

266277-2026 - Competition

Germany – Business and management consultancy and related services – 10001623-Technical Assistance to implement gender-responsive solid waste management / circular economy and green public spaces in India

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**Contract or concession notice – standard regime
Services**

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

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Legal type of the buyer: Public undertaking, controlled by a central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: 10001623-Technical Assistance to implement gender-responsive solid waste management / circular economy and green public spaces in India

Description: The project "Gender in Smart Cities / Resilient Urban Development: Gender and Digital Approaches as drivers for sustainable growth and recovery in Cities" (GRC) is implemented by GIZ in India on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), along with the political counterpart the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). The project is being implemented in three partner cities in India: Guwahati in Assam, Kochi in Kerala and Faridabad in Haryana. The project GRC focuses on two municipal public services: solid waste management (SWM) / circular economy (CE), and safe and green public spaces. Context India's economic transformation is a story shaped mainly by its cities. Indian cities act as powerful hubs for sustainable growth by driving innovation, creating inclusive economies, and fostering collaboration to achieve development goals. They achieve this by developing smart urban policies, investing in green, climate-resilient infrastructure, improving public services, and using technology for better resource management. By strategically addressing urban challenges through integrated and interdisciplinary solutions, cities can achieve prosperity while minimizing environmental impact and enhancing the quality of life for their growing populations. Objective In selected cities in India, women and girls benefit as users or providers from climate-resilient, municipal public service systems in the areas of solid waste management (SWM) / circular economy (CE) as well as from safe and green public spaces. Approach 1) Improving the evidence base The project aims to improve the data and knowledge base for the provision of climate-resilient municipal public services. This is based on the following impact hypotheses: On the basis of strengthened cooperation between the actors relevant to service provision, the evidence base (knowledge and information base) will be improved and particularly with regard to gender responsiveness (esp. consideration of the needs of women and girls), environmental and resource protection and climate resilience (esp. use of the adaptation potential, e.g. through greening and reduction of illegal waste disposal in public spaces) of selected services. 2) Development of Practical Models The project aims to develop practical models in which women and girls benefit as users and providers from the improvement of climate-resilient,

municipal public services in the partner cities. These practical, replicable approaches can include various elements such as standard operating procedures (SOPs), handouts, business models, training modules, etc. Within the framework of demonstration projects in partner cities in the areas of a) SWM / CE and b) greening and improving safety in green public spaces, innovative approaches to improve gender responsiveness, environmental and resource protection as well as climate resilience of selected services will be tested and validated.. On the basis of this implementation experience, scalable practical models / transfer packages should be developed and disseminated to other cities for further application and institutionalization as part of upscaling. 3) Strengthening capacities The project aims to strengthen and empower the relevant stakeholders for the implementation of the demonstration projects and practical models to ensure the improvement of climate-resilient municipal public services. The capacities of officials and experts of relevant institutions (esp. municipal corporations and state departments) as well as women in municipal public service provision (e.g. women's self-help groups or entrepreneurs) lead to both more informed decisions and the implementation of practice-oriented measures that sustainably improve climate resilience, gender responsiveness, environmental and resource protection of municipal public services.

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Internal identifier: 10001623

Type of procedure: Negotiated with prior publication of a call for competition / competitive with negotiation

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

Additional classification (cpv): 79411100 Business development consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country: India

Anywhere in the given country

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: #Bekanntmachungs-ID: CXTRY6YT8DUZPSK# All communication takes place in English via communication tool in the project area of the procurement portal.

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

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2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Notice

Breaching of obligations set under purely national exclusion grounds: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Participation in a criminal organisation: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Money laundering or terrorist financing: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Fraud: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Corruption: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Child labour and including other forms of trafficking in human beings: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching obligation relating to payment of taxes: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching obligation relating to payment of social security contributions: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching of obligations in the fields of environmental law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching of obligations in the fields of social law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching of obligations in the fields of labour law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Insolvency: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Assets being administered by liquidator: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Business activities are suspended: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Analogous situation like bankruptcy, insolvency or arrangement with creditors under national law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Grave professional misconduct: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Conflict of interest due to its participation in the procurement procedure: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Direct or indirect involvement in the preparation of this procurement procedure: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Early termination, damages, or other comparable sanctions: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Misrepresentation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents or obtained confidential information of this procedure: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: 10001623-Technical Assistance to implement gender-responsive solid waste management / circular economy and green public spaces in India

