



**Republic of Liberia
Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA)**



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Consultancy Services for Fund Management
for Results Based Financing Facilities for Stand-alone solar PV rooftop systems
(public institutions through energy-as-a-service), Solar Home Systems (households
and PUE) and Isolated Mini Grids**

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

Liberia Renewable Energy Access Project

Contract Reference No: LR-RREA-480463-CS-CQS

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Deadline: **May 22, 2025**

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Government of Liberia, through the Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA), is implementing Phase II of the Liberia Energy Sector Strengthening & Access Project (LESSAP II), supported by the World Bank. This phase focuses on accelerating off-grid electrification to achieve universal electricity access by 2030 under the National Electrification Strategy (NES), using both grid and off-grid solutions. To reach underserved rural populations, the NES outlines a least-cost approach that includes mini-grids, stand-alone solar systems, and electrification of public institutions. Under this framework, the World Bank is supporting Liberia through the multi-phase Liberia Energy Sector Strengthening and Access Project (LESSAP). The current phase (LESSAP II) focuses on accelerating off-grid access through public-private partnerships, with targeted support for schools, health facilities, households, and productive uses of energy. This effort aligns with the Government's Mission 300 initiative and broader development goals under the ARREST Agenda.

2.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The objective of the assignment is to support the Rural and Renewable Energy through LESSAP II Project Implementation Unit; the Private Sector including RBF grantees and the local & foreign off-grid electrification industry, philanthropic/commercial financiers/investors (DFIs, CFIs, impact investors etc) to strengthen, mobilize and attract the needed public and private investments, expertise, innovation, strategies/enabling environment and capacities to achieve the off-grid electrification targets through RBFs

under LESSAP II and overall in advancing the achievement of Mission 300 and Liberia's National Electrification Strategy for universal access by 2030

3.0 SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT:

The scope of this assignment is to provide comprehensive technical, operational, and strategic support for the implementation of the Results-Based Financing (RBF) mechanisms under the off-grid electrification component of LESSAP II. This includes contributing to the finalization of the off-grid operations manual; evaluating project and business plan viability; managing the development, launch, and evaluation of Calls for Proposals (CfPs); overseeing grant award and contract management; supporting investment readiness and private sector engagement; facilitating regulatory compliance; mobilizing private finance; and advising on necessary policy and institutional reforms. The consultant will also support knowledge transfer to RREA's REFUND Management Committee to ensure sustainable fund management. A detailed breakdown of the scope of work is outlined in the full Terms of Reference (ToR).

4.0 Qualification, Experience and Competencies for Consulting firm Requirements

The selected Fund Manager will have a demonstrated track record of supporting the public and private sector including RBF grantees, local & foreign off-grid electrification industry actors, philanthropic/commercial financiers/investors (DFIs, CFIs, impact investors etc) in mobilizing up to \$1million of private financing and managing up to \$7.5million of public financing; in addition to strengthening the needed expertise, innovation, strategies/enabling environment and capacities to deliver up to 200,000 solar home system connections, 50 stand-alone solar PV for public facilities connections and 7,500 mini-grid connections through RBFs in similar markets within the last 3 years as follows:

- RBF portfolio management for off-grid electrification infrastructure including mini-grids, stand-alone systems for public institutions electrification through energy-as-a-service and solar home system for productive use & households electrification including supporting the development of an operations manual; receipt and processing of applications; evaluation, due diligence and award of grants award; processing of claims including verification and disbursement of claims where contractually applicable,
- Appraisal/review of projects/business plan viability and potential risks(technical, environmental, social, economic & financial),
- Investment readiness & private-sector led business development: support grantees in identification of pipeline of technically and financially projects/business plans; identify & address relevant capacity needs for grantees and local/foreign investors/financiers; and linking grantees along with their viable project/business plans to relevant local/foreign commercial/philanthropic investors and financiers,
- Project facilitation: support to public institutions in creating the enabling de-risking policy, legal, regulatory, institutional, market facilitation, financing environment and guide grantees in meeting relevant off-grid electrification legal and regulatory requirements,

- Transactions Advisory & resource mobilization: bringing up to \$1million of affordable, low-risk, convenient payment terms of private financing (concessional debt, equity and/or guarantee instruments) to financial close,
- Reforms to enhance public-private models for off-grid electrification: Appraising and recommending, through a strategy paper for consideration by the Government of Liberia through relevant public institutions, in keeping with context-specific and regional best practices; needed policy, legal, institutional, regulatory and market facilitation reforms to enhance public-private models for off-grid electrification,
- Knowledge transfer to relevant public or private institution in mobilizing and administering the needed public and private financing for delivering off-grid energy access.

