

Denmark-Copenhagen: Evaluation consultancy services

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Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.ethics.dk/ethics/eo#/0a28a318-d119-462a-9c65-3127e1ec8576/publicMaterial>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://www.ethics.dk/ethics/eo#/0a28a318-d119-462a-9c65-3127e1ec8576/homepage>

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Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: <https://www.ethics.dk/ethics/eo#/0a28a318-d119-462a-9c65-3127e1ec8576/homepage>

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: Development assistance

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

Evaluation of Danish Development Cooperation with Tanzania 1962-2022

Reference number: 2023-9873

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79419000 Evaluation consultancy services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The evaluation of the Denmark-Tanzania development cooperation is commissioned in the context of the planned phase-out of Danish bilateral development cooperation managed by the Royal Danish Embassy (RDE) in Dar es Salaam and closure of RDE in July 2024.

Tanzania is Denmark's longest standing development partner. The end of such a historic bilateral cooperation calls for an evaluation that takes stock of Denmark's contribution to Tanzania's development journey. While accountability is a primary intention, the evaluation represents a unique opportunity to harvest learning from a long-standing partnership and experiences built over decades. The evaluation also represents a chance to learn from its own experience and contribute with methodological reflections for the conduct of future evaluations with a long-term perspective.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

75211200 Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: TZ Tanzania

NUTS code: DK011 Byen København

Main site or place of performance: Field visits to Tanzania in the inception phase and field work in Tanzania during the implementation phase. Also participation in physical meetings in Copenhagen (Denmark).

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The evaluation is tasked with assessing Denmark's longest-standing development cooperation partnership. Recognising the opportunities and methodological challenges of such a long-term perspective, the purpose of this evaluation is to establish what difference the 60 years of Danish development cooperation has made for Tanzanian institutions, organisations and people.

More specifically, the objectives of this evaluation are threefold:

Objective 1: To investigate and establish whether, how and for whom Danish development cooperation has contributed to change in Tanzania.

Objective 2: To explore and demonstrate whether/how different types of partnerships established over time have strengthened the capacities and role of Tanzanian actors in the country's development process.

Objective 3: To extract lessons and best practices on partnership approaches/modalities conducive to localisation, and methodological lessons for future evaluations with a longer-term perspective.

Given the wide variety of sectors covered by the Danish development cooperation over the span of 60 years, and the shift in sector focus during this time span, the scope of the evaluation will be defined by themes of interest. These represent overarching themes based

on sectors that Denmark has been working with under the latest bilateral country programme and/or had worked with over a longer period of time, where key results and credible contribution to change are likely to be possible to harvest and trace.

The themes of interest will allow the evaluation to look at a given theme in a 360-degree perspective irrespective of aid and partnership modalities. This should ensure that the evaluation's explorative process of key results, credible contribution to change and lessons is looked at in a more systemic and coherent manner within each theme. These overarching themes should form the basis for higher-level synthesis to meet the objectives and purpose of the evaluation. Concurrently, the themes are expected to provide a rich space for diving deeper into specific dimensions within a given theme and producing a set of case stories. The evaluation is expected to have three themes of interest with areas of enquiry as a basis for harvesting results and establishing credible contributions to change. The themes of interest will include:

Theme 1 - Social development: In the context of the evaluation, social development will pertain to the provision of social services with primary health care services and SRHR as the primary focus area. As Denmark had historically supported education, and water and sanitation (WASH) in a wide-ranging manner, these two areas will be of secondary focus.

Theme 2 - Economic development: For the purpose of the evaluation, economic development will have its primary focus on opportunities for improved business performance, employment, including self-employment, and income generation and expansion within agriculture /agribusiness development, and access to financial and non-financial services. Given that Denmark substantially supported infrastructures in the past, the secondary focus will be transport infrastructure supporting economic development.

Theme 3 - Democratic governance: While work within this field started later in the history of the Danish bilateral cooperation with Tanzania, Denmark's work with good governance and human rights has not been reviewed or evaluated previously. The evaluation is therefore an opportunity to take stock of and explore what results and change Denmark has contributed with for Tanzania. The primary focus will be on civil society development. The secondary focus will be on state and independent structures protecting human rights.

The evaluation is expected to cover the whole period of Danish development cooperation with Tanzania from 1962/63 to 2022. This longer-term perspective of 60 years entails methodological challenges that must be carefully considered and weighed against what is credible and feasible.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 4 500 000,00 DKK

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start: 01/07/2023 End: 30/11/2024

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 5 Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Candidates will be selected on the basis of the information concerning technical and professional ability, cf. section III.1.3), in relation to the object of this contract, cf. sections II.1.4) and II.2.4).

In the selection, the contracting authority will specifically emphasise:

- (1) The number of relevant contracts, as defined in section III.1.3);
- (2) The extent to which the performed contracts compare to the description of this procurement, including:
 - (a) the extent to which the performed contracts concern evaluations with a long-term perspective,
 - (b) the extent to which the performed contracts concern evaluation of social development (with focus on primary health care services and SRHR),
 - (c) the extent to which the performed contracts concern evaluation of economic development (with focus on opportunities for improved business performance, employment, including self-employment, and income generation and expansion within agriculture/agribusiness development, and access to financial and non-financial services),
 - (d) the extent to which the performed contracts concern evaluation of democratic governance (with focus on civil society development); and
- (3) The extent to which the contracts are performed for clients comparable to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (e.g. a European institution/agency or international organisation, a Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions, or a national or federal agency/office).

