



INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

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Date 23 May 2019

Country	: MYANMAR
Description of the assignment	: International Consultant
Period of assignment/services	: 50 Working days (June - December 2019)
Duty Station	: Home based, Yangon, travel will be required as necessary
Type of Contract	: International Consultant (Individual Contract)

Proposal should be submitted to the Procurement Unit, UNDP Myanmar, No. 6 Natmawk Road, Tamwe, Yangon or by email to bids.mm@undp.org ; no later than 17:00 PM, **2 June 2019**.

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to the address or e-mail indicated above. Procurement Unit will response in written or by standard electronic mail and will send written copies of the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, to all consultants.

1. Background

Evidence shows a steep decrease in potential amounts of opium produced in Myanmar, the largest opium poppy producer in Asia. On the other hand, the over 116 tons of confirmed methamphetamine seizures in Asia in 2018 represents a 210% increase compared to seizures in 2013. Also, Kachin and Shan (North) are the sites with highest number of people who inject drugs (PWID) and highest HIV and Hepatitis C prevalence.

The downward trend of opium cultivation started in 2014 and this downward trend has continued in 2018 with 37,300 ha of opium poppy, 32% decrease from the 55,000 hectares recorded in 2015. In the two main producing states, Shan and Kachin, the cultivation area decreased by 12 percent from 41,000 hectares in 2017 to 36,100 hectares in 2018. As in previous years, the majority of opium poppy is cultivated in Shan State -nearly 90%- followed at a distance by Kachin State 9%, with negligible cultivation in Chin and Kayah states. The biggest drops in cultivation have been seen in areas that have had relatively good security. However, in parts of Shan and Kachin experiencing a protracted state of conflict, high concentrations of poppy cultivation have continued – a clear correlation between conflict and opium production. The 2018 opium survey report finds that the current value of Myanmar's opiate economy is a noticeable share of the overall national economy, ranging from 1.5%-3.3% of GDP. Where drug- related proceeds comprise a sizeable portion of the total economy of an area or community, dynamics are distorted with unfair competition, skewed income and wealth distributions, and increased corruption. Countering drug production and organized crime networks active in Myanmar are also vital

for providing sustainable peace and security to Shan and Kachin states, and border areas of the surrounding Mekong region.

Law enforcement operations in the Golden Triangle gives evidence to large quantities of methamphetamine, as well as other synthetic drugs, being produced in the Golden Triangle. Between February and March 2018, Myanmar authorities dismantled six large scale drug manufacture facilities in Kutkai, Northern Shan State. Flows of foreign transnational organized crime groups to Shan State, Myanmar, have become a great concern in the country. This trend appears to have led to increases in the production of and trafficking in methamphetamine and other synthetic drugs, such as ketamine.

Kachin and Shan (North) are the sites with highest number of people who inject drugs (PWID) and highest HIV and Hepatitis C prevalence among PWID in country according to Myanmar Integrated Biological and Behavioral Surveillance Survey and Population Size Estimated among PWID 2017-2018. The HIV prevalence is 61% in Bamaw and 50% in Hpakant in Kachin State, in Shan North it is around 35%. The Hepatitis C prevalence is 77.7% in Bamaw and 71% in Hpakant in Kachin State; and around 50% in Shan North. There are 18 Methadone Maintenance Therapy (MMT) sites and 8 drug treatment centres in Kachin State while 15 MMT sites and 3 drug treatment centres in Shan North. There is one government ran rehabilitation centre in Kachin and 2 in Shan North However, as many people do not have easy access to these services especially people located rural and remote areas and communities and religious groups also run rehabilitation centers especially in remote places. As a concern, those do not apply scientific evidence based approaches, but use religious teachings and cold turkey method for drug treatment.

2. SCOPE OF WORK, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ANALYTICAL WORK

For detailed information, please see Terms of Reference attached.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

For detailed information, please see Terms of Reference attached.

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS

Interested Individual Consultant must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

- a) Duly accomplished **Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability** using the template provided by UNDP;(Please see Template attached)
- b) Personal **CV or P11**, indicating the past experience relevant to the assignment, as well as the contact details (email and telephone number) of the Candidate and at least three (3) professional references;(Please see Template attached)
- c) **Brief description** of why the individual considers him/herself as the most suitable for the assignment, and a methodology, if applicable, on how he/she will approach and complete the assignment;
- d) Financial Proposal

**** Consultant/Contractor whose assignment require travel and who are over 62 years of age are required, at their own expense, to undergo a full medical examination, including x-rays after they are selected.**

5. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Fees

Financial Proposal that indicates the all-inclusive fixed total contract price, supported by a break down of costs, as per template provided. If an Offeror is employed by an organization/company/institution, and he/she expects his/her employer to charge a management fee in the process of releasing him/her to UNDP under Reimbursable Loan Agreement (RLA), the Offeror must indicate at this point, and ensure that all such costs are duly incorporated in the financial proposal submitted to UNDP.

Travel

All envisaged travel costs must be included in the financial proposal. This includes all travel to join duty station/repatriation travel. In general, UNDP will not accept travel costs exceeding those of an economy class ticket.

In the case of unforeseeable travel, payment of travel costs including tickets, lodging and terminal expenses shall be agreed upon, between the respective business unit and Individual Consultant, prior to travel and will be reimbursed.

Financial proposal form is attached to Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability.

6. EVALUATION

Offers received will be evaluated using a Combined Scoring method, where the qualifications of the Offeror will be weighted 70% (i.e. technical evaluation), and combined with the price offer, which will be weighted 30% (i.e. financial evaluation).

Technical Evaluation will be conducted based on the below criteria. Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 70 points in the Technical Evaluation will be considered for the Financial Evaluation.

Applications will be scored as per the following breakdown

- Relevance of education – max 10 points
- Experience in the area of Research and Analysis – Max 30 points
- Experience at the national and/or international level in providing advisory services – Max 10 points
- Technical skills in Economic Research in Myanmar – Max 10 points
- Experience working at the political level – Max 10 points

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1- TERMS OF REFERENCES (TOR)

ANNEX 2- GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

ANNEX 3- P-11 for ICs

ANNEX 4- Template for Confirmation of interest and Submission of Financial Proposal