

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OPEN INTERNATIONAL N°DNCMP/71/S/2024-2025 FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTING OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT A STUDY ON THE REFERENCE SITUATION OF THE RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PRODER).

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: 12/13/2024 at 10:30 a.m.

The Government of Burundi has obtained funding from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to cover the cost of the Rural Entrepreneurship Development Program "PRODER", and plans to use it partially for the acquisition of study services on the PRODER reference situation. The use of IFAD funds is subject to the approval of the latter, in accordance with the terms and conditions provided for in the financing agreement and in accordance with IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its representatives, agents and officials are released from any liability concerning legal actions, procedures, claims, demands, losses and obligations of any kind and nature that any party may invoke under PRODER.

The PRODER Financing Agreement was signed in Bujumbura on April 27, 2022, for an amount of USD 89.400 million and for a period of seven (7) years.

The aim of PRODER is to contribute to poverty reduction, improving nutrition and food security in rural communities by promoting youth entrepreneurship and agro-pastoral enterprises. PRODER is in line with the Government's aim of transforming agro-pastoralists in general and young people in rural areas in particular into entrepreneurs.

The program is structured into three (3) components:

Component 1: Inclusive development of rural youth businesses, including the promotion of youth and women's entrepreneurship;

Component 2: Promotion of an enabling environment for the development of agro-pastoral businesses, including improving access to land and assets for agricultural entrepreneurship and developing production and market access infrastructure;

Component 3: Institutional Strengthening and Program Management.

This Request for Proposals notice follows the general procurement notice published on the IFAD programs and projects website in Burundi on 04/9/2023 and on the public procurement website on 06/9/2023, as well as in Renouveau on 19/9/2023.

PRODER now invites eligible entities ("bidders") to submit proposals for the provision of the following consultancy services: conducting a study on the PRODER reference situation. Details of the services are provided in the mandate.

Participation in the tender is open, on equal terms, to all consulting firms, participating individually or as part of a group of companies and possessing the legal, technical and financial capacities necessary to perform the contract.

Any consulting firm concerned by one of the rules of incapacity listed in Article 161 of the Public Procurement Code of Burundi, promulgated on 29 January 2018, may not participate in the Call for Tenders.

Non-profit associations, as well as firms that participated in the formulation of the programme/development of the terms of reference for this study, are not entitled to participate in the procurement process for this contract.

The consulting firm will be selected using the quality and cost-based method and the procedures described in this call for proposals, in accordance with the policies detailed in the latest version of the Project Procurement Guidelines established by IFAD and approved by the Fund's Executive Board, as well as in the IFAD Procurement Handbook.

This study is financed by PRODER under IFAD LOAN No. 2000004133 and IFAD GRANT No. 2000004134.

To carry out the requested tasks, the consulting firm will have sixty (60) working days, counted from the receipt of the contract signed by all parties.

The request for proposals file can be consulted at the Coordination of the Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programme (PRODER)", located at Avenue du Large No. 30; Building housing IFAD-financed Projects/Programmes in Burundi; 1st floor, Tel: +257 22 21 211201/22211200/22211205, KININDO Zone, MUHA Commune, Bujumbura/Burundi City Hall.

It can be obtained by bidders at the address indicated above upon proof of payment of a non-refundable amount of two hundred (200,000 BIF) of which half one hundred thousand (100,000 BIF) will be paid into the State's non-tax revenue transit account No. CC10003 opened at the BRB