Description: The services included in this tender contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the project "Gender in Smart Cities / Resilient Urban Development: Gender and Digital Approaches as drivers for sustainable growth and recovery in Cities" (GRC) that GIZ is implementing in India on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), along with the political counterpart the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). The services included in this tender are to be implemented in the cities of Guwahati in Assam and Kochi in Kerala and focuses on two urban public services: solid waste management (SWM) / circular economy (CE), and safe and green public spaces. The contractor is responsible for implementing the following 3 work packages in 2 partner cities in coordination with the GIZ team in Delhi. Work package 1 - Improving the evidence base Work package 1 aims to improve the data and knowledge base for the provision of climate-resilient municipal services. To this end, a city-wide community of practice (CoP) will be set up, comprising representatives from the municipal corporation, state departments, civil society, and the private sector, to analyze the evidence base for selected services in the areas of SWM / CE as well as safe and green public spaces, with regard to gender equality and the potential for adaptation to climate change and for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. In Guwahati,

the evidence base for green and safe public spaces must consider nature-based solutions and sponge park approaches. In Kochi, the evidence base must consider the existing Kudumbashree women groups from the Kerala government's flagship poverty eradication and women empowerment mission and the Centre for Heritage, Environment and Development (c-hed). In the process, potential problem areas with regard to evidence (e.g., reliability, completeness, acceptance by stakeholders, especially decision-makers, data quality, distortions, level of digitization, and status of gender disaggregation) will be jointly identified and prioritized. On this basis, selected evidence elements are specifically optimized with a focus on key aspects along the information and data cycle using innovative digital approaches with a view to improving the information content on gender and climate aspects (especially gender disaggregation). Decision-makers in the public service sectors are advised to analyze and formalize this qualified evidence and to use it in decision-making processes. Finally, the project promotes knowledge transfer between partner cities with cross-city CoPs in order to exchange best practices regarding evidence qualification and scale up evidence-based decision-making.

Work package 2 - Development of practical models Work package 2 aims to develop models in which women and girls benefit as providers and users of improved climate-resilient municipal public services in partner cities. Based on evidence-based analyses and identified service problems, demonstration projects shall be designed and implemented in the partner cities in close cooperation between city officials, the private sector, and civil society. The demonstration projects focus both on a) improvements in key areas of SWM / CE (e.g., in selected neighborhoods or wards) and b) the enhancement of safe and green public spaces (e.g., in selected parks or green spaces). They serve as practical test environments for evidence-based improvement measures, including physical upgrades to infrastructure, organizational optimization of service processes, digital innovations to increase efficiency, and approaches to promote economic activity. A particular focus is placed on strengthening gender responsiveness and, on the other hand, on strengthening the potential for climate adaptation and resource conservation. Specific thematic focus and requirements apply for the 2 project cities Guwahati and Kochi (see full ToR document for details). Scalable practical models including investment concepts for further implementation shall be developed as well as reviewed and documented in a structured manner on the basis of success factors to be defined. The practical models shall be disseminated for further application and institutionalization through the exchange of experiences between the partner cities and with other cities.

Work package 3 - Strengthening capacities Work package 3 aims to train relevant actors to improve climate-resilient municipal public services. To this end, the city officials and their departments responsible for public service provision are supported in their organizational development in line with their needs. Cooperation with NGOs and women self-help groups (SHGs) shall be promoted in order to anchor inclusive and needs-based solutions. The skills of various target groups are to be strengthened in a targeted manner: a) City and state officials receive further training (e.g., on gender-responsive service planning, climate resilience, or digital skills); b) Women working in public service provision (e.g., in municipal corporations, self-help groups, contracted companies, or the informal sector) shall receive needs-based practical training on relevant topics; c) Women entrepreneurs shall be supported through targeted mentoring and training on business and financing models. Awareness-raising activities shall be carried out at various levels, both Households and schools. Selected training institutions shall be supported in incorporating the developed training modules into regular training programs for other cities, including a cross-city CoP. Specific thematic focus and requirements apply for the 2 project cities Guwahati and Kochi (see full ToR document for details).

