



GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

SIERRA LEONE

DIGITISATION OF GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS IN THE MANO RIVER UNION (DIGIGOV)

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1. The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone has received a grant of UA279,000/USD383,000 from the Transition Support Facility (TSF) Pillar III window of the AfDB to assist in the financing of the project for the digitization of government payments.

The principal objective of the Project is to increase the digitization of transactions pertaining to the public administrations and populations of Sierra Leone. The planned improvements aim to improve the quantity, increase transparency in government transactions and quality of social public investments and access by the populations to basic financial services and also to improve their living conditions and ultimately reduce poverty.

2. The specific objectives of this project are to: The specific objectives of the Project are to: (i) establish a digital payments ecosystem, capable of supporting all types of mass payments to ensure the transparency, security and optimization of public resource management; (ii) allow tax and customs administrations and other government bodies, through digitization and automation, to improve public resource management effectiveness and efficiency as well as transparency; and (iii) encourage the financial inclusion of vulnerable segments of the population by promoting G2P and P2G payments and provide meaningful financial education.

3. The Project includes the following components

Component 1 : Creation of an enabling environment for the digitisation of mass payments

This component involves consultation meetings with the key actors of the ecosystem to ensure their consent and participation as well as build their capacities

Component 2 – Protection of target populations and implementation of a secure payments solution

This component involves: (i) Protection and sensitization of target populations and assistance for consumer protection and awareness raising; and (ii) Coordination of efforts around a secure payments solution which includes supporting the establishment of secure electronic payments infrastructure/platform and supply of light equipment (such as IT equipment)

Component 3 - Project Management , Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation

This component involves scheduling kick-off meetings, project audit and Project monitoring activities including mid-term review, impact assessment and dissemination of outcomes (blogs, webinars and workshops).

4. Procurement of goods and the acquisition of consultancy services and non-consultancy services necessary for the execution of the activities of project for the digitization of Government payments in the Mano River Union shall be undertaken by the Projects Fiduciary Management Unit (PFMU) through the Procurement methods including Individual Consultant (IC) Selection Process, Consultant's Qualification-based Selection (CQS) Process, Request for Quotation (RFQ) for the Supply and Delivery of Goods, Least Cost Selection (LCS) Process for Project Audits for the Investment following African Development Bank's new rules and procedures for the Procurement of Goods and Works and the Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants dated August 2015, using the relevant Bank Standard Bidding Documents as well as National Competitive Bidding procedures where appropriate.

Bidding documents for the project goods and services are expected to be available beginning September 2020.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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