

Consulting Services – Individual Consultant’s Selection

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

**Credit No. 5001-MD
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Assignment Title: Consultant for Revision of national methodology of poverty measurement

Reference No. CS-S/32/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. Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family (MLSPF) as an implementing agency for the project intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Consultant will be hired by MLSPF and will work with National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

NBS is the main provider of the official statistical data, including data on poverty statistics. Currently, the “basic needs” approach is being used to monitor the poverty in the country.

According to the Government Decision no. 851 as of 15 August 2005 regarding “Setting up of monitoring and evaluation poverty system”, National Bureau of Statistics is responsible for construction and annually updating of poverty line, and basic indicators of poverty profile. Ministry of Economy is in charge to produce every year the Briefing note on poverty and the Analytical Report on Poverty and Policy Impact. For this purpose, Ministry of Economy has the access to the micro data of Household Budget Survey, which is main source of information for estimation of poverty in the country.

As the level of wellbeing of population has being improved since 2006 there is a need to assess to what extent the current used approach to estimate the poverty in the country is still relevant and what should be improved in order to have updated poverty estimates.

The objective of the assignment is revision of methodology for poverty measurement.

The Consultant’s Role would be responsible for:

- desk review of current methodology for poverty measurement;
- revision of methodology to compute the wellbeing indicator for poverty measurement;
- revision of methodology for setting up poverty line;
- provision of assistance in computation of poverty estimates;
- discussion of the result of evaluation with the main stakeholders.

The Consultant need to coordinate the methodology used with National Bureau of Statistics.

The consultant shall perform the work in close cooperation with National Bureau of Statistics and Ministry of Economy as well as in consultations, at the NBS request, with other relevant institutions.

This assignment expected to commence on February 2016.

The expected level of effort for carrying out this task is about 25 - 30 man-days.

Qualification requirements

- advanced degree in Social Sciences (preferably in Economics), Finance, Public Policy or other relevant degree;
- at least 7 years of professional experience in the poverty measurement and poverty analysis, formulation of poverty related issues, preferably in East or CIS countries;
- first-hand experience in statistic modelling, design, monitoring and evaluation of poverty;
- expertise and experiences of providing policy advice in the domain with track records of advice/engagement in designing and implementing such tasks;
- expertise and experience in providing technical assistance and consulting services in the area of poverty analysis and monitoring;
- relevant expertise and experiences of providing policy advice in the domain with a track records of advice/engagement in designing and implementing such tasks;
- excellent writing and good analysing aptitude. Proven experience in conducting high quality analysis and producing high quality reports in the areas of this Terms of Reference
- knowledge and experience of work with NBS, particularly with HBS, will be an advantage.

Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family now invites eligible individual consultants with international experience to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (with attachment of information regarding projects implemented that are related to the field of assignment) and reference letters from previous clients.

	Shrotlisting criteria	Points
1.	Academic background and professional qualification	20
2.	Adequacy for the assignment	70
3.	Working experience in Moldova, experience with NBS	10

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. The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Of Individual Consultants 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.

All applicants are requested to submit a letter of intention and a professional CV (with attachment of relevant records: information regarding projects implemented (indicating tasks fulfilled) and reference letters from previous clients) in English (on paper or electronically by e-mail) to the address below.

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Deadline for applications is February 5, 2016, 10:00 A.M. (Chisinau time)

Only those selected will be contacted.

[Terms of reference for the assignment](#)