



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(Consulting Services – Firm Selection)

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Country: Republic of Sierra Leone

Name of Project: Integrated & Resilient Urban Mobility Project

Consulting Services: Design of Retroactive Resettlement Action Plan for Sani Abacha and Wilberforce Street Traders

Reference No: SL-MOFED-349259-CS-CQS

Background

Urban mobility is severely impaired by poor infrastructure, poor management of road space, poor/inadequate public transport, and a poor institutional and regulatory framework which is contributing to economic stagnation (2018 Diagnostic Transport Study). Following the Diagnostic Transport Study, the World Bank approved a \$50 million grant to design and implement the Integrated and Resilient Urban Mobility Project in June 2019 under the Ministry of Transport and Aviation (MTA). The project will construct and rehabilitate selected critical infrastructure including bus stops, terminal depot, pedestrian overpasses, and improve selected intersections in East and West Corridors using an Integrated Corridor Management approach and also strengthen the capacity of the government's agencies that are responsible for managing public transport services. Component structure of the project includes;

1. Modernization and professionalization of public transport services including informal private operators
 - 1.1. Quality Bus Service in selected corridors and informal sector professionalization
 - 1.2. Technical assistance to boost innovation in mobility for passenger and logistics
2. Strategic Resilient Mobility Investments
 - 2.1. Integrated Corridor Management
 - 2.2. Resilient Accessibility Improvement
3. Building Human Capital
4. Project Management
5. Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC)

One of the main activities under Component 2 is the upgrading of the road infrastructure on the pilot public transport corridor (Fig 1) and road space management therewith. However, a serious problem on the pilot corridor is the use of road and footpath space for non-traffic purposes, principally for market trading. Along some roads (especially vital links in the network like Sani Abacha Street (Fig 1) and Wilberforce Street), market traders have encroached upon road space, with the effect of reducing motor traffic speed and severe congestion. Therefore, a key success factor for this component will be clearing the corridor within the safeguards policy framework for the project and ensuring sustainability of that action through enforcement and other behaviour change mechanisms.

CONSULTING ASSIGNMENT

This consulting assignment is to prepare a retroactive resettlement action plan for the relocation of the Sani Abacha and Wilberforce Streets traders to the Sewa Grounds facility. The overall objective of the RAP is to provide a robust plan to properly manage the relocation of Sani Abacha Street and Wilberforce Street Traders in conformance with Sierra Leonean laws and World Bank's OP4.12 to maximize project implementation outcomes. Specifically, the consulting assignment will:

1. Coordinate with the PIU in all matters relating to the assignment and discuss overall aspects of the relocation program;
2. Conduct comprehensive stakeholder mapping;
3. Design a RAP for Sani Abacha Street and Wilberforce Street that is consistent with World Bank Operational Policy on Involuntary Resettlement (OP 4.12), applicable national legislation and regulations, and incorporate relevant elements from the Project Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF). and the outline of contents presented in Annex I;
4. Risk matrix with recommended actions
5. Support RAP Implementation.

The Assignment will be divided into two phases. Phase A will involve the design of a RAP and Phase B will require the Consultant to support implementation of the RAP.

SCOPE OF WORK

Phase A

i. Design of RAP

The RAP submitted by the Consultant must be in accordance with and adequately address the requirements of World Bank Operational Policy on Involuntary Resettlement (OP 4.12), applicable national legislation and regulations, and incorporate relevant elements from the Project Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF). It must also sufficiently address the gaps identified and recommended gap-filling measures from the Social Audit exercise, which report shall be shared with the consultant by the client upon completion. As such, the RAP shall follow the outline contained in Annex I. Any deviations from this outline shall be discussed with and approved by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU). The draft and final RAP shall also include:

- Detailed maps of the project site and relocation facility that provide sufficient detail for planning purposes and that depict land use in the area, including residences, businesses, fields, etc.;
- Completed census and asset inventory forms, including livelihoods impacted through economic displacement;
- Records of public consultations and individual consultations; and
- Data sets presenting the results of the Population Census, Asset Inventory, Socio-economic Survey, and other quantitative material; and Photographic evidence of assets and PAPs.

