



**AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT
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**MANO RIVER UNION
UNION DU FLEUVE MANO**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICE)**

**FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO MOBILIZE VSLAs AND FINANCIAL
PRODUCTS & SERVICES AND FACILITATE INTERNET INCLUSION OF
WOMEN CROSS BORDER TRADERS FOR BANKING AND MARKETING.**

COUNTRIES: Sierra Leone and Liberia

Sector: Gender Equality

Mode of Financing: Grant

Project ID: P-Z1-ID0-009

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The Mano River Union Secretariat has received a grant from the African Development Fund to implement the project to Build Inclusive Business Ecosystems for Stabilization and Transformation (BI-BEST) in the Mano River Union (MRU) and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for the recruitment of a consultant to Mobilize VSLAs and Financial Products & Services and facilitate Internet inclusion of Women Cross Border Traders for banking and marketing.

The services to be provided under the Assignment include the following:

1. Identify and introduce a workable VSLA that will extend access increase access to financial products and services for cross border women traders.
2. Create awareness on identified VSLA products and services with associations of cross border women traders in the two project communities.
3. Assess and identify means to include internet support to improve cross border trade, marketing and banking involving cross border women traders across the three selected value chains in the project areas.

The assignment will be undertaken in Two Months (not to exceed 45 working days), from the date of signature of contract.

The Mano River Union Secretariat is therefore inviting eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested Consultants shall provide information on their qualifications and experience (cover letter, supporting documents referencing similar services and showing demonstrated experience in similar assignments, etc.) to undertake this Assignment.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group funded Operations" (BPM), dated 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. MRU is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

Interested Consulting individuals may obtain further information and Terms of Reference (ToR) from the Procurement Specialist email address: kensah@mru.int during the Office's working hours between 09:00 to 17:00 hours GMT.

Proposals (technical and financial) must be delivered to the address below by March 18th, 2024

Sierra Leone time and mention **"CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO MOBILIZE VSLAs AND FINANCIAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES AND FACILITATE INTERNET INCLUSION OF WOMEN CROSS BORDER TRADERS FOR BANKING AND MARKETING FOR BI-BEST PROJECT"**

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