country (Afghanistan) and via email from abroad for Conducting Research on A-SDGs, NPPs and Triple Nexus; details are given below.

The deadline for offer/proposal submission is: March 29, 2020 before 04:00 pm local time.

The Bid Opening Session will be held on March 31, 2020 at 11:00 AM in DACAAR Main Office, Kabul Afghanistan and the bid winner will be notified after the opening session.

Desk Research and Capacity Building on DACAAR's Programmatic Compliance to Afghanistan Sustainable Development Goals, National Priority Programmes and Triple Nexus

Background:

DACAAR is a Danish non-political, non-governmental, non-profit humanitarian and developmental organisation working to improve the lives of the Afghan people since 1984. DACAAR addresses the acute needs of the most vulnerable and support early recovery and sustainable development for all Afghans. DACAAR projects can be categorized under the following four broad thematic areas; a) Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), b) Natural Resources Management (NRM), c) Small Scale Enterprise Development (SSED), d) Women's Empowerment (WE). In addition, DACAAR is an implementing partner in the Citizen's Charter Afghanistan Project (CCAP).

DACAAR targets internally displaced people, returning refugees, and communities affected by conflicts and natural disasters. The early recovery and developmental interventions are aimed at building resilience, enhancing capacity and improving livelihoods for protracted internally displaced people and returning refugees, and their vulnerable host communities. The work considers the specific needs of most-at-risk groups such as women- or youth-headed households, the disabled, the elderly and others marginalized by society.

DACAAR is deeply embedded in the Afghan society and has been working closely with other humanitarian and Developmental stakeholders to ensure its interventions not only meet the immediate lifesaving needs of Afghans but also to increase their resilience and pave the way for their sustainable development. In this context, DACAAR has been trying to broadly align its activities to the National Priority Programmes (NPPs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for Afghanistan. At project implementation level, plans are coordinated with provincial governments to ensure supporting the provincial development plans.

Objectives of the assignment:

The assignment is expected to help DACAAR staff build a greater understanding of the Afghanistan SDGs, triple nexus and NPPs and how its work fits within these broader developmental goals of the Afghan Government. It will provide DACAAR the knowledge platform against which it can assess and measure its contributions to the medium- and longer-term development of the country.

Purpose and intended use of the review:

The research will determine whether and to what extent DACAAR's current programmatic outcomes are aligned to Afghanistan SDGs, and NPPs with clear cut analysis of single, double and triple nexus approaches. It will identify the gaps in DACAAR's alignment to these goals and make strategic recommendations for better linking with these goals and approaches. Further, the review will directly feed into the development of DACAAR's strategic programme framework for the next period (2021-2025).

The training aspect of the assignment, will help DACAAR's grants, programme, M&E and other relevant staff build better understanding of the SDGs, NPPs and their sub-goals and indicators, as well as the Nexus Approach in order to continually consider them in their normal activities. The training will also strengthen the capacity among the Programme and M&E and other relevant staff to learn from and document DACAARs contributions to the SDG's and NPP.

Scope of work:

The consultant will be required to undertake a full research of the available materials on SDGs, NPPs of the Afghan Government and triple nexus in addition to the desk review of key information on DACAAR's programmes and projects and M&E information. The consultant will undertake key informant interviews (KIIs) with relevant stakeholders to build a greater understanding of how SDGs, NPPs and triple nexus are implemented in the country.

Requirements:

The consultants must have:

- Demonstrated understanding of the Afghanistan SDGs and relevant NPPs.
- Experience of previous assignments on A-SDGs and triple nexus is preferred.
- Excellent report writing skills (English).
- Excellent training and capacity building skills.
- Experience, knowledge and clear understanding of the Afghanistan development context.

Methodology:

The consultant will be required to present in their proposal a brief but clear methodology for the review and staff training, and the number of working days needed for the assignment.

Deliverable and timeframe:

The assignment will start on 1st June 2020 (depending on consultant's availability) with an initial briefing by DACAAR senior management team and document preparation. The report shall be prepared in such a way that it can be used by DACAAR staff as a toolkit for project development, implementation and M&E purposes. The report shall further include clear information on the gaps in DACAAR programming in terms of alignment to SDGs, triple nexus and NPPs and make clear recommendation for consideration in the preparation of DACAAR strategic programme framework development. A two-day training in Kabul shall take relevant staff through a full induction to the relevant SDGs, nexus approaches and NPPs to in order for them to build a clearer understanding of the goals, sub-goals, approaches and indicators therein.

Budget:

All costs associated with accommodation, food, local transportation and other logistical costs will be covered fully by DACAAR in line with the organization's policies. The budget should include consultancy fees, air travel expenses to the country (economy class) if applicable, insurance and other necessary costs. Taxes will be levied on the contract in line with the tax Laws of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Proposals:

The proposal must contain: a) a motivation letter, b) a technical proposal detailing approach and methodology the consultant intend to use for the review and capacity building, c) a budget, d) CV of the consultant.

References for previous similar work completed and sample report from a review recently carried out by the consultant will be requested at a later stage.

Taxes:

2% Tax will be levied on the companies that has valid business license and 7% Tax will be levied on the companies that have invalid business license, on individuals who do not have business license and on the consultancy/firm from abroad, will be deducted from the contractor as a withholding tax and DACAAR will pay that amount to Ministry of Finance of Afghanistan. Taxable amount starts from (1 AFN).

Inquiry:

For questions and clarifications, please contact Irshad Alamyar, Head of Fundraising and Communications Department at irshad@dacaar.org. Applications sent directly to this address will not be entertained.

Submission Procedures:

Consultancy/Firm from abroad, can submit soft copy of their bids/proposals electronically on the following email addresses; jamal@dacaar.org or faizullah@dacaar.org

Consultancy/Firm inside Afghanistan, are required to submit the sealed (hard copy) of their bids/proposals to DACAAR Main Office located at Lane No 03, Rd No 12, Qala-e-Fathullah, Kabul, Afghanistan.

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Please note that the subject line of your emails must be (**DACAAR RFP 03 PRF-250 DANIDA 1801-ROI RID4.3 MEU 03.2020**).

For more details, please visit DACAAR Logistics Unit Main Office Kabul, Sunday through Thursday, from 8:00am to 03:00pm. Or contact on below Email Address jamal@dacaar.org or faizullah@dacaar.org

Sincerely Yours,

Manager – Logistics

Date: March 17, 2020

