



**RICE VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
(RVCDP)**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
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Name of project	RICE VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
Sector	AGRICULTURE
Consulting services	TRAINING ON COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS PLANS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF RVCDP
Mode of Financing	ISDB-LOAN
Project code	CMR 1027

The Government of Cameroon has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Rice Value Chain Development Project (RVCDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

The services include:

Strengthening the organisational, Technical and Management capacities of Unions of Cooperatives of the rice value chain in the selected sites of the Northwest, West and Far North Regions.

Specifically

- Provide training on the basics of cooperatives and unions with focus on, governance structures, and democratic decision-making.
- Guide union members on creating detailed business plans, covering the cooperative's goals, strategies, financial projections, and operational plans, including market analysis, financial planning, and sustainability strategies
- Improve knowledge of union members in the areas of credit management, financial planning, sustainable use of financial services etc

The total duration of the consulting services will be 18 months.

The estimated time input (professional staff-months) for the assignment is 48 man-months. The consulting services is expected to start in May 2025.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites: www.rvcdp.org or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MINADER) through the Project Management Unit (PMU) of RVCDP now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are

fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

The shortlisting criteria are:

1. **Experience with similar activities and projects as the consultancy:** at least ten (10) years' experiences as a consultant in similar activities and projects and must have carried out at least five (5) training services of similar scope, and nature, in the last ten (10) years, which have been successfully implemented.
2. **Experience in the country and/or similar geographical areas.** at least three training services of similar projects carried out in Cameroon or other countries with similar conditions, cultural, administrative and government organizations.
3. **Experience with IsDB projects or MDs projects.** Experience in training activities in at least two (2) projects funded by IsDB or other multi-lateral donors successfully implemented.
4. **Nature of the firm:** Provide the firm's organogram to demonstrate the firm's technical and managerial capability as well as the certificate of incorporation of the firm or equivalent to demonstrate the nature of firm and its longevity in business as consultant.

N/B: Key Experts will **not** be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the "Procurement Guidelines"), setting forth IsDB's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection limited to Local Consultants (QCBS/LC) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours on **Mondays to Fridays from 8:00-17:00 hours** (local time).

The period of preparation of expressions of interest is 14 days from the date of publication.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) accompany by the compliance form completed with the required attachments latest on the 29/11/2024. The compliance form can be downloaded at the following website www.rvcdp.org or can be obtained from the address given below.

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