

## **Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)**

### **Policy & Strategic Planning Unit Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department Government of Punjab**

#### **Punjab Health Sector Reform Project: (P123394)**

**Assignment Title: Third Party Evaluation of Lady Health Worker (LHW) Component of IRMNCH & Nutrition Program, Punjab.**

**Reference No: (As per Procurement Plan): Approved Activity**

The Policy and Strategic Planning Unit (PSPU), Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, Government of Punjab through assistance of World Bank is implementing the Punjab Health Sector Reform Program (PHSRP). The National Program for Family Planning and Primary Health Care, also known as the Lady Health Workers Program (LHWP) aims to improve the maternal and newborn child health and provision of Family Planning services across the Punjab. The LHW program is an initiative that extends outreach health services (family planning, immunization, obstetrics care, nutrition etc.) to rural populations and urban slum communities through deployment of over 46,000 Lady Health Workers (LHWs) and 1850 Lady Health Supervisors (LHSs) across the Punjab.

Evaluation of Lady Health Workers (LHWs) Program is one of the codal requirements of the PHSRP to assess the performance of LHW Program. The evaluation will trace out the effectiveness of LHW Program by assessing performance indicators.

PSPU intends to hire the services of a consulting firm to undertake Third Party Evaluation of LHW Program. The firm will conduct a detailed evaluation of LHWs program to provide a futuristic approach about revised job description of LHWs, LHSs and other staff and will suggest mechanism for improving the performance and coverage of LHWP. The firm will analyze the impact of different interventions and policy decisions taken by the Government since its inception. The firm will make use of assessment tools and techniques to evaluate inputs, outputs, outcomes and objectives in respect to the strategic plans of the LHW program and PC-1. The firm will also examine all dimensions of the LHW program's management and operations along with quantitative research assessment about the socio-economic benefits of the program.

The applicant firms' Survey design will consist of sample data set based on survey covering the District Program Implementation Unit, the health facility, LHW, LHS, households and communities.

The PSPU intends to invite eligible local / international consulting firms, consortia and Joint Ventures to indicate their interest for the assignment. The interested firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications/competencies and relevant experience to perform the required Services.

The financially sound and technically competent applicant firms should provide information about their eligibility and competencies in the following areas:

- a. **General Experience:** Applicant firms should have at least five (05) years of experience in program evaluation, survey design, data collection, data management and data analysis in the social sector. The applicant firms must provide specific details of Surveys and program evaluation studies conducted by them.
- b. **Specific Experience:** Weightage will be given to health sector related surveys / program evaluations conducted by the firm.
- c. Weightage will also be given to those Applicant firms having experience of working with development partners, INGOs and Public sector Departments.
- d. Proof of the company/firm's registration in Pakistan with SECP or relevant professional/regulatory authority etc. and in case of foreign company/firm, registration with the relevant authority in that country.
- e. Applicant firms which are debarred by World Bank will not be eligible to participate in the competition process. World Bank's debarment list will be used as reference.
- f. Applicant firms must have Pakistani origin (in case of foreign origin, they must have valid legal status to work under the laws of Pakistan)
- g. Applicant firm should provide a certificate that non-performance of contract did not occur by the Applicant firms in last five years prior to the deadlines for the submission of Expressions of Interest (EOI).
- h. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants, January 2011 by World Bank Borrowers (Policy and Strategic Planning Unit (PSPU) setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- i. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.
- j. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines: Selection and employment of consultants under IBRD loans and IDA credits and Grants by World Bank borrowers, revised July 2014

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked as "Expressions of Interest for Third Party Evaluation of LHW Program" to the address: "Additional Program Director (Technical ) Policy and Strategic Planning Unit, 120-B New Muslim Town, Lahore" latest by 1600 hrs. on **26<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.