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5.1.1. Purpose

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Options:

Description of the options: GIZ may optionally commission contract amendments and/or increases based on the criteria in the tender documents to the successful bidder of this tender. For details, please see the terms of reference.

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country: India

Anywhere in the given country

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Start date: 02/11/2026

Duration end date: 30/06/2028

5.1.4. Renewal

Maximum renewals: 2

Other information about renewals: GIZ may optionally commission contract amendments and /or increases based on the criteria in the tender documents to the successful bidder of this tender. For details, please see the terms of reference.

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

The names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to perform the contract must be given: Tender requirement

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

This procurement is also suitable for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): yes

Additional information: #Besonders auch geeignet für:other-sme#

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: Reduction of environmental impacts

Description: Environmental protection and climate action (climate change mitigation/adaptation)

Aim of strategic procurement: Fulfilment of social objectives

Description: Safeguards and gender measures Environmental protection and climate action

Approach to reducing environmental impacts: Climate change mitigation, Pollution prevention and control

Social objective promoted: Gender equality, Human rights due diligence in global supply chains

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-A1: Principles for the execution of orders (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): The eligibility criteria are not from the same category as stipulated above, as there is no suitable category. 1. Self-declaration: name of

company and address, tax ID, registration and commercial register number or equivalent

register in accordance with the legal provisions of the country of origin. 2. No grounds for exclusion pursuant to § 123, § 124 GWB, § 22 LkSG, EU-Russia sanctions 3. Declaration of bidding consortium and/or declaration of subcontractors (if applicable)

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-A2: Conditions for the reduction of candidates (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): If we receive more than 5 requests to participate, we will make a selection on the basis of the criteria laid out in the procurement documents and invite tenders only from the 5 candidates with the highest scores. We reserve the right to cancel the procurement procedure if we receive fewer than 3 requests to participate. If it is not possible to make a clear selection of up to 5 candidates for the tendering phase on the basis of the criteria listed in the procurement documents (e.g. if a number of candidates achieve the same overall eligibility score), we reserve the right to increase the maximum number of 5. More than the required number of references may be provided but the number of 10 references should not be exceeded. If you are participating in the procedure as part of a candidate/bidding consortium, please note that the total number of references for all members of the consortium combined should not exceed 10. Only references that have the required minimum commission value of EUR 12.000,00 will be assessed. Only references that have started and/or finished in the last 36 months (deadline: end of deadline for the submission of requests to participate) will be assessed. If a reference project satisfies both the minimum criteria and the weighted criteria, it will be counted for both assessments. Only reference projects will be assessed if the reference project description clearly explains why the reference meets the required technical eligibility criterion and makes it possible to clearly assign the reference to a required eligibility criterion (see self-declaration of eligibility). The maximum number of points that can be achieved per weighted criterion is 10 points. Weighted criteria for the selection of candidates: 1. Improvement of Municipal Services in the area of Solid Waste Management / Circular Economy 40% 2. Improvement of Municipal Services in the area of safe and green public spaces 10% 3. Support of women self-help groups within the Solid Waste Management Sector 15% 4. Expertise on application of nature-based solutions in green public spaces, including sponge parks 5% 6. Regional Experience in Southern Asia 20% 7. Experience of development projects (at least 50% ODA-financed) 10%

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: EN-B1: Technical and professional ability (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): 1. The technical assessment is only based on reference projects with a minimum commission value of 12.000,00 EUR. 2. At least 3 reference projects in the technical field of urban solid waste management with circular economy approach and gender lens 3. and at least 1 reference project in the technical field of urban green public spaces, nature-based solutions and sponge cities / parks, 4. of which at least 3 reference projects in Asia, Latin America, Europe, USA, Singapore or Japan. all reference projects in the last 36 months (deadline: Deadline for the submission of requests to participate).