The RREA now invites eligible Firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (profile, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.) Submissions must be in a single file and should not exceed **10 megabytes (MB)** in total size.

The attention of interested individual Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated July 2016, revised November 2017, and August 2018, November 2020, September 2023 and revised in February 2025 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. Please refer to paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations on conflict of interest related to this assignment which is available on the Bank's website at <http://projectsbeta.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/products-and-services/brief/>.

A Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information and the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained electronically at the following email addresses and Website, from Mondays to Fridays, from 0900 to 1600 hours GMT:

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Expression of Interest clearly marked **Consultancy Services for for Fund Management for Results Based Financing Facilities for Stand-alone solar PV rooftop systems (public institutions through energy-as-a-service), Solar Home Systems (households**

and PUE) and Isolated Mini Grids must be delivered in an electronic/mail copy to the address below, on or before **4:00 p.m.** Local Time, on **May 22, 2025**.

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Only the highest ranked firm will be issued the Request for Proposals.

Liberia Electricity Sector Strengthening & Access Project (LESSAP)-Phase II

TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR

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MARCH 2025

**Consultancy Services for Fund Management for Results Based Financing
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energy-as-a-service), Solar Home Systems(households and PUE) and Isolated
Mini Grids-Grids**

Ref. No: P180498

1. Background

In keeping with Pillar II of the Government of Liberia's 5-year development plan (ARREST Agenda for inclusive development), electricity access has been identified as critical infrastructural enabler in promoting economic growth as well as social development. The Government of Liberia has adopted an integrated least-cost geospatial National Electrification Strategy (NES), embracing universal access to electricity by 2030 through grid and off-grid options. Geospatial analyses reveal that grid expansion and densification will be the least-cost options for reaching 70% of households by 2030, while the remaining 30% of households could be served by three large-capacity mini grids (5 percent of the households) 28, smaller-size community mini-grids each serving between 99 and 337 households with an average of 140 consumers (6 percent of the households), and stand-alone solar systems (for the remaining 19 percent of households). As part of the least-cost integrated approach through off-grid solutions, the NES targets electrifying 1,726 public insitutions (schools & health facilities).

An estimated US\$137 million will be required through leveraging private sector investments in off-grid solutions for large and single-community mini-grids and stand-alone solar solutions to achieve the goal of universal access to electricity by 2030. Significant progress will need to be made to support the off-grid electrification of public facilities like health facilities and schools, and strong donor coordination will be needed to mobilize the needed funding.

To accelerate off-grid electrification for households, businesses, public institutions, economic value chains (agriculture, mining/extractive, commercial & industrial etc), the Government of Liberia, through a public-private model has developed a national compact towards achieving Mission 300 targeting 75% electricity access by 2030 with the below targets:

- Providing 15,000 annual mini-grid connections between 2025 to 2030,
- Providing 25,000 annual stand-alone solar PV/solar home system connections between 2025 to 2030,
- Increasing renewable energy share of generation mix up to 75%,
- Attracting and mobilizing up to \$70M of private capital for off-grid electrification.

