



CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

RFT: ClimSA_2024_009
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To: Interested Service Providers
Contact: procurement@sprep.org

Subject: Request for tenders (RFT): Measure the Socio-Economic Value, Impact and Benefits of the Climate Services in the Pacific Region, including Samoa and Fiji.

Question 1:

It is not clear from the terms of reference how you intend to use the information. Could you indicate the purpose of the findings? Eg., is this for advocacy for investment? Streamlining or similar products or something?

Response:

The findings will be used by National Meteorological and Hydrological Services to better understand the value of their products and services. This information will support their efforts to advocate for financial backing from their respective governments and donor partners.

Question 2:

Is there a specific target date for your use of the work? (When do you need the analysis by? Understanding this would help us plan the flow of work.

Response:

As per the Terms of Reference, we expect the work to be completed within five (5) months from the date of signing the contract.

Question 3:

We observe that the RFT states "assess the impact of climate services including the socio-economic valuation of tailored climate information for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Agriculture sectors in Samoa and Fiji." Could you kindly advise the scope of 'including' here – are you looking to include other programmes, too? If so, which?

Response:

This activity is to assess the socio-economic impact and value of climate services in the region plus for the DRR and Agriculture sectors.

Question 4:

Noting the three climate service programmes of specific interest, could you kindly clarify whether you are actually seeking three separate socioeconomic analyses, one for each programme? Or are you seeking a generic socioeconomic assessment that combines the impacts of all types of the three programme services?



Response:

We are requesting for the socio-economic assessment to cover these three areas; the southwest pacific region, DRR & Agriculture sectors for Fiji and Samoa.

Question 5:

The technical score of our proposal will be based on a number of criteria, including (but not limited to) the following:

1. **Qualification.** Minimum qualifications of a master's degree in social science, Economics, Agricultural Economics or related its equivalent. A PhD will be an added advantage. (10%).
2. **Experience.** At least 10 years of work experience in conducting social economic impact assessments with National and Regional Meteorological and Hydrological products and services. (20%).
Does this refer to 1 member of our team (project leader)? Or do all team members need to comply?
3. **Technical experience.** Experience in conducting socio-economic assessments in the climate services in the Pacific will be an added advantage. (15%)
4. **Technical skills.** Excellent research and stakeholder engagement skills to facilitate consultation workshops. Candidates should demonstrate that their performance driven through independent or collaborative efforts with excellent coordinating and communication skills. (15%)

Do these criteria refer to the team as a whole or to one team member in particular? Does one member of our team need to comply with all four criteria or does the team as a whole need to comply? What score will be given to our expert under criteria 3 (technical expertise) if he/she has experience in conducting socio-economic assessment in the climate services but not in the Pacific?

Response:

The criteria are flexible and can apply either to the company as a whole or to the individual experts your company proposes, depending on how you choose to respond. For criteria like qualifications, experience, and technical expertise, the evaluation may consider both the company and the assigned experts. Please ensure that you provide the CVs of the experts assigned to this assignment. In terms of scoring for criteria 3 (technical expertise), it will depend on the experience and qualifications of your expert, including how well their expertise aligns with the specific requirements, even if their experience is outside the Pacific region.

Question 6:

Is there an expectation of a local/regional presence for this work?

Response:

The scope of work is both regional and national, with Samoa and Fiji included. While the work will primarily be conducted remotely, if local or regional consultations are required based on the methodology, SPREP will arrange them where feasible.

Question 7:

Can more detail please be provided for Deliverable 4 – Communication materials developed for publication? What communication materials are expected? Is there an expectation of providing professionally published material?

Response:

Deliverable 4 focused on sharing the finding in a properly developed materials that will be shared with our National Meteorological and Hydrological Services. We also aim to publish these findings in



relevant journals. While there is no strict requirement for professionally published material, the expectation is that the materials will be of a quality suitable for both internal use and external publication.

Question 8:

Is there an indicative budget for this RFT?

Response:

We are not disclosing such information but suggest for bidders to submit their budget.

Question 9:

Is there an expectation of in-person stakeholder engagement

Response:

Depending on your methodology, and if required, SPREP will facilitate and finance a stakeholder engagement separately in accordance with the available budget.

Question 10:

Is there an expectation of a particular stakeholder engagement, for example, workshops, stakeholder interviews, small group discussions?

Response:

If your methodology includes such approach, SPREP will facilitate and finance in accordance with the available budget.

Question 11:

Are the Samoa (DRR and Energy) and Fiji (Agriculture) stakeholders aware of the project and already engaged? Is direct engagement expected with these stakeholders?

Response:

The countries are aware and if required to engage, SPREP will facilitate such engagement.

Question 12:

Is there an expectation of a cost-benefit analysis being undertaken for this project (i.e., an evaluation of both costs and benefits), or simply an analysis of benefits and positive impacts?

Response:

Yes, a separate analysis will be done for the project.

Question 13:

I would appreciate it if you could provide information on the expected start date for this study. The Request for Tender indicates that the project duration is 65 days over 5 months. It would be helpful to know approximately when you expect the project to commence.

Response:

The start date will be set upon signing the contract. We anticipate completing the full tender and award process within the next month, with the actual work expected to commence in January, subject to mutual agreement.



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Question 14:

Could you please clarify whether the academic background, professional experience, and affiliation should be provided for each member of staff named in the bid? Whereas the remaining questions and selection criteria refer to the consultancy firm as a whole, rather than the single individuals?

Response:

Your interpretation is correct. The company is required to provide the CVs of the staff assigned to this contract. Where applicable, you should highlight how the proposed staff meet the relevant criteria. Additionally, when appropriate, the response can address specific selection criteria from the company's perspective, particularly when the criteria refer to the firm as a whole.