



INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Date: 5th November 2021

Country: South Africa

Type of Contract: Individual Consultant (National Consultant)

Description of the assignment: Socio-Economic Impacts Of The Recent Political Unrest In The Kwazulu-Natal Province

Project name: UNDP-RC joint initiative

Period of assignment/services (if applicable): 60 working days

Proposal should be submitted at the following by email to bid.pretoria@undp.org no later than **12h00 midday South African Time on the 12th November 2021.**

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to the address or e-mail indicated above. Procurement Unit, South Africa will respond in writing 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.

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1. BACKGROUND

The unrest that ripped through South Africa in July 2021 is forecast to result in an economic contraction of 3% in the third quarter of the year and drag down full-year growth.¹ Rioting broke out in KwaZulu Natal and Gauteng following the imprisonment of former President Jacob Zuma for being in contempt of a constitutional court ruling that ordered him to appear before the commission of enquiry into the state capture. The protests first started as political gatherings of people who were paying homage to President Zuma and later developed into social unrests that moved like wildfire. These unrests started in KwaZulu Natal Province and spread to Gauteng.

Arterial transport routes linking these provinces, which account for around 50% of South Africa's GDP, were disrupted, while shopping centers and warehouses were attacked and looted. The government responded by deploying the military which helped stabilize the situation. Over 300 people died during the social unrest and the dominant primary impact of the unrest was the destruction of property, businesses and livelihoods. Destruction of commercial property was extensive with 200 shopping centres, 100 malls and 300 banks/post offices² experiencing over R2 billion worth of inventory being either stolen or burned.³ Residential property was also significantly affected with 1.2 million incidences of house breaking reported during the unrest.⁴ In total 40,000 businesses were affected by the unrest⁵ (89% of which were SMMEs who have less ability to absorb economic shocks), 7% of affected shops closed permanently, while only 6% remained open for the duration of the riots.⁶ As a result, 150,000 jobs are now considered at risk in the affected regions and 1.5 million homes were without incomes for a period.⁷

Following the end of the social unrest, in September 2021 the UN Country Team signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the KwaZulu Natal Provincial Government to support the province 's economic recovery. In this regard, the Provincial Government as beneficiary of the MoU identified as an important activity the commissioning of a study on the socioeconomic impacts of the social unrest. Specifically, the aim of the study is to undertake an in-depth and systematic analysis of both the causes (including the underpinnings of the political violence) and the socio-economic impacts of the social unrest on the economy and people of KwaZulu Natal Province. In addition, the study aims to explore the implications for social cohesion in the country as a whole going forward.

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

To undertake a deep dive study on the drivers and socio-economic impacts of the recent social unrest in KwaZulu Natal Province, the UNDP will carry out a study that will be structured under the following categories:

- Socio-economic and political drivers of the riots;
- Primary impacts – direct effects of the riots;
- Socio-economic impacts – how the people of KZN were affected;
- Macroeconomic impacts – the effect of the unrest on the wider economy;
- Socio-political impacts – how the riots affected the political situation in South Africa;
- Impact on food security; and
- Industry impacts – an analysis of the industries affected by the unrest.
- Lessons from the response of the various stakeholders to the unrest and how these could inform a coordinated response involving different stakeholders, including the government, the private sector and civil society organisations, to similar events happening again in the future.

(For detailed information be found in the terms of references)

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Education

- A minimum of Master's degree in Economics, Political Economy or Political Sciences; a PhD will be an added advantage.

Professional Experience

- A minimum of three (3) years of relevant and progressive professional experience in macroeconomic management, applied economics (including modelling and forecasting), political economy analysis and research gained through major international assignments.
- Experience in carrying out assessment and preparing reports on impact of COVID-19 and social unrest.
- Good knowledge of data collection and analysis is essential.
- Good knowledge of South Africa's COVID-19 response
- Good knowledge of the South Africa government systems and processes
- Ability to conduct interviews with government and key stakeholders
- Good knowledge of emerging issues, long-term vision and international policies.

Language requirement:

- Fluency in English (written and spoken), and an ability to summarize and present information effectively.

Competencies:

- Demonstrating/safeguarding ethics and integrity, by modelling the UN/UNDP's values and ethical standards.
- Promotes the vision, mission, and strategic goals of UN/UNDP.
- Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.
- Demonstrate corporate knowledge and sound judgment.

- Self-development, initiative-taking.
- Acting as a team player and facilitating teamwork.
- Facilitating and encouraging open communication in the team, communicating effectively
- Creating synergies through self-control.
- Managing conflicts.
- Learning and sharing knowledge and encourage the learning of others. Promoting learning and knowledge management/sharing is the responsibility of each staff member.
- Informed and transparent decision making.

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS.

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

1. Proposal:

(i) Explaining why they are the most suitable for the work

(ii) Provide a brief methodology on how they will approach and conduct the work (if applicable)

2. Financial proposal

3. Personal CV including past experience in similar projects and at least 3 references

5. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

- **Lump sum contracts**

The financial proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount, and payment terms around specific and measurable (qualitative and quantitative) deliverables (i.e. whether payments fall in installments or upon completion of the entire contract). Payments are based upon output, i.e. upon delivery of the services specified in the TOR. In order to assist the requesting unit in the comparison of financial proposals, the financial proposal will include a breakdown of this lump sum amount (including travel, per diems, and number of anticipated working days).

Travel:

In case travel is requested, the costs including transport, lodging and terminal expenses should be agreed upon, between UNDP and the Individual Consultant, prior to travel and will be covered and paid by UNDP on the basis of UNDP rates.

The fare will always be “most direct, most economical” and any difference in price with the preferred route will be paid for by the expert.

UNDP will not cover any costs associated with moving to the duty station. If applicant is requesting for such coverage the cost to be calculated and included in the financial proposal.

6. EVALUATION

Individual consultants will be evaluated based on the following methodologies:

1. Lowest price and technically compliant offer

When using this method, the award of a contract should be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as both:

a) responsive/compliant/acceptable, and

b) offering the lowest price/cost

“responsive/compliant/acceptable” can be defined as fully meeting the TOR provided.

Technical Criteria for Evaluation (Maximum 100 points)

- Educational Qualifications (15 marks)
- Professional Qualifications and Certifications (15 marks)
- Proven and experience/satisfactorily implementation of similar assignment in the past (70 marks)

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 70% (70 points) would be considered for the Financial Evaluation

ATTACHMENTS:

- **TERMS OF REFERENCES (TOR)**
- **INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**
- **OFFEROR’S LETTER TO UNDP CONFIRMING INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY**
- **P11 – PERSONAL HISTORY FORM**