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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (ReEOI)

CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE A BASELINE STUDY ON MINE HEALTH REGULATION AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) is a programme of the African Union adopted in 2001 in Lusaka, Zambia, aimed primarily at poverty alleviation and promotion of economic growth and sustainable development in Africa. NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) was established by the Decision of the 14th African Union (AU) Assembly of February 2010 as the technical body of the African Union, the offices of the NEPAD Agency are located in Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. Its mandate is to facilitate and coordinate the implementation of continental and regional priority programmes and projects; mobilize resources and partners in support of the implementation of Africa's priority programmes and projects; conduct and coordinate research and knowledge management; monitor and evaluate the implementation of programmes and projects; and advocate on the AU and NEPAD vision, mission and core principles.

NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA) has allocated funds for the procurement of the above mentioned Consultancy services, and now invites sealed EOIs from eligible Consultancy Firms or Consortiums for the consultancy services to undertake a baseline study on mine health regulation and occupational health and safety service in Southern Africa under the Southern Africa Tuberculosis and Health Systems Support Project (SATHSSP).

PROBLEM STATEMENT AND BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

The African continent still grapples with tuberculosis (TB), despite progress registered globally in tackling the disease. The continent has a staggering estimated incidence rate of 281 new cases per 100,000 population, which is above the WHO rate for emergency (250 cases per 100,000 people). The Southern Africa region in particular carries a significant burden of TB, harboring 9 countries of the 30 high burden disease countries (2016 – 2020) as defined by the WHO.

The mining sector, though an important economic sector in the Southern Africa region, is associated with high levels of TB. The incidence rates of TB among mine workers ranges between 3,000 and 7,000



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cases per 100,000 people in South African mines which is way above the WHO classified health emergency level. High prevalence of silicosis among miners as a result of prolonged exposure to silica dust in mine shafts makes them vulnerable to TB. Compounding the challenge is high rates of HIV, unfavorable working conditions inside the mines including poor ventilation, and living conditions which increases the miners' risk of contracting the communicable disease, TB, as well as heightens pre-existing pulmonary TB. The challenge of TB in the mines is further complicated by labor migration patterns as mine workers move between mining communities to labor sending communities, mostly rural poor areas and sometimes across countries in the SADC region facilitating cross-border disease transmission. For instance, estimates indicate that half a million men travel across the Southern African region to work in South Africa's mines every year. One of the challenges making the TB in the mining sector complex is lack of or weak mine health regulatory systems in some countries in the SADC region leaving mining companies to self-regulate on dust control.

In responding to these challenges the Kingdom of Lesotho, Republic of Malawi, Republic of Mozambique and Republic of Zambia are implementing the Southern Africa Tuberculosis and Health Systems Support Project with financial support from the World Bank. The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency in collaboration with Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA HC) is providing technical and implementation support to the Project. The Project, being implemented in Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia with spill over benefits across the SADC region, is aimed at (i) improving coverage and quality of TB control and occupational lung disease services; and (ii) strengthening regional capacity to manage the burden of TB and occupational diseases. The project targets underserved populations with a high TB and/or TB/HIV burden, including mining communities, transport corridors and cross border areas focusing on three key components: (i) Innovative prevention, detection, and treatment of TB; (ii) Regional capacity for disease surveillance, diagnostics, and management of TB and Occupational lung diseases; and (iii) regional learning and innovation, and project management. The project contributes to efforts towards achieving goals set in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end TB by 2030, SADC Protocol on Health, AU Catalytic Framework to End AIDS, TB and Eliminate Malaria in Africa by 2030, the SADC Mining Protocol and the AU mining charter.

NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency is providing technical and implementation support to the four countries participating in the SATBHSS Project.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- (i) To assess the baseline situation of the legal frameworks and management systems for occupational health and safety in Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia, in comparison with international best practice.
- (ii) To assess the engineering and management systems in place for dust control and monitoring practices in mines in the 4 countries.



