

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE EAC – EASTERN AFRICA REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR RESULTS.

(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES)

FOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES EXPERT (CPI)

REF: EAC/SRVS/23-24/018

PROJECT: EASTERN AFRICA REGIONAL STATISTICS PROGRAM FOR RESULTS (EARSPFORR).

CLIENT: EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) SECRETARIAT;

COUNTRY: TANZANIA:

1. Introduction

1. The East African Community (EAC) Secretariat has received a grant from the World Bank toward the cost of an Investment Project Financing (IPF) component of the Eastern Africa Regional Statistics Program for Results. The EAC Secretariat intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project.
2. The proposed project activities will focus on the provision of a support system for implementation of the Program and assist participating countries to develop and adopt common methods, concepts, definitions and classifications for compiling, analyzing, and disseminating the statistics necessary for the proper functioning of the economic integration of the EAC and the agenda to move towards a Monetary Union. The IPF component includes activities for improving harmonization, quality and dissemination of statistics, upgrading IT and statistical infrastructure and enhancing institutional development.
3. The proposed project is structured into the following four subcomponents
 1. Sub-component 1.1: Improving harmonization and quality
 2. Sub-Component 1.2: Improve dissemination and use

3. Sub-Component 3.1: Upgrade IT and statistical infrastructure
4. Sub-Component 3.2: Enhance institutional development

5. Objectives of the Assignment

The main objective of the assignment is to coordinate the production of the Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI) for the EAC Partner States to meet the data requirements for monitoring the East African Monetary Union's macroeconomic convergence program; and enhance the availability of timely, reliable, and comprehensive EAC HCPI suitable for the conduct of a regional monetary policy. The CPI expert will report to the Project Manager.

6. Scope of Services

- (a) Build capacities of National Statistics Offices and Central Banks in compilation of Harmonized Consumer price Index statistical data;
- (b) Provide Technical Support to EAC Partner States during Testing, Piloting and use of the CPI compatible software developed as one of the tools for compilation of the Harmonized Consumer Price Indices within the EAC Region;
- (c) Facilitate Partner States to adopt the implementation of the CPI manual and other the relevant manuals necessary for generation of robust HCPI statistics;
- (d) Update and maintain a comprehensive EAC HCPI database;
- (e) Produce quarterly CPI bulletin;
- (f) Regularly assess the level of Partner States implementation of EAC developed guidelines using the developed assessment framework for ensuring compliance to regionally harmonized compilation practices;
- (g) Facilitate the creation of a platform for comprehensive exchange of experiences and sharing the regional capacities among EAC Partner States;
- (h) Provide technical backstopping to Partner States at various stages of HCPI statistics compilation;
- (i) Identify challenges in the harmonization process and address them;
- (j) Develop the annual Project capacity building plans on CPI; and
- (k) Perform any other duties as shall be assigned by the Project Manager.

7. Deliverables

The Consultant shall prepare and submit the following reports:

- Quarterly CPI bulletin
- Organize the implementation of CIP software in phases and report of the implementation
- Updated and maintained comprehensive EAC HCPI database
- Implementation of HCPI guidelines / through assessment scores for all Partner States
- Management of performance of contracts related to CPI procurement
- Support Partner States on CPI matters

8. Duration of Assignment

The assignment will be performed twelve months from the date of the commencement of services.

9. Qualification and experience

- a) A Master's degree in Statistics or Economics or equivalent qualifications from a recognized University/ Institution;
- b) Sound knowledge of compiling CPI with more than 8 years of experience in compiling CPI; and
- c) Working knowledge in compilation of Harmonized Consumer Price Indices at national level or regional level is an added advantage.
- d) Experience in CPI software.

10. Other Competences

- a) Should have effective communication, presentation, computer, conceptual, numeracy, statistical, analytical, writing, and research skills.
- b) Knowledge on the East African region; and
- c) Ability to coordinate regional workshops, seminars and conferences.

11. Reporting Framework

The Consumer Price Indices Expert will report to the Project Manager, PSSIP project

12. Facilities to be provided by the Client

The client will make available office accommodation, and relevant to the performance of the assignment.