

**Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEM RESILIENCE PROJECT**

**Request For Expressions of Interest
Consulting Services – Individual Consultant**

**Assignment Title: Social Specialist
Reference No.: SVGSHSRP-C-INDV-6**

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) has received financing from the International Development Association (World Bank) and OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) towards the cost of implementing the Strengthening Health System Resilience Project (SHSRP). The Government of SVG intends to hire Social Specialist to provide support for project management.

The Social Specialist is expected to coordinate with the Environmental and Social Focal Points in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, and Information Technology (MoFEP), and with the Environmental Specialist contracted to support the PSIPMU in ensuring that social issues and social management activities are mainstreamed into the various components of the Project so that it is compliant with the country's regulations, with the Environmental and Social Standards of the World Bank, and with the Social and Environmental Assessment provisions developed for this project.

The Social Specialist will work under the overall management of the Director of Economic Planning and will report to the Project Manager. He/She shall work under the supervision of the social safeguard Focal Point in the PSIPMU on all social safeguards related matters and provide the stated services for the project. He/She will also work in tandem with the Environmental Specialist

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following link:
<https://procurement.gov.vc/eprocure/index.php/current-bids>

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Qualifications and experience include, inter alia, the following:

- At least a Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Sociology, Anthropology, Community Development, Social Science, Economics, Law, or other related discipline.
- At least five (5) years of experience in the preparation and supervision of implementation of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, ESMPs, and/or other applicable management instruments like those required by the World Bank
- Demonstrated experience working on projects that have applied the World Bank's operational Environmental and Social Standards, or experience applying similar Environment and Social Standards in other organizations.
- At least 5 years' experience in the preparation of social assessments: social policy development programs; and/or other social risk management instruments like those required under the ESSs.

- At least 5 years of experience in working with different stakeholders to lead in the preparation and participation in intersectoral consultations and systematization of information facilitation of workshops and ESSs training
- Ability to work in teams and communicate effectively; and demonstrated resourcefulness and initiative.
- Fluency in English with excellent oral and writing communication skills.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations. Further information can be obtained at the address below during the hours 9:00 to 15:30 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) no later than **Friday, December 1, 2023**.

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