



**REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE

**POST-EBOLA RECOVERY SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND  
(PERSIF) PROJECT**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(CONSULTING SERVICE – NGO SELECTION)**

Issue date: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**UPSCALE CAPACITY BUILDING OF EXISTING GOVERNMENT CASH TRANSFER  
BENEFICIARIES**

Sector: Social Services

RWSSI Trust Fund: **5800155001603**

ADF Grant No: **2100155030969**

Project ID No.: **P-Z1-KZ0-031**

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1. The Government of Sierra Leone, through the Ministry of Social Welfare, is implementing the Post Ebola Recovery Social Investment Fund (PERSIF) project with financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under the contract for consultancy services for Upscale Capacity Building of Existing Government Cash Transfer Beneficiaries and Women Cross-Border Traders in Former EBOLA-Affected Border Communities.
  2. The services to be undertaken under this assignment include:
    - i) Mobilisation (includes identifying and recruiting) registered women-owned Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and women cross-border traders who have previously benefited from the PERSIF project entrepreneurship training. The list of beneficiaries of previous training will be made available by the PERSIF project team.
    - ii) Training of registered women-owned MSME entrepreneurs and women cross-border traders in improved and upgraded Entrepreneurship training modules and Business development plans designed, documented and delivered.
    - iii) Develop and deliver an upgraded entrepreneurship training package comprising modules in Entrepreneurship Training, Basic and Intermediate Financial

Management for SMEs and MSMEs, Business Development, Preparing Business Plans, Functional Literacy and Numeracy to 400 MSMEs.

- iv) Deliver business proposal pitching sessions and business competitions, where successful participants will be rewarded with cash prizes to support their business plans.
  - v) Train, mentor, and support women-owned MSMEs in preparing bankable business plans and financial proposals to attract and access funding from mainstream financial institutions.
  - vi) Select, through a process of competition, successful business proposals of existing beneficiaries and provide them with matching grants to upscale their businesses.
3. The Ministry of Finance, acting as Fiduciary agents through the Project Fiduciary Management Unit (PFMU), now invites eligible consulting NGOs to express their interest in providing the abovementioned services.

Interested NGOs must provide information demonstrating their qualifications to perform the services above successfully (brochures, descriptions of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skilled staff, etc.).

- 4. Eligibility criteria, the establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations" (BPM), dated October 2015", which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. The Ministry of Social Welfare is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.
- 5. Interested NGOs may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM GMT weekdays (Monday – Friday)
- 6. Expression of interest (EOI) must be delivered in hard copy or submitted via email to the address below by Thursday, July 18th, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. (GMT).

EOI must be marked **"Upscale Capacity Building of Existing Government Cash Transfer Beneficiaries and Women Cross-Border Traders in Former EBOLA-Affected Border Communities. - Post Ebola Recovery Social Investment Fund (PERSIF)"**.

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