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

II.2.14. Additional information

The contracting authority has a maximum budget of DKK 4,500,000.00 net of VAT in relation to the procurement. Tenders will be rejected if they exceed the contracting authority's maximum budget.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

In Part III.A-C of the ESPD, economic operators must answer whether they are subject to exclusion grounds.

An economic operator is excluded from the procurement procedure if the economic operator itself or any person who is a member of its administrative, management or supervisory body or has powers of representation, decision or control therein has been convicted by final judgement or fined within the last 5 years for any of the exclusion grounds relating to the criminal convictions listed in section 135(1) of the Danish Public Procurement Act.

An economic operator is excluded from the procurement procedure if it has unpaid overdue debt of DKK 100,000 or more to public authorities in relation to payment of taxes and payment of social security, cf. section 135(3) of the Danish Public Procurement Act. An economic operator is, however, not excluded where the economic operator has agreed on a repayment

scheme with the collection authority and that scheme is observed, cf. section 135(4), or where the economic operator provides guarantee of payment of the part of the debt which constitutes DKK 100,000 or more, cf. section 135(5).

An economic operator is excluded from the procurement procedure if it is subject to any of the exclusion grounds listed in sections 136(1)(1) and 136(1)(2) of the Danish Public Procurement Act.

An economic operator is excluded from the procurement procedure if it within the last 3 years has been subject to any of the exclusion grounds listed in sections 136(1)(3-4) and 137(1)(2) of the Danish Public Procurement Act.

An economic operator is not required to answer whether it is subject to purely national exclusion grounds, cf. Part III.D of the ESPD.

An economic operator is excluded from the procurement procedure if the economic operator is established in a country which is entered on the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes and which has not adopted the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) or other trade agreements that oblige Denmark to open its market for public contracts for tenderers established in the country in question, cf. section 134 a of the Danish Public Procurement Act. The contracting authority can accept the following documentation in relation to the exclusion grounds in sections 135(1), 135(3) and 137(1)(2) of the Danish Public Procurement Act (in order of priority):

(1) Extracts from the relevant register or similar documents issued by a competent judicial or administrative authority or certificates issued by the competent authority in the country referred to as documentation that the tenderer is not subject to the grounds for exclusion stipulated in sections 135(1), 135(3) and 137(1)(2);

(2) A declaration on oath (only if such extracts, certificates or similar documents are not issued in the country where the economic operator is established, or where the documentation does not cover all the grounds for exclusion stipulated in sections 135(1), 135(3) and 137(1)(2) entirely);

(3) A solemn declaration made by the person concerned before a competent judicial or administrative authority, a notary or a competent professional or trade body, in the country of origin or in the country where the economic operator is established (only if there is no provision for declarations on oath in the country where the economic operator is established). Thus, the contracting authority cannot accept e.g. a solemn declaration made before a notary if there can be issued a certificate by the competent authority in the country where the economic operator is established. Moreover, the contracting authority cannot accept self-declarations or similar declarations issued by the economic operator or the person concerned as documentation in relation to the exclusion grounds.

Economic operators can identify the relevant documentation using the online platform e-Certis: <https://ec.europa.eu/tools/ecertis>

Economic operators are encouraged to submit all necessary documentation as early as possible.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

In Part IV.B of the ESPD, the economic operator must fill in its average yearly turnover for the last 2 financial years available (where the economic operator can present annual reports).

If the economic operator consists of a group of economic operators (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the capacity of other entities, each involved economic operator or entity must submit a completed ESPD.

When an economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the economic and

financial standing of other entities, the participating economic operators or the entities referred to are subject to joint and several liability for the performance of the contract.

The contracting authority can accept annual reports or excerpts hereof or relevant statements from a bank or certified accountant as documentation in relation to the economic and financial standing.

When an economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others or when an economic operator relies on the economic and financial standing of other entities, the economic operator must also provide statements of support or other documentation proving that the economic operator has access to the necessary economic and financial standing. The statements of support must establish a legal obligation for the party concerned and state that the involved economic operators or entities are subject to joint and several liability for the performance of the contract.

Economic operators are encouraged to submit all necessary documentation as early as possible.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

The economic operator is required to have an average yearly turnover of minimum DKK 9,000,000.00 for the last 2 financial years available.

When the economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the capacity of other entities, it is required that the participating economic operators or the economic operator and the entities referred to altogether meet the selection criteria.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

In Part IV.C of the ESPD, the economic operator must fill in a list of maximum 5 contracts entered into, ongoing or finalized within the last 5 years.

The number of performed contracts is determined based on all submitted ESPDs (i.e. from all involved economic operators in a group of economic operators and/or other supporting entities).

If an economic operator has listed more than 5 contracts, the contracting authority will only read and assess the 5 most recent contracts listed (first based on end date, and then based on start date).

