

Sector Reform Contract: Social Protection Kyrgyzstan (SRC: SP)

Location - Kyrgyzstan

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Overall objective

The overall objective of the project of which this contract will be a part is as follows:

To support Government structural reforms in areas related to Social Protection (including Social and Child Protection) and Public Finance Management. This objective is in line with the MTDP, and aims to contribute to the overall effort of the Government, and the civil society to reduce poverty, to ensure access to social services for vulnerable sectors of the population and to enhance public accountability, good governance and transparency in public spending.

Purpose

The purposes of this contract are as follows:

- To support implementation of the SRC: Social Protection Kyrgyzstan through specific technical assistance focusing on actions with a direct impact on the SRC's Budget Support Conditions. The Technical Cooperation team will be in charge to support the Government in the implementation of the envisaged reforms in three components 4 - Social and Child Protection, Public Finance Management and Statistics- as well as to monitor and report on the EU SRC SP programme implementation and performance.

Location

The primary location of the operational base for the Consultant will be the target agency offices (MoLSD and MoF) in Bishkek. Regular field missions in other regions within the country will be required to provide short-term technical inputs and for monitoring purposes.

Start date & period of implementation

The intended start date is 20 November, 2016 and the period of implementation of the contract will be 24 months from this date. Please see Articles 19.1 and 19.2 of the Special Conditions for the actual start date and period of implementation.

The Contracting Authority may, at its own discretion, extend the project in duration and/or scope subject to the availability of funding up to the estimated amount of approximately EUR 1,000,000. Any extension of the contract would be subject to satisfactory performance by the Contractor.

Key experts

Key experts have a crucial role in implementing the contract. These terms of reference contain the required key experts' profiles. The tenderer shall submit CVs and Statements of Exclusivity and Availability for the following key experts:

Key expert 1: Team Leader/Child protection expert, minimum of 400 days.

Qualifications and skills

- At least Master Degree academic level in Social Sphere (Economics, Public Policy, Social Work, Social Policy), or academic degree in relevant field with more than 15 years of professional experience in Social Protection area;
- Ability to draft clear and concise reports;
- A good knowledge of the European Commission guidelines and procedures, including manuals for Budget Support and Sector Reform Contract (SRC)/Sector Policy Support Programme (SPSP);
- Fluency in English;
- Russian language is a strong asset.

General professional experience

- At least 12 years of working experience in Social Protection area;
- At least 3 years of international working experience in Child Protection issues in at least three countries with a minimum duration in each country of not less than 3 months.

Specific professional experience

- At least 3 years of working experience in development co-operation matters;
- At least three Team Leader assignments in implementing Social Protection reform project;
- At least one long-term (minimum one year) Team Leader assignment in implementing Social Protection reform project, preferably in one of the Former Soviet Union countries;
- Previous direct working experience with development of social services (minimum one year);
- Previous direct working experience in contracting-out provision of social services;
- Previous direct working experience with development of gatekeeping functions of child protection systems;
- Previous direct working experience with restructuring of residential care institutions for children;
- Previous experience in the EU-funded Technical Assistance project would be an advantage.

The team leader should spend at least 90% of time input in Kyrgyzstan.

Key expert 2: Senior public sector audit expert, minimum of 240 days

Qualifications and skills

- At least Master Degree academic level in Finance or Economics, or academic degree in relevant field with more than 15 years of professional experience in Public Financial Management;

- Internationally recognised qualification in Audit/Internal Audit would be considered an advantage;
- Ability to draft clear and concise reports;
- Fluency in English;
- Russian language is a strong asset.

General professional experience

- At least 12 years of working experience in Financial Management area;
- At least 3 years of international working experience in Public Financial Management in at least three countries with a minimum duration in each country of not less than 3 months.

Specific professional experience

- At least 3 years of working experience in development co-operation matters;
- At least one long-term assignment (minimum one year) in implementing Supreme Audit Institution or Internal Audit reform project, preferably in one of the Former Soviet Union countries;
- Previous direct working experience with development of the supreme audit or internal audit in public sector (minimum three years);
- Previous direct working experience with performance audit;
- Previous direct working experience with an application of a risk based audit approach;
- Previous experience in the EU-funded Technical Assistance project would be an advantage.

The key expert 2 should spend at least 75% of time input in Kyrgyzstan.

All experts must be independent and free from conflicts of interest in the responsibilities they take on.