As part of strategies by the Government of Liberia within Liberia's energy compact under Mission 300 to enhance this public-private partnership to attract the needed private investment and in keeping with the statutory mandate of the Rural and

Renewable Energy Agency with relevance to off-grid electrification, the following commitments were made on behalf of the public sector:

- Embrace distributed renewable energy (DRE) as critical elements of the access agenda,
- Incentivize private-sector participation to unlock additional resources,
- Call for partnership to development partners, philanthropies, and the private sector to come forward to meet the funding needs of Mission 300 as Liberia embarks to accelerate the pace of access to affordable, reliable, inclusive, sustainable, and clean energy that will help create jobs and income opportunities for millions of Liberians as well as contribute to the economic growth and development of the country,
- Create the enabling public-private de-risking policy, legal, regulatory, institutional, market facilitating, financing environment through reforms,
- Through the setting up of a Rural Energy Fund (REFUND) Management Committee as a Public Fund Manager as per RREA's 2015 Act, with key mandate to mobilize and administer the needed public and private investments required to achieve the Government of Liberia's targets and ambitions of off-grid renewable energy access.

With funding from the World Bank, the Government of Liberia through the Rural and Renewable Energy Agency is currently implementing the off-grid component of Phase II of the Liberia Energy Sector Strengthening & Access Project, which has set the following targets:

- Off-grid electrification for 190 public institutions (schools and health facilities) through stand-alone solar PV rooftop systems, out of which 20 to be piloted through an energy as a service results-based financing mechanism,
- Off-grid electrification for 74,250 household connections and 150 productive use of energy connections through solar home systems results-based financing mechanism,
- Off-grid electrification for approximately 12 mini-grid sites targeting 5,300 connections through results-based financing mechanism,
- Attracting and mobilizing up to \$1.5m of private financing (debt and equity).

2. Objective of the assignment

The objective of the assignment is to support the Rural and Renewable Energy through LESSAP II Project Implementation Unit; the Private Sector including RBF grantees and the local & foreign off-grid electrification industry, philanthropic/commercial financiers/investors (DFIs, CFIs, impact investors etc) to strengthen, mobilize and attract the needed public and private investments, expertise, innovation, strategies/enabling environment and capacities to achieve the off-grid electrification targets through RBFs under LESSAP II and overall in advancing the achievement of Mission 300 and Liberia's National Electrification Strategy for universal access by 2030.

3. Scope of Work

a) **Final operations manual:** make inputs to final design of a granular off-grid electrification technology option (mini-grids, standalone solar PV and SHS for households & SHS for PUE) operations manual for consideration by LESSAP II PIU including but not limited to:

- Eligibility requirements for grantees with relevance to local legal & regulatory framework, scope, targets and requirements (technical and financial) of LESSAP II off-grid electrification RBFs,
- Eligibility of products/services including business models, market segments, capacity thresholds (tiers of service),
- Eligibility of geographical area in keeping with national electrification strategy, market assessments and detailed feasibilities,
- Levels and types of subsidies in keeping with market assessments(including stakeholders) and detailed feasibilities,
- Implementation framework: internally with Government of Liberia through RREA's LESSAP II PIU and IVA; and externally with grantees, local/external industry actors/stakeholders, relevant ongoing off-grid electrification initiatives, local/external philanthropic/commercial financiers & investors,
- Design & use of RBF process management platform: make recommendation(s) if any on existing and/or additional specifications (functionalities & features) requirements and needed improvements to enhance digitization/automation/remoteness of RBF processes to contribute to efficiency and mitigation of verification risks and management of grant port,
- Processing of applications: including development and launch of Call for Proposals along with all relevant submission templates,
- Evaluation & due diligence of applications: definition of criteria/benchmarks per relevant thematic areas (technical, environmental, social, economic & financial) as per Call for Proposals and methodology for scoring/appraising evaluations & due diligence as per applications received and minimum requirements for award of grants,
- Grant agreements: in keeping with requirements of evaluation & due diligence and subject to a Non-Objection from RREA's LESSAP II PIU, sign grant agreements and commit to the deliverable(s) to be achieved by grantee(s),
- Processing of claims: definition of claim milestones, frequency and means of submission, submission data, 4-eye check approvals, processing timelines, etc,
- Verification of claims: with relevance to the IVA consultancy contract and in keeping with the definition of claim milestones; definition of verification methodology & justification source, verification sampling size, verification threshold per methodology, verification criteria for passed, conditionally passed, inconclusive, pending, rejected, failed, exclusion; Four-eye checks/approvals and verification analysis report requirements amongst others,

