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**MANO RIVER UNION  
UNION DU FLEUVE MANO**

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## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTING FIRM)**

### **FOR THE PROVISION OF FUNCTIONAL LITERACY FOR PROJECT BENEFICIARIES INVOLVED IN CROSS BORDER TRADE ACROSS 3 VALUE CHAINS IN SELECTED PROJECT COMMUNITIES**

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**COUNTRIES:** Sierra Leone and Liberia

**Sector:** Gender Equality

**Mode of Financing:** Grant

**Project ID:** P-Z1-ID0-009

**Grant No:** 5900155016801

**Issued Date:** 17 February 2025

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The Mano River Union Secretariat has received a grant from the African Development Bank (AfDB) 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 hiring of a consulting firm for the provision of functional literacy for project beneficiaries involved in cross border trade across 3 Value Chains (cassava, palm oil and vegetables) in the selected project communities.

The overall objective of the assignment is to provide functional literacy training services to women who are involved in cross-border trade in the three value chains in the four project communities as a way of strengthening their capacity for increased business performance and subsequently, improved livelihoods. The assignment will be 10 months

The Mano River Union Secretariat requires that interested Consulting Firms shall provide information on their qualifications and experience, availability of appropriate skills on functional literacy, description of similar assignment with AfDB or other Donor funded projects and eligible for AfDB contract, i.e. not debarred. (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 Firms may query or obtain further information and Terms of Reference from the Procurement Specialist email address: [kensah@mru.int](mailto:kensah@mru.int) during the Office’s working hours between 09:00 to 17:00 hours GMT.

Expressions of interest must be delivered by email to [procurement@mru.int](mailto:procurement@mru.int) not later than March 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 14: 00 hours Sierra Leone time and mention “**EOI FOR THE PROVISION OF FUNCTIONAL LITERACY FOR PROJECT BENEFICIARIES INVOLVED IN CROSS BORDER TRADE ACROSS 3 VALUE CHAINS IN SELECTED PROJECT COMMUNITIES**”.

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