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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Reinsertion Projects for Disengaged Al Shabab combatants in dedicated transition facilities in Mogadishu, Beletweyne, Baidoa, Kismayo – SOMALIA

Introduction

In 2012 the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) developed the National Program for the Treatment and Handling of Disengaged Combatants in Somalia (National Program). The purpose was to provide support to Low Risk Al Shabab disengaged combatants (hereinafter AS DCs) to reintegrate back into the community. Three transitional facilities have been established in terms of the National Program providing support to disengaged male Al Shabab combatants. Two facilities, one in Mogadishu (Serendi) and one in Beletweyne (Hiil Walaal), are currently funded by the UK Government and managed by Adam Smith International (ASI). A third facility funded by the German Government is in Baidoa and managed by the International Organization for Migration (IOM). UNSOM Trust Fund funded IOM to establish a Safe House in Baidoa for disengaged female AS DCs and their dependents. Germany funded IOM to establish another male transitional facility due to open by middle 2016 in Kismayo. Currently the AS DCs in Kismayo are being kept in temporary facilities managed by the Jubaland State Administration with no external funding.

AS DCs currently part of the National Program in the transitional facilities receive a support package that includes religious counselling, rehabilitation, vocational training, trauma healing and Traditional Dispute Resolutions (TDR). While the National Program foresees a reinsertion phase to provide a short-term assistance prior to the longer-term process of reintegration, at the moment, participants do not receive assistance that can provide them with some kind of income to support their transition back into the community. Against this background, the Embassy of Japan granted funds to UNSOM Trust Fund to implement reinsertion projects.

The projects aim to support the Federal Government of Somalia to establish reinsertion projects in terms of the National Programme. The reinsertion projects will provide AS DCs and other members of the community with a joint opportunity to engage in livelihood income generating activities and on-the-job training, while rehabilitating public infrastructures for the early recovery of the community targeted. The project will facilitate a smoother re-integration of ex-combatants into civilian life and will contribute to social cohesion and the reconciliation process of disengaged participants within communities.

Goal:

The National Programme Directorate and UNSOM are looking for an International Non-Governmental to implement the reinsertion projects in Mogadishu, Baidoa, Kismayo,



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Beletweyne, Somalia. This call for proposals is aimed at identifying an International Implementing Partner (hereinafter IIP) who will support and empower AS DCs and other vulnerable community members, to develop alternative livelihoods through labour intensive public works projects, income generating activities and vocational skills training. UNSOM in conjunction with the FGS will lead on this project while the IIP will implement it under the technical guidance of UNSOM in partnership with the IIP.

Proposals are being sought from organizations capable of implementing construction works as for the following statement of requirement (SOR).

Description of the projects:

The IIP intervention would deliver targeted 'hard component' (largely infrastructural rehabilitation works, with AS DCs receiving on-job training and provision of essential equipment) to the community of Mogadishu, Beletweyne, Baidoa, Kismayo. The projects would be complemented by a soft component, including the public information and awareness raising on the reinsertion projects in specific, on the National Programme in general.

- Hard Component

This component will help enhance local economy, promote social cohesion, peace and reconciliation among the various population segments. This will be achieved through the participation of all community members in the planning and implementation of the projects and also equal access by all community members (of both the town and areas around) to the services provided by the completed structures.

The project identification will happen through pre-established DDR Working Group, comprising representatives from the local administration, Ministry of Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR), NISA, Elders, Women, Office of Social Affairs, Police, Religious leader and counselor, among others. Where the DDR Working Group is not established, the Implementing Partner will facilitate its establishment.

The target is to implement 20 reinsertion projects with five projects each in Mogadishu, Baidoa, Kismayo and Beletweyne. The following activities are initially proposed, but need to be validated by the local DDR working group:

- Rehabilitation of one local hospital in each region to be identified jointly by the FGS, regional government and WHO (total of four projects).
- Rehabilitation of one local school in each region to be identified jointly by the FGS, regional government and UNICEF (total of four projects);



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- Rehabilitation of one prison in each region to be identified jointly by the FGS, regional government and UNSOM Rule of Law and Security Institutions Group (ROLSIG) Corrections Section (total of four projects);
- Rehabilitation of one local court in each region to be identified jointly by the FGS, regional government and UNSOM ROLSIG Joint Justice and Corrections Section (total of four projects);
- Expansion of all 4 male transitional facilities in each sector to make provision for an entertainment and sports facility for disengaged Al Shabab combatants (total of four projects).

Each project will have a duration of three months with a six-working-day week.

Unskilled labor force for each project will consist of 25 AS DCs members from the transitional facility and the female safe houses in the specific region and 25 members of the local community of the project. Efforts will be made to ensure that the 25 members of the local community comprise of at least a minimum of 40 % females.