- Disbursement of claims: internal implementation arrangements between the Fund Manager, RREA LESSAP II PIU and the World Bank on calculation of incentives for disbursement of verified claims, 4-eye check approval for incentives calculation prior to disbursement, No Objection for disbursement, disbursement means & threshold (local or internal bank transfer as per amount,), timeline for disbursement etc).
- Monitoring & Evaluation: definition of the types of data to be collected, analysed and reported; frequency & responsible person/party for collection & reporting; source & means of collection (ex: grantees' CRM/PayGo platforms, verification reports, RBF process management platform, stakeholders survey etc), relevant stakeholders and their reporting needs;
- Implementation review and modification: setting up of internal and external structures; identification of relevant stakeholders; frequencies, decision-making requirements for review of processes for implementation of the LESSAP II RBF as well as modification to the LESSAP II RBF operations manual.

b) Appraisal/review of projects/business plan viability and potential risks(technical, environmental, social, economic & financial):

- Review of factors such as optimality of systems & components sizing designs considering energy demand & resource potential;
- Identification, allocation & mitigation measures for environmental, legal, regulatory, technical, financial and consumers ability & willingness to pay, commercial (demand-side, losses),
- Innovation & local context consideration of off-grid technology option, targeted market segment, business model, marketing & awareness strategy;
- financial modelling to gauge viability indicators from life-cycle based projections on levelized cost of energy, return on investment, payback period, net present value, etc,

c) Development & launch of CfPs and evaluation & due diligence of applications including recommendation for award of grants subject to Non-Objection from RREA's LESSAP II PIU as defined by the operations manual,

d) Award/signing & contract management: Subject to No Objection from RREA LESSAP II PIU, award/signing of grant agreements and relevant support to grantees thereby committing to the delivery of LESSAP II RBF off-grid electrification targets,

e) Investment readiness & private-sector led business development: support grantees in identification of pipeline of technically and financially projects/business plans; identify & address relevant capacity needs for grantees and local/foreign investors/financiers; and linking grantees along with their viable project/business plans to relevant local/foreign

- commercial/philanthropic investors & financiers and manufacturers/suppliers,
- f) **Project facilitation:** support RREA LESSAP II PIU in creating the enabling de-risking policy, legal, regulatory, institutional, market facilitation, financing environment and guide grantees in meeting relevant off-grid electrification legal and regulatory requirements,
 - g) **Transactions Advisory & resource mobilization:** bringing up to \$1.5m of affordable, low-risk, convenient payment terms of private financing (concessional debt, equity and/or guarantee instruments) to financial close, by facilitating matchmaking between grantees & relevant commercial/philanthropic investors/financiers (DFIs, CFIs, impact investors),
 - h) **Reforms to enhance public-private models for off-grid electrification:** Appraising and recommending, through a strategy paper for consideration by the Government of Liberia through relevant public institutions, in keeping with context-specific and regional best practices; needed policy, legal, institutional, regulatory and market facilitation reforms to enhance public-private models for off-grid electrification,
 - i) **Knowledge transfer to RREA Refund Management Committee:** recommend the restructuring, needed human resource with relevant skills/expertise of the RREA Refund Management Committee for operationalization & functioning in mobilizing and administering the needed public and private financing for acceleration of off-grid electrification to achieve Mission 300 and universal access as per the National Electrification Strategy by 2030.

4. Budget and Level of Effort

The Consultant will propose an average monthly fee/rate based on grantee(s), whose scope could be tentative subject to budget availability considering staff expertise inputs based on granularity of off-grid electrification technology option covering an initial period of 24 months as follows:

- **SHS for households electrification** through RBF grants awarded targeting 8 off-grid companies under LESSAP I connecting 42,530 households and up to 15 off-grid companies connecting 74,250 households under LESSAP II effective May 2025,
- **SHS for productive use for electrification of businesses, agricultural value chains and small industries** through RBF grants awarded targeting up to 5 off-grid companies and providing up to 150 connections effective June 2025,
- **Stand-alone solar PV systems(energy-as-a-service model) for electrification of public facilities** through RBF grants award targeting up to 5 off-grid companies and connecting 20 public institutions effective July 2025,
- **Mini-grids for electrification of households, businesses, agricultural/mining/extractive value chains and small industries**

through RBF grants awarded targeting up to 3 developers providing 4,050 connections.