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EXPECTED OUTPUT AND DELIVERABLES

The study is expected to generate knowledge that will inform the design and implementation of interventions for strengthening mine health regulatory systems and occupational health service delivery in the four countries under the SATBHSS project.

Specifically the study will be expected to generate the following outputs and deliverables over a period of 18 months:

Expected Output	Timelines
1. A report on the review of the state of mine health regulation and occupational health and safety service in Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia	Within 12 weeks of commencement
2. A report on mine dust exposure and monitoring practices in Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia	Within 38 weeks of commencement
3. A policy forum on occupational health and safety, and mine health regulation	Within 40 weeks of commencement
4. A consolidated final report on Mine Health Regulation and Occupational Health and Safety Service in Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia	Within 48 weeks of commencement

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

The NEPAD Agency now invites eligible consultants to express their interest in undertaking the Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services to undertake a consultancy to **“Undertake a Baseline Study on Mine Health Regulation and Occupational Health and Safety Service in Southern Africa.”**

Interested Consultancy firms with proven experience and track record in conducting studies on mine dust control, Occupational Health and Safety Services and regulatory systems strengthening.

The consultancy firm should be able to undertake the assignment within Eighteen (18) months. Consultancy firms will be required to submit the following documents which will be also form as shortlisting criteria;

- 1. An Official signed Letter from an authorized official, expressing interest of the firm to participate in the Consultancy,**
- 2. General profile and background of the firm which should elaborate the following:**
 - a. Core Business of the firms**
 - b. Names of authorized representatives of the firms (Power of Attorney).**
 - c. In the cases of Consortiums/Partnerships/Associations shall be required to submit Joint venture Agreements/Joint Association letters stating the lead firm.**
 - d. Commercial Registration of the firms attaching Registrations certificates.**
 - e. Tax Clearance Certificate/ Value Added Tax Certificate.**



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3. Experience of the Firms in handling consultancy services of similar assignments in the past five years.

e. Availability of Professional Key Staff with Suitable Qualifications in the field of assignment

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers – January 2011, revised July 2014, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Interested firms are required to submit one (1) original, Four (4) copies and one (1) soft copy of the Expression of Interest clearly marked as original and copies.

NEPAD Agency reserves the right to verify any information provided by prospective entities/individuals and false information will lead to disqualification. The NEPAD Agency reserves the right to reject any or all EOIs without stating any reason.

The NEPAD Agency will evaluate the Expressions of Interest and will notify the short-listed entities. Request for Proposal (RFP) documents will be made available only to the short-listed entities.

Any documents submitted with this EOI will not be returned and all expenses related to participation in this Expression of Interest shall be borne by the applicants.

The NEPAD Agency reserves the right to request submission of additional information from applicants in order to clarify aspects of Expression of Interest, if required.

Interested consultancy firms may obtain further information in writing or through an email from the **Head of Procurement, NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency, Procurement and Travel Division, 230, 15th Road, P. O. Box 218 Midrand, 1685 Johannesburg, South Africa. The telephone number is +27-11-074-19621/+27-11-256 3600, and the Email: procurement@nepad.org and VincentM@nepad.org from 08:00 hours to 16:30hours local South Africa time from Monday to Friday.**

The Expression of Interests should be sent clearly marked "**Consultancy Service to Undertake a Baseline Study on Mine Health Regulation and Occupational Health and Safety Service in Southern Africa, Procurement Number: NPCA/ISTI/TB/QCBS/01-2017**" and deposited in the **Tender Box situated at the NEPAD Reception on the address below or by email stated below before 4th August, 2017 at 14:30hours** local time and clearly addressed to:



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The Chairperson

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In Attention of: Procurement Division

Interested consultancy firms may obtain further information from the African Union Website; <http://au.int/en/bids> and NEPAD website: <http://www.nepad.org/tenders> or from **Procurement Division, NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency, Email: procurement@nepad.org**