The 20 project will benefit a total of 1,000 beneficiaries in the four regions. The projects will create labor intensive, livelihood and on-the-job training opportunities for 500 AS DCs and 500 community members. The IIP will provide the criteria of selection of AS DCs and the community members and will be responsible of the selection of beneficiaries along with the DDR Working Group.

The IIP has to provide a component of on-the-job training (construction works, welding, painting etc..) and life skills training as part of the project, to ensure that candidates are provided with experience and a skill that promote their prospects of future employment. Furthermore, it has to provide necessary tools and equipment's for the rehabilitation of infrastructures.

Output 1: Rehabilitation of 16 public infrastructures across four regions and expansion of male transitional centres for disengaged Al Shabab combatants in four regions to make provision for entertainment and sports facilities

Baseline: 16 Local public infrastructures needing rehabilitation in four regions; no existing entertainment and sport facilities in the 4 male transition centres for disengaged Al Shabab combatants in four regions

Indicators: Infrastructures rehabilitated/entertainment and sport facilities constructed

Target: 16 Public infrastructures are rehabilitated in four regions. Entertainment and sport facilities are constructed in the four transition centres for disengaged Al Shabab combatants

Output 2: 500 AS DsCs and 500 community members gained new skills on construction/electricity/welding/painting etc.



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Baseline: 500 AS DCs and 500 community members in need of training and income generation support

Indicators: 500 AS DCs and 500 community members trained and received income generation support

Targets: 500 AS DCs are ready for reintegration and 500 community member are suitable to find employment.

- **Soft Component:**

The IIP will implement the Public Information (PI) component of this proposal before, during and after the implementation of the reinsertion projects. The PI component plays a crucial supporting function for the implementation of the reinsertion projects. The PI mainly aims to increase awareness among the beneficiaries and the community targeted, on projects activities and objectives, while sensitizing on the wider goals of the National Programme. By PI, the IIP will ensure that beneficiaries are made fully aware of what the reinsertion projects process involves and encourages individuals to participate. It will also serve the vital purpose of ensuring that the targeted communities understand how the National Programme is involving them to support the successful reintegration of ex-combatants, through positive campaigns on peaceful co-existence and messages on the shared benefits coming from the National Programme.

PI will also publicize the reinsertion projects among strategic national, regional and international audiences with a view to generating and sustaining donor interest and support. In such way the visibility of Japanese support will be also secured.

Different media would be used to deliver reinsertion project related information and National Programme sensitization messages. Considering the context of each location selected for the implementation of the projects, following tools will be taken in consideration.

- Community Mobilization Events: are suggested at the beginning to gain the support of the influential members of the community, such as leaders (community leaders, elders, religious and tribal leaders), professional associations to validate the proposed projects and disseminate messages about the initiative to the wider communities.

- Outreach Activities: are suggested as closing ceremony of the projects. Limited by the security environment, theater, sports events, and cultural performances promoting reintegration are part of the envisaged activities to reach out to the community.

- Production of PI material: includes printed material with awareness messages about the projects and the National Programme, such as flyers, booklets, posters, t-shirts, caps. Includes production of multimedia.



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- Radio/TV programmes: Basic information on National Programme and reinsertion projects might be packaged and broadcasted in the locations and national wide.

Output 3: Increased understanding of the reinsertion projects and the share benefits of the National Programme, through the implementation of Public Information (PI) activities, including production of printed materials and multimedia, outreach activities, broadcast of radio/TV programmes to sensitize communities on the reintegration process of disengaged Al Shabab combatants.

Baseline: No PI related to the National Programme in place

Indicators: number of community mobilization events and outreach activities developed, number of PI materials produced and disseminated, radio/TV programmes developed and broadcasted

Targets: 4 community mobilization events and 20 outreach activities developed, different PI material produced and disseminated, 4 radio/TV programmes developed and broadcasted

Expected Outcome:

It is anticipated that through these projects, the social economic reintegration of DCs and the stabilization of communities will be promoted, as AS DCs and other community members will gain skills for economic opportunities while rebuilding their shattered communities. The resilience of communities to effectively deal with their problems will be also strengthened. Improved community security, social cohesion and reconciliation in the targeted region is expected too.

Budget:

The approved budget for the hard component is **1,000,000 USD**, being the cost of each project 50,000 USD, including the IIP management cost and the contractor per tender (if any). Each project has to budget daily wages of beneficiaries, material, tools and transportation costs. The 20 projects will provide opportunities for a total of 1,000 beneficiaries. Daily wages of beneficiaries are calculated at 5 USD per day calculated per six working day/week. Thus, on an average of 24 working days per month, each beneficiary will receive on average 120 USD per month.

The projects will have a duration of three months each and the expenditures in USD will be divided as follow per project:

IIP management cost	5,000
Contractor per tender	5,000
Daily wages of beneficiaries	18,000
Material	16,000
Tools	3,000



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Transportation	<u>3,000</u>
Total	<u>50,000</u>

The approved budget for the soft component is **150,442.48 USD**. IIP will implement following activities as part of the PI for the reinsertion projects: community mobilization events, outreach activities, production of print materials and multimedia, radio/TV programme.

