



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

NIGER STATE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - REOI (CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION) CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE ASSESSMENT STUDY ON TRADE FACILITATION, GENDER AND YOUTH SENSITIVE TRADE FACILITATION ALONG MINNA – BIDA ROAD PROJECT

COUNTRY: NIGERIA
CLIENT: NIGER STATE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND
INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT: UPGRADING AND DUALIZATION OF MINNA - KATAERGI-
BIDA ROAD PROJECT IN NIGER STATE (82KM)
SELECTION METHOD: QUALITY AND COST BASED SELECTION
METHOD (QCBS)
ISSUANCE DATE: WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 2025
CLOSING DATE: 12.000 NOON. 20TH NOVEMBER, 2025
FINANCING NO. [NGA - 1002]
REFERENCE NO: MBRP/01/QCBS/01/24

The Government of Niger State has received a credit financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) toward the cost of the Niger State Ministry of Works and Infrastructural Development, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The primary objective of this study is to assess current trade facilitation measures, identify gender- and youth-specific challenges and opportunities, and provide recommendations for improving policies and practices to enhance inclusive trade facilitation.

SCOPE OF SERVICE

The scope of work of the consultancy is, not necessarily limited to, the following:

- a. Review existing literature, reports, policies, and frameworks related to trade facilitation, gender, and youth;
- b. Identify key stakeholders involved in trade facilitation, including government agencies, private sector actors, trade associations, and gender/youth-focused organizations;
- c. Design and conduct surveys and interviews with key stakeholders (including women and youth traders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and trade associations) to gather primary data on the current state of trade facilitation and barriers faced by women and youth.
- d. Analyze trade facilitation measures in the context of gender and youth, identifying specific needs, challenges, and opportunities.
- e. Assess the accessibility and adequacy of trade infrastructure and technology (e.g., transport, digital platforms) for women and youth;
- f. Assess the capacity of institutions responsible for trade facilitation to integrate gender and youth-sensitive approaches into their practices;
- g. Propose specific, actionable recommendations to enhance trade facilitation for women and youth, focusing on regulatory reforms, infrastructure improvements, and digital inclusion;
- h. Suggest ways to strengthen the capacity of stakeholders to implement gender- and youth-sensitive trade facilitation policies;
- i. Develop an inclusive trade facilitation framework that considers the specific needs of women and youth in trade;
- j. Draft comprehensive rural market management guidelines for managing rural markets based on the findings from above tasks. The guidelines will include, among others, detailed arrangements for the sustainable operation, maintenance and management of rural markets;
- k. Draft a comprehensive policy for the sustainable operation, maintenance and management of rural markets that can be easily adopted by the State Government. The guidelines will be a part of the mentioned policy;
- l. Submit the study outputs in a comprehensive report with an action plan and activities for adopting the study outputs/recommendations.

DURATION OF SERVICE

The consultancy services will be required for six months and expected to commence in January, 2026

Niger State Ministry of Works and Infrastructural Development through the project management Unit (PMU) now invite eligible Consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- The firm must demonstrate verifiable evidence of experience in conducting trade assessment study within the last 10 years.
- Demonstration of effective organizational/ managerial structure and availability of suitably experienced key personnel relevant to the assignment.
- Demonstration of firm's professional and/or legal status,
- Demonstration of at least three similar and related assignments carried out in the last five years – demonstration of two (2) such assignments carried out in Donor funded projects like IsDB, WB, AfDB etc will be added advantage.
- Demonstrate current membership of professional association/s.

Key Experts will **not** be evaluated at the Shortlisting Stage, however, the firm must ensure demonstration of availability of key professionals for the assignment with their resumes, key qualifications, General and specific experience, etc

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the “Procurement Guidelines”) (April, 2019 edition) revised in February, 2023, setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected through International Shortlist in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection method (QCBS) Member Countries (MC)** set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 10.00a.m to 16.00 p.m. **Mondays to Fridays, excluding public holidays.**

Expressions of interest in well-sealed packaged -articulated (bind) in two (2) copies (with soft copy in flash drive included in the submission) must be delivered in a written form or by mail to the address below, on or **12.000 Noon Thursday, 20th November, 2025.** with soft copy in flash drive included in the submission. Late submissions will **NOT** be accepted.

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