Each listed contract should include the following information:

- (1) a description of the contract (nature and quantity of services from the economic operator and how they compare to the description of this procurement),
- (2) amount (remuneration received by the economic operator for the performance of the services),
- (3) start date (date of conclusion of the contract),
- (4) end date (date of completion of services), and
- (5) recipient (name and contact information).

If the economic operator consists of a group of economic operators (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the capacity of other entities, each involved economic operator or entity must submit a completed ESPD.

When an economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the technical and professional abilities of other entities, the specific parts of the contract must be performed by the economic operators or entities with the required technical and professional abilities.

When an economic operator is formed by a group of economic operators or relies on the technical and professional abilities of other entities, the economic operator must also provide statements of support or other documentation proving that the economic operator has access

to the necessary technical and professional abilities. The statements of support must establish a legal obligation for the party concerned and state the parts of the contract to be performed by the party concerned.

The contracting authority reserves the right to contact the recipients of services or require statements from the recipients, confirming that the economic operator has performed the listed contracts, as documentation in relation to the technical and professional ability.

Economic operators are encouraged to submit all necessary documentation as early as possible.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

The economic operator is required to have performed (entered into, ongoing or finalized) minimum 1 contract regarding an independent evaluation of a country or regional programme in one or more developing countries.

An 'independent evaluation' is an evaluation carried out for an evaluation unit of a development organisation.

A monitoring and evaluation assignment (i.e. a long-term performance review and evaluation of the implementation and results of a programme) will not be considered as a relevant reference.

An award of a framework agreement will not, in itself, be considered as a relevant reference, but a contract awarded under a framework agreement can be considered as a relevant reference if it fulfils the stipulated requirements.

When the economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the capacity of other entities, it is required that the participating economic operators or the economic operator and the entities referred to altogether meet the selection criteria.

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

The winning tenderer is to perform the contract in compliance with the Danida Anti-Corruption Policy and the principles of the UN Global Compact.

Economic operators can find more information on:

<http://um.dk/en/danida-en/about-danida/Danida-transparency/anti-corruption/>
<https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles>

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 02/05/2023 Local time: 14:00

IV.2.3.

Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

Date: 08/05/2023

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3. Additional information

The tender procedure is governed by Danish law and the rules applicable hereunder.

An English translation of the Danish Public Procurement Act is available on: <https://www.kfst.dk/media/54435/the-public-procurement-act.pdf>

Access to the procurement procedure requires online registration.

Guidance (in Danish and English) on the use of the tendering system can be found at:

<https://mercell.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/3/article/177996038?src=1869524006>

Local time in section IV is according to Central European Time (CET) in Denmark.

Economic operators may only submit one application or tender.

Economic operators must submit a European Single Procurement Document (ESPD) as preliminary evidence that the economic operator is not subject to exclusion grounds and that the economic operator fulfils the requirements for economic and financial standing and technical and professional ability.

When the economic operator is participating together with others or if the economic operator relies on the capacity of other entities, each participating economic operator must provide a separate ESPD.

In the tender, economic operators must submit a completed and signed statement regarding Article 5k(1) of Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine, as amended by Council Regulation (EU) No 2022/1269 of 21 July 2022. The contract cannot be awarded to a tenderer subject to Article 5k(1) of Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014, as amended by Council Regulation (EU) No 2022/1269 of 21 July 2022.

The assignment will include evaluation of Danida-funded projects/programmes. Therefore, economic operators must submit declarations of prior and ongoing involvement from the economic operator and each involved Key Staff. Decisions on whether a conflict of interest or unfair competition exists rest with the contracting authority and are made on a case-by-case basis.

Before the time limit for receipt of tenders, the candidates, which the contracting authority has invited to tender, must present documentation of the information provided in the ESPD.

If an economic operator is entered on an official list of approved economic operators or has an equivalent certificate (e.g. under a national (pre)qualification system), the economic operator may refer to the list in question or present a certificate issued by the competent authority instead of documentation of the information provided in the ESPD.

When an economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others, the economic operator must present a joint statement from all the participating economic operators which identifies the member of the group who can act as an agent on behalf of the group with mandate to establish a legal obligation on behalf of the group in relation to the contracting authority.

Prior to the signing of the contract, the tenderer, which the contracting authority has awarded the contract to, must present statements of availability from all non-permanent staff (e.g. project specific consultants or freelance consultants).

This contract has not been divided into lots, cf. section II.1.6), due to necessary coordination of analyses and overall evaluation.

Economic operators will not receive remuneration for their participation in the procedure.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Klagenævnet for Udbud

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VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Actions regarding requests to participate and selection must be submitted within 20 calendar days from the day after the contracting authority has notified the economic operators of the decisions regarding selection.

Other actions regarding the procedure (e.g. decisions regarding award of contract) must be submitted within 45 calendar days from the day after the publication of a contract award notice in the Official Journal of the EU.

Complaint guidelines (in English) can be found at: <https://naevneneshus.dk/media/9802/complaint-guidelines.pdf>

VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: Konkurrence- og Forbrugerstyrelsen

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

31/03/2023