

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS SELECTION)

**Republic of Moldova
Strengthening the Effectiveness of the Social Safety Net Project
Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family**

Credit No. 5001-MD
Project ID No. P120913

Assignment Title: Consultancy For Ajutorul Social Evaluation And Design

Reference No. CS-S/48/IDA

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Strengthening the Effectiveness of the Social Safety Net Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

This assignment has an objective to provide a review of the accuracy/performance of the targeting mechanism that is in use and to assess the poverty impact; to perform a specific analysis of inclusion and exclusion errors; to update the existing proxy test using data from recent household budget survey, including simulations and setting of parametrical indicators (including income thresholds and income disregards).

The consultant would be required to encompass the following areas:

1. Program evaluation to understand impact on poverty/target group and to provide a review of the accuracy/performance of the targeting mechanism that is in use.
2. Evaluation (assessment and analysis) of the existing proxy test and provision of recommendations for updating proxy test mechanism, including several options and modelling of their impact (coverage, targeting, etc).
3. To explore possibilities on how to use the program mechanism for other types of social payments.
4. Activities to support/promote new proxy set and eventually new policy decisions. These activities can include workshops, conferences and support to mass media events.

The assignment is expected to commence on February 2017.

More details about the assignment are provided in the [Terms of reference](#).

The **Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family** now invites eligible Individual Consultants (“Consultants”). Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The *shortlisting criteria* are:

- Advanced degree in Social Policy and Social Sciences (preferably in Economics), Finance, Public Policy or other relevant degree – up to 15 points.
- At least 7 years of professional experience in the poverty measurement and poverty analysis, formulation of poverty related programs, social assistance cash benefits policy advice – up to 20 points.
- In-depth understanding of social safety net targeting and social transfer mechanisms– up to 20 points.
- First-hand experience in statistic modelling, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of social policies, cash benefits system and targeting mechanisms – up to 25 points.
- Excellent writing and good analyzing aptitude. Proven experience in conducting high quality analysis and producing high quality reports in the areas of this Terms of Reference – up to 10 points.
- Knowledge and experience of work with national social assistance system/cash transfers system will be an advantage – up to 10 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants \[under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants\] by World Bank Borrowers](#) edition January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 9.00 to 17.00 hours Chisinau time.

Expressions of interest shall be presented in English and include a professional CV and cover letter. Applications may be delivered in paper (in person, or by mail) or digital form (by email) to the address below by February 9th, 2017, 10.00 A.M. Chisinau time.

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