

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SAINT LUCIA
OECS REGIONAL HEALTH PROJECT
Credit No.: IDA Credit # 64770-LC

Assignment Title: Environmental and Social Specialist
Reference No. 20/ORHP/IC/ESS/01/20/

The Government of Saint Lucia (GOSL) has received financing from the World Bank toward the **Saint Lucia Health System Strengthening Project**. The objective of this project is to improve the accessibility, efficiency, and responsiveness of key health services, and provide a response in the event of eligible crises or emergencies. Additionally, the World Bank approved the financing of the **OECS Regional Health Project** and the objective of this project is to improve the accessibility, efficiency, and responsiveness of key health services, and provide a response in the event of eligible crises or emergencies.

Both projects are considered Category B given that it is not likely to result in significant negative, irreversible and/or large-scale impacts on human populations and/or the environment. They only trigger World Bank Operational Policy 4.01 (Environmental Assessment). There are potential negative environmental impacts mainly from small scale civil works such as rehabilitation and construction of health centers and laboratories, and from the collection, storage, transport and disposal of biomedical waste. There are social risks related to consultations processes for small civil works or other activities of national scope, effective functioning of a Grievance Redress Mechanism, timely disclosure of information and citizen engagement actions.

To manage the potential environmental and social risks and impacts, the Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs (MOHWEA) developed and consulted Environmental and Social Management Frameworks (ESMF). The projects also have a shared Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) to respond to grievances from stakeholders that consider that they have been adversely affected by the projects.

The GOSL intends to apply part of the proceeds of the financing for consulting services for an **Environmental and Social Specialist (E&S)**. The E&S specialist is responsible for the overall E&S aspects of the project and for coordinating, implementing actions, monitoring and reporting the E&S compliance of the Saint Lucia Health System Strengthening Project and the OECS Regional Health Project.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

- a) Compliance with E&S safeguards and commitments.
- b) Stakeholder engagement and consultations.
- c) Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM).
- d) Strengthening of E&S capacity

The Consultancy is a full-time position required for 2 (two) fiscal years, renewable annually based on performance. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment *can be found at the following website; www.govt.lc/consultancies or www.finance.gov.lc or can be obtained at the address given below.*

The Ministry, Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs now invites eligible Individual Consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services; *(Curriculum Vitae, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, clients’ references etc.)*.

The criteria for selecting the Consultant are:

- Bachelor’s degree in environmental or social sciences, international development, or another related field.
- At least 3 (three) years of experience with of implementing, monitoring, and reporting environmental and/or social issues.
- Demonstrated understanding of social and environmental issues of development projects.
- Proven experience in stakeholder/citizen engagement, community outreach, consultations and GRM.
- Knowledge and capacity in outreach and awareness/capacity building programs for governmental organizations, NGOs and/or local communities.
- Knowledge of St. Lucia country policies and legislation related to social and environmental issues.
- Ability to communicate fluently in English, verbally and in writing.
- Sound Information Technology (IT) skills, in particular experience with the Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Ability to uphold ethical standards.
- Experience working in development projects that have applied World Bank, Caribbean Development Bank, InterAmerican Development Bank or other institution’s safeguards policies, will be considered a plus.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultants Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (0800 to 1630 hours).

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail, or by e-mail) by January 31, 2022. Submissions shall be clearly marked “Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services – Environmental and Social Specialist”.

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