All documents will need to be submitted in Word, databases in Excel and pictures in the JPEG format.

ii. Coordinate with the PIU

The Consultant will at every step of the process coordinate with the Project Implementation Unit and other implementation structures to: (i) update the TOR as may be required and acquire all background information and relevant documentation concerning the Project and the related resettlement issues; (ii) review and reference the Social Audit Report for Sani Abacha Street Traders in order to take cognizance of and address the gap-filling measures recommended in the report; (iii) discuss overall aspects of the relocation program; and (iv) identify any outstanding issues that may need to be finalized or might require corrective action.

iii. Stakeholder Mapping

The Consultant shall identify key people, institutions, and organizations that are affected or implicated by the relocation of the street traders. The Consultant will then map stakeholders based on their level of influence and whether they are directly or indirectly affected.

The project set up the ‘Sani Abacha Street Traders Working Group’ with overall responsibility to support the relocation process and comprises the representatives from relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Traders’ Council and Market Women Association. The Consultant will review the composition and scope of the Working Group and make recommendations to secure buy-in and enhance participation. The consult will work in close collaboration with the group during the design and implementation of the RAP.

iv. Design of Resettlement Action Plan

Based on the Social Audit report, the consultant will design a Resettlement Action Plan in line with the principles, procedures, and processes of the RPF and Annex I. The RAP will address impacts on street traders at Sani Abacha and Wilberforce Streets who would need to be relocated to the Sewa Grounds Open Market facility. The RAP will be subject to standard World Bank review and approval processes to ensure quality and consistency with the Bank’s policies. In addition, the Consultant will establish the cut-off date and notify all PAPs concerned in accordance with OP 4.12 and publicly disclosed the RAP in collaboration with the PIU.

v. Risk assessment

The consultant shall identify key risks to the development and implementation of the RAP, assess the risks and suggest mitigation measures to reduce identified risks to a minimum. This shall be included in the RAP report.

Phase B

The scope of work for Phase B might be revised at the end of Phase A by mutual agreement between the parties, but will generally include the following activities:

i. Implementation support

The services of the Consultant will be retained to support the project in the Implementation of the RAP. The objective of the implementation support is to facilitate implementation of the RAP mitigation measures identified for traders in the RAP document and that these are fully executed in a timely manner and in compliance with best practices. The PIU will lead the implementation process. The Consultant will work closely with the social safeguards team, the Working Group, the Grievance Management Team (GMT), and the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) to implement the RAP.

ii. Monitoring and Evaluation

The consultant shall be responsible for monitoring the progress of RAP implementation against all the indicators that are identified in the RAP and any other recommendation on monitoring activities identified in the RAP. The consultant shall include in his or her monthly progress report, update on the progress made for each of the indicators and facilitate follow up actions to resolve outstanding problems. The consultant shall coordinate with the Safeguards Team on any other impact monitoring that may be required.

DURATION OF CONSULTANCY

The entire assignment shall be completed within six (6) months from contract signing. The consultant shall complete the design phase within two (2) months and the implementation phase within four (4) months. All deliverables must be submitted based on the time frame set in (5) below.

1. KEY DELIVERABLES

Report/Document Submittal	Date Due
Phase A	
Inception Report and Work Plan	2 weeks from Contract Signature
Draft RAP to PIU for review	6 weeks from Contract Signature
Revised Draft RAP to WB	8 weeks from Contract Signature
WB Reviewed draft RAP to Client/Consultant	10 weeks from Contract Signature
Final RAP to WB	12 weeks from Contract Signature
RAP disclosure Report	13 weeks from Contract Signature
Phase B	
RAP Implementation Plan	12 weeks from Contract Signature
First Monthly Progress Report	16 weeks from Contract Signature
Second Monthly Progress Report	20 weeks from Contract Signature
RAP Implementation Completion Report	24 weeks from Contract Signature

The Project Fiduciary Management Unit of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) 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. The shortlisting criteria are: core business and years in business, relevant experience, technical and managerial capability of the firm. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 Revised November 2017, August 2018 and November, 2020 Procurement Regulations setting forth the World Bank’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 Consultant’s Qualification Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information and detailed Terms of Reference can be obtained at the address below during office hours between 09:00 to 16:00 hours or via email at irumobilityproject@gmail.com.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail on or before by **Friday 28th April, 2023 at 11:00 GMT.**

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Please indicate clearly the **Name of the Assignment** in the email subject heading and attachment as only electronic submission will be accepted.