

Clarifications reply

Hiring of a firm/organization for Consultancy Services for Value Chain Analysis for Productive Employment Opportunities of Women and Vulnerable Groups in Bangladesh

Ref. No. RFP-ILO-ProGRESS-2023-007

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Dear Prospective Bidder(s)

We have received following clarifications from some potential bidder(s). Please find ILO's response as well for your understanding and preparation of the submission. Kindly note, to ensure equal opportunity and competition, ILO is sharing this document through ILO website, UNGM portal, etc. where the RFP was published. This document must be treated as an integral part of the RFP proceedings.

Question & Answers:

1. Are you expecting national firms or could also be eligible for a Regional one?
ILO Answer: This is an international open tender, and you can participate if you feel eligible.
2. Page 23, Section 03, Objective of consultancy - As a selected sectors Agriculture is written, is this including agro-processing also? or any specific area of agriculture, please specify.
ILO Answer: Yes, it is including agro-processing.
3. Page 23, Section 03, Objective of consultancy - As a selected sector Care Work is mentioned. Does care work means only health care or the whole care work (paid and unpaid), including domestic care work, nursing and female care workers going abroad? please specify.
ILO Answer: It is whole care work including domestic/going abroad, paid and unpaid.
4. Page 23, Section 03, Objective of consultancy - As a selected sector ICT is mentioned. Do they mean both services and manufacturing? please specify.
ILO Answer: It is ICT- services only.
5. In the first page of the TOR the duration of the assignment has been stated as: 4 months starting from April 2023 to July 2023, but the date will be finalized after completion of contracting process. Later in it mentions "11. DURATION OF THE WORK AND GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: The duration of the assignment will be for 90 days starting from April 2023 but the date will be finalized after completion of recruitment process". We presume, while the assignment duration is 4 months, 90 days is meant to be "working days".
ILO Answer: Yes, the 90 workdays spread over four months.

6. Is the payment of consulting fees under the present assignment free of local direct and indirect taxes (income tax, value added tax, etc.)?

ILO Answer: As an UN Agency, ILO is exempted from Duty and Tax, however, ILO has rebate facility on value added tax (VAT), therefore, bidders need to reflect only VAT in their costing.

7. If the consulting fees are taxable, whether we have to include the taxes in the cost or quote costs and taxes separately?

ILO Answer: ILO will not deduct any Advance Income Tax (AIT) from bill/invoice, therefore, your offer shall not include AIT, however, we encourage to reflect total VAT in your financial offer.

8. If the consulting fees are taxable, whether the evaluation will be based on only fees or on total of cost and taxes together?

ILO Answer: Evaluation is based on total cost, other part of the question answered above.

9. Reference Terms clause 17(a), please confirm the financial weight - is it the financial weight 30 or 20 to be applied?

ILO Answer: Financial weight is 30

10. Reference Para 5. Suggested Methodology, appreciate to kindly forward 'A practical guide and ILO Guidelines for Value Chain Selection and Making the strongest links; and A practical guide to mainstreaming gender analysis in value chain development manuals. We could not find the stuff in the link.

ILO Answer: Guidelines are available in ILO website. Some links are given below:

[ILO Value Chain Development for Decent Work guide, ILO Guidelines for Value Chain Selection](#)

[Making the strongest links: A practical guide to mainstreaming gender analysis in value chain development](#)

[Gender-Sensitive Approaches to Value Chain Development: A Complementary Guide](#)