

Call for Expression of Interest, recruitment of a firm for a technical assistance mission to the Employment Facility 2 Project Management Unit

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Country: [Comoros](#)
City/Town: MORONI
Notice/Contract Number: CKM1159
Publication date: Jan 17, 2025
Deadline (local time): February 28, 2025 - 15:00
Funding agency: [French Development Agency - Financing Agency](#)
Buyer: [COMOROS - UGP Employment Facility- Employment House](#)
Eligibility of Bidders: References of recent and similar services in:
Local economic development, institutional development and capacity building of civil society organizations;
Support for monitoring, evaluation of the results of subsidized projects
Original language: French

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Original text

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The Union of the Comoros has requested funding from the French Development Agency (the "AFD"), and intends to use part of the proceeds to make payments under the Employment Facility Project for the "recruitment of a firm for a technical assistance mission to the Project Management Unit for the 2nd phase of the Employment Facility".

The purpose of Employment Facility 2 is to contribute to the development of jobs, incomes and services, particularly in rural areas and for vulnerable populations, through initiatives led by Comorian civil society organizations. The overall objective of the project is the creation or consolidation of viable local businesses and services. The specific objective of the project is the

support by Comorian CSOs of individual beneficiaries or beneficiaries organized in collective structures for the sustainable development of economic activities or local services.

The project will target preferentially but not exclusively:

- Vulnerable populations, identified as young people (corresponding, in the Comoros, to people - men or women - under 35 years old) and women (of all ages)
- Rural areas.

By implementing CSO interventions, the project does not target a particular sector of activity, nor a specific type of final beneficiary (individual or collective) but it takes into account the following cross-cutting objectives:

- Reduction of gender inequalities, inequalities to the detriment of young people and to the disadvantage of rural areas
- Resilience to climate change
- Sustainable development and preservation of resources.

The project is divided into two main components:

- Component 1: Consolidation and creation of professional activities and local services (the Facility)
- Component 2: Coordination and capacity building

The Candidate's Services will aim to strengthen the capacities of the project owner and civil society organizations. The objective of this technical assistance (TA) is to support the PMU in its training/support activities for CSOs and project management. This TA is intended to take place over the entire duration of the project (4 years), and to mobilize residential and one-off expertise.

The Employment Facility Project Management Unit invites Candidates to express their interest in providing the Services described above.

This Call for Expressions of Interest is addressed to:

Consulting firm(s)

Individual consultants

NGOs NGOs and consultancy firm(s) in a Group

The eligibility criteria for AFD financing are specified in Article 1.3 of the "Guidelines for the Award of Procurement

Funded by AFD in Foreign States", available online on the AFD website: <http://www.afd.fr>.

Candidates may only submit one application in their own name or as a Group. If a Candidate (including a member of a Group) submits or participates in several applications, these will be eliminated. However, the same Subcontractor may participate in several applications.

If the Candidate is formed as a Group, the Expression of Interest must include:

a copy of the Group agreement concluded by all of its members,

or

a letter of intent to form a Group, signed by all of its members and accompanied by a copy of the proposed Group agreement.

In the absence of this document, the other members will be considered as Subcontractors.

The references and qualifications of Subcontractors are not taken into account in the evaluation of applications.

Interested Candidates must produce information demonstrating that they are qualified and experienced to carry out these Services. As such, they will justify that they have references for recent and similar services.

The similarity of the references will be analyzed according to:

The scale of the markets;

The nature of the Services (support for monitoring, evaluation of the results of subsidized projects);

The field and technical expertise (local economic development, institutional development and capacity building of civil society organizations);

The geographical context (sub-Saharan Africa or developing countries).

The Client will also examine the relevance of the Expressions of Interest with regard to the following criteria

: Local correspondents/partners;

In the event of a Grouping, its representative and any member having its headquarters outside the Client's country must meet each of these criteria.

An application that does not meet any of these requirements will be rejected.]

The Employment Facility Project Management Unit will draw up a shortlist of a maximum of six (6) Candidates, pre-selected on the basis of the applications received, to whom it will send the Request for Proposals for the performance of the required Services.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the address below, by Friday, February 28, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. (local time) to the attention of Mr. Hassani MALIK, Coordinator of the FACILITE EMPLOI Project. Maison de l'Emploi-boulevard de Strasbourg - Moroni Union of the Comoros.

Tel: +269 773 15 63 / +269 3372476. Secretariat.faciliteemploi@gmail.com

Interested Candidates may obtain additional information at the address mentioned below, at the following times: Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or an additional information file by email to the following address: Secretariat.faciliteemploi@gmail.com

The signing of the related intellectual service contract is conditional on the prior granting of funds by the AFD and the signing of the financing agreement.