The total amount for the project implementation is **1,150,442.48 USD**. The IP will be entitled of 7% overhead of this amount for administrative costs.

Project proposal format and deadline:

IIP reinsertion projects proposal should include detailed information on:

- Short IIP introduction, including past experience in implementing similar project, current staffing and location
- Project Narrative and Justification
- Overall Objective
- Specific Objective
- Main Activities
- Output
- Input
- Expected situation at the end of the project
- Selection criteria for beneficiaries
- Community participation:
- Project Implementation Methodology
- Area of implementation (criteria of selection)
- Type of training
- Sustainability
- Activities implementation schedule
- Number of beneficiaries
- Duration of the project
- Budget distribution
- Outlines of the M&E plan

Project proposal should be submitted to unsom-japanesefunds-reinsertionprojects@un.org, no later than 4 June 2016, 17.00 hours.

Work plan:



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The implementation date of these projects will depend on the status of agreement between the donor and UNSOM and shall enter into force from the date of signature by the IIP and UNSOM. The IIP will have to start implementation of the projects not later than 45 days after the signature of the MOU. The duration of the pilot projects shall be three months (excluding the maximum of 45 days preparation by IIP after signature of MOU) unless earlier extended or terminated by agreement.

Project reporting and M&E:

Funding will be provided under a MOU with the IIP. The monitoring and evaluation of the projects will be coordinated by UNSOM DDR Section monthly with reporting to UNSOM Finance Section. Program and Project monitoring will be done through the existing outreach, monitoring and evaluation approach supported by a database that is currently operational in the Transitional Facilities.

The MoU should include detailed information on how the funds will be disbursed and also indicate the required supporting documents justifying all expenditures related to the implementation of the project. The IP should also submit regular financial report, including all supporting documents. This should be validated by DDR team and the finance unit prior to the disbursement of additional funds.

Payments under this Project shall be utilized exclusively for the Project and shall be inclusive of all costs and expenses payable in connection with the Project. The payment shall take account of unutilized amounts from previous instalments (if any) and may be reduced to account for possible savings. Interest on any undisbursed balance of funds issued under this project funding shall be credited to the Project account and the use of such interest shall be subject to the approval of UNSOM.

Funds received by the IIP will be administered by the IIP in accordance with internationally accepted professional accountancy standards and best practices. The IIP will ensure that all financial transactions relating to the Project are recorded in a separate ledger established for the Project; they will clearly identify all payments received and disbursements made. All transactions relating to the Project will be expressed in US dollars. Transactions in currencies other than US dollars will be carried out and recorded at the United Nations operational rate of exchange in effect on the date of the transaction.

The IIP will monitor Project progress and keep UNSOM informed of any delays or difficulties with implementation. The IIP will provide a brief narrative progress monthly until project completion to UNSOM detailing project progress.



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Upon completion of the project, the IIP will provide UNSOM with a comprehensive financial report recording all payments received and disbursements made, together with all relevant vouchers, receipts and supporting documentation (including verification of receipt by each beneficiary of applicable salaries). At the end of the project (or before if all the funds are expired) the IP will submit a final account to UNSOM. The IIP will comply with all relevant procedures to ensure transparency, accountability and efficiency and will have to carry out its obligations with all due diligence, efficiency and economy. The financial report, including all financial accounts and statements, will be subject to United Nations internal and external auditing procedures.

At the close of the project, the IIP will prepare a substantive report in respect to the Project. The substantive report will provide details of outputs and achievements in the implementation of the Project, indicating its impact on local communities or beneficiary entity, a presentation of constraints, difficulties or shortcomings, including any deviations from the agreed Project plan, identify lessons learned during the implementation of the Project and recommend possible improvements for future projects of this nature. Submission of this report to UNSOM is required before final payment is made.

Selection of the IP:

A Technical Review Committee (TRC) comprising of UNSOM Finance, Strategic Communication and Public Affairs Group (SCPAG) and UNSOM DDR Section will receive, review the proposals, screen them as per requirements, prioritize project proposals based on substance and quality and recommend a shortlist of IIP.

A Project Approval Committee (PAC) will then review the recommendations and evaluate the proposals in order to select the IIP. The PAC will have the following composition: National Programme Directorate (Chair), UNSOM DDR, and a representative of the Japanese Embassy. The PAC will meet after the TRC recommendations and in any case, not later than 10 days after the closure of the deadline. The IIP will be notified by e-mail and will be required to accomplish with the formalities to be registered in UN Procurement System and sign a MoU with UNSOM.

The technical evaluation criteria which will be used to evaluate the proposals received, include: previous experience in similar projects in Somalia, manpower, method statement (i.e. project implementation methodology), mobilization plan, acceptance of compliance with SOR and budget requirement.