

**Minutes of pre-bid conference
proposal for
Strengthening Urban-Rural Linkages in Adjara A/R -
“Leaving No Place Behind: Strengthening Urban-Rural Linkages in Adjara A/R”**

Project: Improving Rural Development in Georgia

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Via Zoom Conference

**UNDP Project: Improving Rural
Development
in Georgia**

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Attendees

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Giorgi Abuladze (Project Senior
Coordinator)

**Rural communities Development Agency
CIG**

Giorgi Murvanidze (Project Manager)
Rostom Gamisonia (Director)
Temur Gugushvili (Consultant)

Key Information

The representative of the project, Mr. Giorgi Tsimintia, gave a brief presentation of:

- Project background
- Purpose of the Tender

The overall objective is to support, strengthen and create sustainable urban-rural partnerships in Adjara A/R shall be supported, driven by functional linkages and integrated territorial development for enhanced economic development. To this end the main objectives of the development intervention will be:

1. Creating an enabling environment for sustainable urban-rural partnerships. And
2. Promoting integrated territorial development through sectorial and thematic entry points in economic area, focused on creating jobs.

Q and A session:

Q 1: As the Strengthening Rural-Urban Linkages is a novel project for Georgia could you please confirm that it refers to the Strengthening Economic linkages, in particular, there may be an agricultural hub in the rural area and the winning company should determine how it can be added to the existing urban networks?

Answer: Partially this announcement serves to support the activities described by you. However, the overall purpose of this assignment is more comprehensive than that specific. For Instance, Kobuleti and Batumi Municipalities may have separate programs for economic development, and the winning company should find out the ways to link them. Please note that in the announced RFP 2 guidelines are indicted one is UNDP guideline another one is OECD. I would strongly recommend reviewing those documents to have a clearer understanding of the tasks.

Q 2. As you've already mentioned, this is a novel project for Georgia. Could you please describe briefly what is a purpose of the proposal?

Answer: You may find detailed information under the announced ToR. Briefly, this is about linking rural and urban developments. Studies conducted by the IRDG project revealed that, economic linkage is strong between Batumi and the rural areas of the Adjara AR. That's why we have selected Adjara A/R for this assignment.

Q 3. Can the companies participate in a consortium agreement?

Answer: Yes, indeed.

Q4: Do you have any budget threshold indicated in the announcement?

Answer: As per UNDP policy, the estimated budget shouldn't be indicated in the RFP.

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