Annex to the Expression of Interest

(A provide signed with the application, without modification of the text)

Declaration of integrity, eligibility and environmental and social responsibility

Title of the offer/proposal/signed Contract (the "Contract")

To: (the "Project Owner")

1. We acknowledge and accept that the French Development Agency (the "AFD") only finances the Project Owner's projects under its own conditions which are determined by the Financing Agreement which binds it directly or indirectly to the Project Owner. The Project Owner retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the Contract award process and its execution. Consequently, there can be no legal link between the AFD and our company, our group, and our subcontractors. Depending on whether it is a Contract for works, supplies, equipment, intellectual services (consultants) or other services, the Contracting Authority may also be referred to as the Client, Contractor or Buyer.

2. We certify that neither we, nor anyone acting on our behalf, nor any of the members of our group, nor any of our subcontractors, are in one of the following cases:

2.1 Be in a state of or have been the subject of bankruptcy, liquidation, receivership, safeguard, cessation of activity proceedings, or be in any similar situation resulting from proceedings of the same nature;

2.2 Have been the subject, for less than five years, of a final administrative sanction, a final conviction issued by a competent authority, or any other resolution outside of trial having in particular an extinguishing effect on public action, either (i) in the country in which we are established, (ii) in the country where the Contract is being carried out, (iii) in the context of the award or execution of a contract financed by the AFD, (iv) issued by an institution of the European Union or (v) issued by a competent authority in France, for:

a) acts of Prohibited Practices, as defined in Article 6.1 below, or for any offence committed in the context of the award or execution of a contract (in the event of such a sanction, conviction, or resolution outside of trial, we have the possibility of attaching to this Declaration of Integrity additional information, such as a compliance program, to justify that we (or the person acting on our behalf) name, the member of our group, or our subcontractor) consider that the sanction, conviction or resolution is not relevant in the context of the Contract, if applicable);

b) facts of participation in a criminal organization, terrorist or terrorist-related offenses, child labor, or other offenses related to human trafficking;

c) having created an entity in a different jurisdiction with the intention of evading tax, social or any other legal obligation applicable in the territory where its registered office, central administration or principal establishment is located or (ii) for being an entity created with the intention of evading such obligations;

2.3 Have been the subject of a termination pronounced at its exclusive fault during the last five years due to a serious or persistent breach of its contractual obligations during the performance of a contract, provided that this termination has not been the subject of a challenge on its part which is currently being processed or which has given rise to a court decision overturning the termination at its exclusive fault;

2.4 Be the subject of an ineligibility measure taken by one of the multilateral development banks signatories to the mutual recognition agreement of April 9, 2010 (in the event of such an ineligibility measure, we can attach to this Declaration of Integrity the additional information which would allow us to consider that this ineligibility measure is not relevant in the context of the Contract), where applicable;

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5. Not having fulfilled our obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of our country of establishment, or those of the country of the Contracting Authority;

2.6 Having produced false documents or having been guilty of false declaration(s) in providing the information required by the Contracting Authority in the context of this tendering and award process.

3. We certify that neither we, nor anyone acting on our behalf², nor any of the members of our group, nor any of our subcontractors, nor our direct or indirect shareholders, nor our subsidiaries, acting with our knowledge or consent:

1. is directly or indirectly targeted, controlled by a person or entity targeted, or acts in the name or on behalf of a person or entity targeted by individual sanctions measures adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;

2. is directly or indirectly targeted, controlled by a person or entity targeted, or acts in the name or on behalf of a person or entity targeted by sectoral sanctions measures adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;

3. is not ineligible to carry out the project due to any other international sanctions measure imposed by the United Nations, the European Union or France.

4. We certify that neither we, nor anyone acting on our behalf², nor any of the members of our consortium, nor any of our subcontractors, are [or have been (in the event of refinancing of a contract already awarded)] in one of the following conflict of interest situations:

4.1 Being a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority or a subsidiary controlled by the Contracting Authority, unless the resulting conflict has been brought to the attention of the AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

4.2 Having business or family relationships with a member of the Contracting Authority's services involved in the Contract award process or the supervision of the resulting Contract, unless the resulting conflict has been brought to the attention of the AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