Criterion: Average yearly turnover

Description of selection criterion: EN-C1: Economic and financial standing (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Average annual turnover for the last three years (last-but-four financial year can be included in case of tenders held within 6 months of end of last financial year) at least: 1.500.000,00 EUR

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-C2: Economic and financial standing (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Average number of employees and managers in the last three calendar years, at least 15 persons.

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: Assessment of technical eligibility / weighted criteria for the selection of candidates - If we receive more than 5 requests to participate, we will make a selection on the basis of the criteria laid out in the procurement documents and invite tenders only from the 5 candidates with the highest scores. We reserve the right to cancel the procurement procedure if we receive fewer than 3 requests to participate. If it is not possible to make a clear selection of up to 5 candidates for the tendering phase on the basis of the criteria listed in the procurement documents (e.g. if a number of candidates achieve the same overall eligibility score), we reserve the right to increase the maximum number of 5. More than the required number of references may be provided but the number of 10 references should not be exceeded. If you are participating in the procedure as part of a candidate/bidding consortium, please note that the total number of references for all members of the consortium combined should not exceed 10. Only references that have the required minimum commission value of EUR 12.000,00 will be assessed. Only references that have started and/or finished in the last 36 months (deadline: end of deadline for the submission of requests to participate) will be assessed. If a reference project satisfies both the minimum criteria and the weighted criteria, it will be counted for both assessments. Only reference projects will be assessed if the reference project description clearly explains why the reference meets the required technical eligibility criterion and makes it possible to clearly assign the reference to a required eligibility criterion (see self-declaration of eligibility). The maximum number of points that can be achieved per weighted criterion is 10 points. Weighted criteria for the selection of candidates: 1. Improvement of Municipal Services in the area of Solid Waste Management / Circular Economy 40% 2. Improvement of Municipal Services in the area of safe and green public spaces 10% 3. Support of women self-help groups within the Solid Waste Management Sector 15% 4. Expertise on application of nature-based solutions in green public spaces, including sponge parks 5% 6. Regional Experience in Southern Asia 20% 7. Experience of development projects (at least 50% ODA-financed) 10%

The criteria will be used to select the candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure

Weight (percentage, exact): 100,00

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

Minimum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 5

Maximum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 5

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 11/05/2026 23:59:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRY6YT8DUZPSK/documents>

Ad hoc communication channel:

URL: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRY6YT8DUZPSK>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of the procedure:

Estimated date of dispatch of the invitations to submit tenders: 08/06/2026

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRYY6YT8DUZPSK>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Variants: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 19/05/2026 12:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Information that can be supplemented after the submission deadline:

At the discretion of the buyer, some missing tenderer-related documents may be submitted later.

Additional information: GIZ asks the applicant or bidder to submit, complete or correct documents, within the framework laid down by law.

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Conditions relating to the performance of the contract: The execution conditions result from the information given in the contract notice and the tender documents.

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Vergabekammern des Bundes

Information about review deadlines: According to Article 160, Section 3 of the German Act Against Restraint of Competition (GWB), application for review is not permissible insofar as 1. the applicant has identified the claimed infringement of the procurement rules before submitting the application for review and has not submitted a complaint to the contracting authority within a period of 10 calendar days; the expiry of the period pursuant to Article 134, Section 2 remains unaffected, 2. complaints of infringements of procurement rules that are evident in the tender notice are not submitted to the contracting authority at the latest by the expiry of the deadline for the application or by the deadline for the submission of bids, specified in the tender notice. 3. complaints of infringements of procurement rules that first become evident in the tender documents are not submitted to the contracting authority at the latest by the expiry of the deadline for application or by the deadline for the submission of bids, 4. more than 15 calendar days have expired since receipt of notification from the contracting authority that it is unwilling to redress the complaint. Sentence 1 does not apply in the case of an application to determine the invalidity of the contract in accordance with Article 135, Section 1 (2). Article 134, Section 1, Sentence 2 remains unaffected.

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Organisation receiving requests to participate: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

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Roles of this organisation:

Buyer
Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure
Organisation receiving requests to participate

8.1. ORG-0002

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Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: Datenservice Öffentlicher Einkauf (in Verantwortung des Beschaffungsamts des BMI)
Registration number: 0204:994-DOEVD-83
Town: Bonn
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Roles of this organisation:

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