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Migration and Remittance Programme - Remittance Policy and Regulatory Framework – further details

1. We understand that part or sub-part proposals are not possible. We, however, would like to partner with other like-minded businesses. Is there an opportunity for UNCDF to match/introduce businesses that fall into this situation – basically, we could provide real value in many countries but not all and we know there are others like that? Is there a possibility for UNCDF to advise details of other firms that might be in the same situation?

Understanding the need for complementary efforts, UNCDF has allowed vendors to form consortiums for bidding. However, in observance of the basic procurement principle of fairness of competition across bidders from all Member States, UNCDF cannot and should not suggest what other firms should bidders affiliate themselves with. UNCDF expects that the bidder is fully knowledgeable about the market players that it will know who the best in the industry are to partner with.

2. Will the analysis be conducted using solely secondary data/sources or does it also require engaging with stakeholders through interviews to inform the identification of enablers, inhibitors, and options or recommendations for reform?

The expectation is that where necessary stakeholder engagement can be conducted to ensure mutual understanding and confirm the analysis, observations, and comments emanating from desk reviews for forming informed enablers, inhibitors, and options or recommendations for reform. UNCDF can facilitate the consultant/consulting firm with introduction and reference letters.

3. It is our understanding that the work to be done is exclusively desk-based. Are you expecting the consultants to also plan for interviews with policymakers and/or private sector entities?

The expectation is that where necessary stakeholder engagement can be conducted to ensure mutual understanding and confirm the analysis, observations, and comments emanating from desk reviews with policymakers as well as soliciting feedback on the implementation of the reviewed policies, laws, and regulations from supply-side entities. UNCDF can facilitate the consultant/consulting firm with introduction letters.

4. It is indicated a team made of a team leader and a minimum of 3 research officers. Given the number of countries included in the scope of work, we consider that 3 research officers are quite limited. Do you have in mind a maximum number of team members that you can indicate for this assignment?

This is the minimum number; we do not have a maximum number – this will depend on the experience and expertise of the team and the complexity of the proposal that will be submitted. The bidders, however, are reminded that any increase in personnel will impact their price, which is a key consideration in the financial evaluation of the offers. UNCDF has set up the framework of assessment and approach that has been provisioned for IGAD and ECCAS members states for policy diagnostics and can be followed by the consultant/consulting firm.

5. Out of the 44 countries, can you indicate if prior work in terms of country assessments and designing country reports has been done with some of them? And if so, with which ones?

As indicated in the ToR, UNCDF has already conducted policy and regulatory assessments in some recipient countries, that include countries in the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) regions, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Myanmar. These countries are not part of the 44 countries. However, the policy diagnostics can be made available to the consultant/consulting firm for reference purposes.