4.3 Control or be controlled by another candidate, bidder or consultant, be placed under the control of the same company as another candidate, bidder or consultant, receive from another candidate, bidder or consultant or award to another candidate, bidder or consultant directly or indirectly subsidies, have the same legal representative as another candidate, bidder or consultant, maintain directly or indirectly contacts with another candidate, bidder or consultant allowing us (i) to have given, and/or to give access to information contained in our respective applications, offers or proposals likely to distort competition, (ii) to influence them, or (iii) to influence the decisions of the Contracting Authority;

4.4 Be engaged for an intellectual services mission which, by its nature, is or could be incompatible with the mission envisaged on behalf of the Contracting Authority;

4.5 Have prepared oneself, be or have been associated with a natural or legal person who has prepared specifications, terms of reference and other documents which have been used in the context of the award procedure for this Contract, and which contain provisions likely to favor an application, offer or proposal;

4.6 Have access or had access, have prepared oneself, be or have been associated with a natural or legal person who has access, had access, or prepared specifications, plans, calculations, studies and other documents which have not been communicated to all candidates, tenderers or consultants in the context of this award of Contract, and which thus confer an undue competitive advantage;

4.7 In the case of a procedure for the award of a Contract for works, equipment or supplies, be recruited yourself, or have to be (or that one of the companies to which we are affiliated is, or has to be), to carry out the supervision or control of the services within the framework of the Contract.

5. If we are a public institution or a public company, to participate in a competitive tendering procedure, we certify that we enjoy legal and financial autonomy and that we are managed in accordance with the rules of commercial law.

6. In the context of the award and performance of the Contract:

6.1 Neither we, nor anyone acting on our behalf², nor any of the members of our consortium, nor any of our subcontractors, have committed or will commit any Prohibited Practice as defined in the document entitled "General policy of the AFD group on the prevention and fight against Prohibited Practices", available on the AFD website.

6.2 Neither we, nor anyone acting on our behalf², nor any of the members of our consortium, nor any of our subcontractors, will acquire or supply [have acquired or supplied (in the event of refinancing of a contract already awarded)] equipment or intervene [have intervened (in the event of refinancing of a contract already awarded)] in sectors under embargo by the United Nations, the European Union or France.

7. We undertake to, and we undertake that anyone acting on our behalf², any member of our group, any subcontractor undertakes to:

7.1 comply with the environmental standards recognized by the international community, including international conventions for the protection of the environment, and in particular to take all reasonable measures to avoid or limit the negative effects on vegetation, biodiversity, soils, groundwater and surface water, and on people and property, resulting from pollution, noise, vibrations, traffic and other effects resulting from our activities, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country where the Contract is being performed.

7.2 implement environmental and social risk mitigation measures when indicated in the environmental and social management plan provided by the Contracting Authority, and ensure that emissions, surface discharges and effluents produced by our activities comply with the limits, specifications or requirements applicable to the Contract.

7.3 respect workers' rights relating to wages, working hours, rest and holidays, overtime, minimum age, regular payments, compensation and benefits in accordance with standards recognized by the international community, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labor Organization (ILO), in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country where the Contract is being carried out; indicate these elements in a document annexed to the employment contracts of our employees and at the disposal of the Contracting Authority; and respect and facilitate workers' rights to organize themselves and establish a grievance management mechanism for direct or indirect workers.

7.4 implement non-discrimination and equal opportunity practices, and ensure the prohibition of child labor and forced labor.

7.5 maintain a file for each local personnel recording the hours worked by each person, the type of work, wages paid and training received, and that these files are available at all times so that they can be examined by the Contracting Authority and authorized government representatives, in compliance with the laws and regulations applicable to the protection of personal data in the country where the Contract is being carried out.

8. We ourselves, anyone acting on our behalf, the members of our group, our subcontractors, our direct or indirect shareholders, and our subsidiaries, authorize the AFD to conduct investigations, and in particular to examine the documents and accounting records relating to the award and execution of the Contract, including, but not limited to, our internal processes and procedures relating to compliance with international sanctions imposed by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France, and to have them verified by auditors appointed by the AFD.

9. We declare that we have paid, or will pay, commissions, benefits, fees, gratuities or expenses in connection with the Contract award procedure or the performance of the Contract for the benefit of the following third party(ies) (such as an intermediary/agent)(*):

Name of beneficiary Contact details Reason Amount

(Specify currency)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(*): If no amount has been paid or is to be paid, indicate "None".

10. We undertake to communicate without delay to the Contracting Authority, who will inform AFD, any change in the situation with regard to the above points, including in the event of any sanction or embargo measure adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France following our signature of this Declaration.

Name: AS:

Duly authorized to sign for and on behalf of:

Signature:

Dated:

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