REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Country: ***BHUTAN***
Project Title: ***Strengthening Risk Information for Disaster Resilience in Bhutan***
Grant No.: ***TF0B7443 and TF0B7349***

Assignment Title: Hiring of consulting firm to develop the Risk Information Guidelines

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): **BT-DDM-390314-CS-CQS**

The Royal Government of Bhutan has received financing from the World Bank for the implementation of the "Strengthening Risk Information for Disaster Resilience in Bhutan" Project and intends to apply part of this fund for this consulting service.

Under the Strengthening Risk Information for Disaster Resilience in Bhutan project, a Risk Information Guidelines will be developed. The estimated implementation period is six (6) months. The expected start date of the assignment is July 2024. This guideline aims to promote efficient data sharing mechanisms, facilitate collaboration, minimize duplicated efforts, and enhance capacity building efforts across various stakeholders involved in disaster risk information management.

The Department of Local Governance & Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs now invites eligible national consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: (i) General Experience of the consultant; and (ii) Experience in similar assignments of compatible size, complexity and technical specialty in the required area. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Nov 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations: *Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interests of the Borrower.*

Consultants may associate with other firms and international experts to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint

venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. In the case of an association (joint venture and/ or sub-consultant), all members should have real and well-defined inputs to the assignment, and the total number of firms including the associates will be limited to a maximum of 03 (Three).

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection Method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the following emails during office hours (*stshewang@moha.gov.bt or kyandorji19@gmail.com) between 0900 to 1700 hours Bhutan Standard Time*].

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by *31 May 2024, 17:00 BST*.

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