5. Qualification and Experience of the Consultant

The selected Fund Manager will have a demonstrated track record of supporting the public and private sector including RBF grantees, local & foreign off-grid electrification industry actors, philanthropic/commercial financiers/investors (DFIs, CFIs, impact investors etc) in mobilizing up to \$1million of private financing and managing up to \$7.5million of public financing; in addition to strengthening the needed expertise, innovation, strategies/enabling environment and capacities to deliver up to 200,000 solar home system connections, 50 stand-alone solar PV for public facilities connections and 7,500 mini-grid connections through RBFs in similar markets within the last 3 years as follows:

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- Knowledge transfer to relevant public or private institution in mobilizing and administering the needed public and private financing for delivering off-grid energy access.

6. TEAM COMPOSITION

The Consultant's team must include the following (at minimum):

- a) 1 Team Leader**
- b) 1 Off-grid Solar PV Engineer**
- c) 2 Off-grid Market Development Specialists**

- d) 2 Off-grid energy infrastructure investment specialist**
- e) 1 Off-grid Legal & Regulatory Advisor**

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE KEY EXPERTS

KEY EXPERT 1: TEAM LEADER

Qualifications:

- Advanced university degree in finance, international development, management or other relevant field.

Experience:

- A minimum of 10 years or more in managing public-private off-grid electrification initiatives through innovative financing mechanisms such as RBFs for large donors or government-funded programs,
- Demonstrated experience in managing grant funds and well as facilitation for mobilization of private financing, preferably targeting off-grid electrification;
- Experience in and understanding of the off-grid electrification markets in Sub-Saharan Africa, including innovative business models such as lease-to-own and PAYGO solar;
- A track record of structuring and managing milestone based and performance-based grants aimed at market stimulation, ideally funds created by multilateral development banks and/or development finance institutions and/or bi-lateral development assistance agencies;
- A track record of providing financing for off-grid electrification systems design, supply, installation/distribution and/or consumer finance businesses;
- Demonstrated understanding of addressing market constraints for off-grid electrification such as consumers affordability, supply chain/infrastructural operational, access to finance, productive use of energy;
- Experience managing reporting relationships with government stakeholders and large development finance organizations is highly desirable.

1. KEY EXPERT 2: Off-grid Solar PV Engineer

Qualifications:

- University degree in solar PV/Electrical Engineering or other relevant field, with demonstrated knowledge of the key characteristics of conducting site-specific energy demand feasibilities, designing, implementing and operation of off-grid and hybrid solar PV installations with and without battery storage, having overseen the cumulative deployment of off-grid solar PV projects up to 500kWp of installed capacity.

Experience:

- Designing and Reviewing designs to provide an expert opinion on the proposed solar system presented by the off-grid company,
- With the use of digital innovation; overseeing or carrying out site-specific data collection, analysis of data and generation of relevant reports to inform engineering design sizing considering solar resource potential, energy demand, load prioritization, environmental & social safeguards and other economic and financial parameters,
- Making recommendations as to necessary design changes and improved installation and operational arrangements,
- Overseeing the installation and operational performance of the solar system in accordance with regulatory quality assurance,
- Advising on possible quality assurance issues during installation and operational performance,
- Advising on quality assurance on solar PV materials supply,
- Advising on quality assurance for solar technicians involved into design, installation and operation of solar PV systems,
- Assisting in developing checklists for review or inspection of the completed solar PV installation and operation,
- Participation in site inspections prior, during and at end of project installation
- Assisting in test inspection and possible issuance of project completion certificate prior to commissioning and start of operation,
- Participation in any necessary project evaluations
- Providing advice on the electrical design before the installation commencement, issue another letter confirming the materials and equipment specification at delivery before the installation commencement.

2. KEY EXPERT 3: Off-grid Market Development Specialist

Qualifications:

- Advanced university degree in finance, economics, business administration, marketing or other relevant field.

