

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#/1f008447-b03f-4a87-86eb-9d10f6a6b0cf/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#/1f008447-b03f-4a87-86eb-9d10f6a6b0cf/homepage>

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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 support to gender equality in Danish development cooperation

Reference number: 2021-4276

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79419000 Evaluation consultancy services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The overall purpose of the evaluation of Gender Equality, Girls' and Women's rights in Danish Development Cooperation (2014-2021) is to learn from implementation of previous programs and projects in terms of addressing gender issues with a view to strengthening Denmark's integration of gender equality, girls' and women's rights in Danish development cooperation. The evaluation has a forward-looking perspective providing strategic and operational guidance strengthening Denmark's engagement in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals. And to inform the implementation of Denmark's new development strategy, The World we Share (2021), focusing on democratic values and human rights, combatting climate change, preventing and fighting poverty and inequality, conflict and irregular migration and fragility, areas within which gender equality, girls' and women's rights are at the centre.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 3 000 000,00 DKK

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: DKZ Extra-Regio NUTS 1

Main site or place of performance: Kenya, Burkina Faso and Mali

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The objectives of the evaluation are fourfold:

- 1) Analyse Danish Gender budgetary allocation to bilateral and multilateral programmes (2014-2021) and analyse its trends and gaps.
 - 2) Analyse key gender achievements in selected bilateral and multilateral programmes (2014-2021) to analyse the outcomes and impacts of gender equality achieved at a transformative level, with particular emphasis on the following themes: SRHR/GBV and integration of gender in Climate Change/Green Transition/Inclusive Growth, and Governance.
 - 3) Analyse organisational gaps within the MFA, including human resources, monitoring and accountability mechanisms for promoting the integration of gender equality and women's and girls' rights in bilateral and multilateral development cooperation.
 - 4) On the basis of a synthesis of main lessons learned, to propose recommendations for improved impact of future Danish support to gender equality and women's and girls' rights.
- Given the broad scope and cross-cutting nature of the promotion of gender equality, it is necessary to select a sample of programmes for in-depth analysis. Multilateral organisations (UNICEF, UNFPA, Mary Stopes, Green Climate Funds and other relevant funds) and bilateral programmes (Kenya, Burkina Faso and Mali) will be selected. The former mentioned based on their thematic focus including SRHR/GBV, Climate Change and Green Transition. The Client

will appreciate if the Consultant suggest 2-3 additional relevant multilateral organisations to be included as case studies and outlines the reasons for this choice and objectives. The exact number of organisations that will be selected will be decided during the inception phase. In addition to the selected case studies, common trends and lessons learned from evaluation of other development agencies' work on gender will be synthesized by the Consultant in the inception phase in order to inform the assessment of the Danish portfolio, and to provide important insight into recommendations for the development of institutionalized systems strengthening the integration of gender equality in programmes and programmes. The three country case-studies and 5-6 case studies of multilateral organisations will aim to provide in-depth analysis of the results as well as difficulties encountered and opportunities arising. Examining in particular the results since 2014, the country case studies will deal with country programmes in Kenya, Burkina Faso and Mali, assessing how gender equality has been integrated in these programmes. The case studies of multilateral organisations includes 5-6 selected multilateral organisations/international organisations (UNFPA, UNICEF, Mary Stopes, Green Climate Fund and other funds), which provides opportunities for assessing how gender equality has been addressed in support to multilateral organisations.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Criteria below

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 3 000 000,00 DKK

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

Duration in months: 15

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 the selection, the contracting authority will specifically emphasise:

- the number of relevant contracts, as defined in section III.1.3);
- the extent to which the performed contracts concern Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights/Gender Based Violence and gender inclusion in Climate Change/Green Transition and Governance.
- the extent to which the performed contracts concern Sub-Saharan Africa; and
- the extent to which the contracts are performed for Denmark's development cooperation or comparable bilateral clients including EU and EU bilateral development partners.

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 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 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 4 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 2 years has been subject to any of the exclusion grounds listed in sections 136(1)(3) and 137(1)(2-3) 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 severable 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 severable 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 6,000,000 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 3 years stating a description of the contract (nature and quantity of services from the economic operator and how they compare to the description of this procurement), amount (contract fee received by the economic operator), start date, end date and recipient (name and contact information).

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).

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.

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.

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.

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

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Within the last 3 years, the economic operator is required to have performed (entered into, ongoing or finalised) minimum one (1) contract regarding an independent evaluation of gender equality in bilateral or multilateral programmes in developing countries with a value attributable to the economic operator of more than DKK 500,000.

A relevant reference is an independent evaluation of gender equality in bilateral or multilateral programmes in developing countries. This may also include an evaluation with a large gender equality component, but this will require a precise and proper documentation in the reference description of the scope of the gender equality component, e.g. as an explicit theme of the evaluation terms of reference and a substantial part of the evaluation analysis and reporting. In the absence of clear justification of gender equality being an explicit and large part of an independent evaluation a reference is not likely to be assessed a relevant.

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.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2021/S 161-424141](#)

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

Date: 28/01/2022 Local time: 14:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

Date: 04/02/2022

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.

The evaluation will cover Danish support for gender equality as a thematic and cross-cutting theme in multilateral and bilateral development in general and specifically support to gender equality directly and indirectly in the country programmes in Burkina Faso, Mali and Kenya. Therefore, in the tender, economic operators must submit a declaration of prior and ongoing involvement from the tenderer and each involved Key Staff, and in accordance with the Danida Evaluation Guidelines and the DAC Quality Standards for Development Evaluation, the following shall apply. In situations where conflict of interest could occur, Key Staff are excluded from participation in the tender if their participation puts into doubt the independence and impartiality of the evaluation. Tenderers or Key Staff, participating in the preparation or implementation of the tendered evaluation assignment, are excluded from participation in the tender if their involvement constitutes unfair competition. 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.

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 economic operator 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 market and economic considerations.

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

14/12/2021