

Denmark-Copenhagen: Evaluation consultancy services
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Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Danida Evaluation, Learning and Quality (ELK), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

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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 the Peace and Stabilisation Fund (PSF)

Reference number: 2020-27793

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79419000 Evaluation consultancy services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

Danida Evaluation, Learning and Quality (ELK) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark wish to conclude a contract regarding evaluation consultancy services in relation to the Danish Peace and Stabilisation Fund (PSF).

The objectives of the evaluation are threefold:

- to document the achievements and main results of PSF programmes with respect to their objectives and theories of change, both in terms of outcomes ‘on the ground’ and in terms of overall policies adopted and carried out through the ‘whole of government’ approach,
- to analyse critical issues in peace and stabilisation and responses as illustrated by the PSF programmes,
- on the basis of a synthesis of main lessons learned, to propose recommendations for improved operation of the Fund.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 2 999 596,00 DKK

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

75211200 Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: DKZ Extra-Regio NUTS 1

Main site or place of performance: (1) the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Somaliland); (2) Syria and Iraq; and (3) the Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger).

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The Danish Peace and Stabilisation Fund (PSF) was set up in 2010 as an inter-ministerial, flexible funding mechanism aimed at contributing to enhanced peace and stability in some of the world’s conflictual ‘hotspots’. A comprehensive, ‘whole of government’ approach was adopted to manage the fund, which involves the Prime Minister’s Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of Justice.

Initially, the main concern was to tackle the problems of so-called ‘fragile states’, where violent conflicts disrupt development processes, where Danish military forces were involved in stabilisation efforts (notably in Afghanistan) and where civil unrest and piracy had seriously disrupted societies and economies (notably in the Horn of Africa). Since 2015, the PSF focuses primarily on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16: ‘peace, justice and institutional development’. Activities funded include landmine clearance, the provision of basic services (notably water and sanitation), training of police and security forces, combatting violent extremism (CVE), various forms of capacity development through support for United Nations peacebuilding operations and NATO, the provision of advisory services for conflict resolution and strengthening maritime security. As ‘whole of government’ instruments, the PSF programmes are generally associated with diplomatic, military and police interventions. In the period from 2016-17, the focus of the PSF expanded to encompass tackling what are considered as major threats to peace and security in Europe, including terrorism and migration. Thus, the PSF programmes have shifted from a focus on the global war on terror to including issues related to security in the European neighbourhood. In this context, PSF resources are available for a series of initiatives ranging from inter alia ‘community security’ in Ukraine (2018-21), to ‘dialogue, reconciliation and democratic control of the security sector’ in the Sahel (2018-21) and to ‘maritime responses, strategies, dialogue and training’ in the Gulf of Guinea (2019-21).

The full portfolio of PSF programmes will constitute the basis for the evaluation. In addition to the Danish PSF, similar programmes and initiatives funded and run by other key agencies will be taken into account, notably those of European Union (EU) and the United Kingdom (UK).

Collaboration between different organisations and agencies is important in the context of peace and stabilisation activities in conflict zones.

Three case studies of PSF programmes will be undertaken following preparation during the inception phase of the evaluation. These will aim to provide in-depth analysis of the results as well as difficulties encountered and opportunities arising. Examining in particular the results in the period since 2014, the case studies will deal with peace and stabilisation initiatives undertaken through the regional programmes in: i) the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Somaliland; ii) Syria and Iraq; and, iii) the Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger). On the basis of the analysis of the portfolio focusing on the results and outcomes of PSF since 2010, the main themes to be explored through the evaluation include:

- issues related to overall policy making and strategic options guiding the PSF (i.e. the relevance and coherence of the Fund),
- the quality of PSF programme design and implementation, including theories of change, scope, choice of partners, etc. (i.e. effectiveness and efficiency considerations),
- issues related to information about the political economy of peace and stabilisation in conflict zones, the quality of the monitoring and evaluation arrangements for tracking results (i.e. assessing the impact of the Fund),
- organisational matters pertaining to the Fund, notably assessment of the whole of government approach as reflected in steering committee decision making, allocation of funds and administration of the PSF (efficiency).

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Adequacy of methodology and work plan / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Qualifications and competence of key staff / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 0

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 3 000 000 net of VAT in relation to the procurement. Tenders will be rejected if they exceed the contracting authority's maximum budget.

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.2.1.

Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2021/S 056-141605](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

25/06/2021

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Nordic Consulting Group A/S

National registration number: 12852371

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Postal code: 2300

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Internet address: www.ncg.dk

The contractor is an SME: yes

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: ECORYS Nederland B.V.

Postal address: Waterman 44

Town: Rotterdam

NUTS code: NL33 Zuid-Holland

Postal code: 3067 GG

Country: Netherlands

Internet address: www.ecorys.com

The contractor is an SME: yes

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 2 999 596,00 DKK

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

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>

This contract has not been divided into lots, cf. section II.1.6), due to market and economic considerations.

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>

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 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://naevneshus.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

25/06/2021