Experience:

- At least five (5) years of experience in private sector development and business development for off-grid energy access, and a deep understanding of the off-grid energy sector in SSA;
- Experience and track record in technical assistance program structuring and delivery for private sector value chains in off-grid energy access including off-grid companies, local/foreign industry actors, local/foreign and philanthropic/commercial investors/financiers in identifying market enabling barriers and addressing them such as affordability, access to finance, supply chains sustainability, sustainable business models, productive use of energy, demand stimulation through awareness, etc
- Conduct of market and competitive data research and advise on positioning for off-grid energy access technology options,

- Review business performance and seek operational and financial improvements in distribution and consumer uptake strategies;
- Understand target customers and advise on appropriate marketing material;
- Promote and support in creation of enabling environment and infrastructure for innovative business models such as pay-as-you-go, energy-as-a-service, lease-to-own,
- Forge partnerships and assist off-grid companies including importers/distributors and manufacturers/suppliers to scale their businesses and improve profitability;
- Appraise and review business plans and undertake due diligence on companies for investment readiness;

3. KEY EXPERT 4: Off-grid energy infrastructure investment specialist

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in finance, law, economics, business administration, or other relevant field.

Experience:

- A minimum of two (2) years of experience in origination, due diligence, structuring and monitoring of corporate and/or consumer finance related commercial/philanthropic private financing (debt, equity or risk guarantee);
- Conducting deal flow analysis for off-grid energy projects, including vetting(market assessments and feasibility studies), forecasting, valuation, scenario analysis, tracking deal flows, conducting due diligence on behalf of the project, identifying markets with the highest potential for future energy projects, and determining financial feasibility
- Developing and maintain pipeline of investment projects in various stages of maturity
- Assisting potential borrowers in developing business plans, loan applications and investment grade audits
- Designing and delivering trainings for counterpart lending institutions, energy auditors and other stakeholders resulting in establishment of a project pipeline of loan applications
- Facilitate matchmaking between potential borrowers and counterpart financial intermediaries
- Liaise with local and international investors/financiers to understand and overcome barriers to access to finance for off-grid electrification projects.

4. KEY EXPERT 5: Off-grid Legal & Regulatory Advisor

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Energy Policy, Energy Law, Economics or other relevant field.

Experience:

- A minimum of five (5) years of experience in supporting public institutions on enabling policy, legal, institutional, regulatory and market facilitation environment to enhance public-private models for off-grid electrification;
- Review and analysis of the existing policy, legal, institutional, market facilitation (including infrastructure financing) framework for the origination and structuring of off-grid electrification projects through public-private models,
- Review and analysis of potential risks, their allocation and mitigation for the public and private sector for off-grid electrification projects,
- Based on context specific best practices, preparation of Strategy paper for consideration by the Government of Liberia through relevant public institutions on recommended reforms and implementation of the reforms on the policy, institutional, legal, regulatory and market facilitation,
- Conduct a capacity needs assessment of RREA's Refund Management Committee including functional structure and human resources (skills and expertise) with relevance to its institutional terms of reference in keeping with RREA 2015 Act,
- Based on context specific best practices, preparation of Strategy paper for consideration of RREA's Board of Directors on recommended restructuring and human resource capacity building to enhance functions relevant to the mobilization, administration and enabling environment for the needed public and private financing to accelerate off-grid electrification in Liberia,
- In keeping with consideration by RREA Board of Directors, implement knowledge to RREA Refund Committee as recommended by Strategy Paper.

7. Duration of Assignment:

The initial phase of the assignment is 24 months with the possibility of extension upon satisfactory performance

8. Terms of Payment:

The Consultant shall be paid within a period not exceeding 7 official working days on a quarterly basis following the submission, review and clearance of an invoice including remuneration costs based on agreed hourly rates for time inputs provided per type of grantee and reimbursable costs based on pre-approved reimbursable costs incurred directly relevant to the assignment.

9. Selection process

Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Quality and Cost-based Selection (QCBS) set out in the Procurement Regulations of February 2025 (sixth edition).