



**Ministry of Education & Higher Education
Education to Work Transition Project (E2WTP)
Quality Improvement Fund-QIF**

**Request for Expression of Interest
For the Selection of an individual consultant to evaluate the Quality Improvement Fund
Lump Sum Individual Consultancy Service-(7/2017)**

Introduction:

The Ministry of Education & Higher Education (MoEHE) has received a grant from the World Bank, for the benefit of Education to Work Transition Project. A major component of this project is The Quality Improvement Fund (QIF) that has been designed to help tertiary education institutions improve the quality of their institutional and academic functions. QIF is established on a competitive basis, open to eligible tertiary institutions in Palestine. QIF is being administered out of the MOEHE by a small staff accountable to a centralized Board representative of appropriate stakeholders.

The Ministry of Education & Higher Education intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consultants' services to be procured under this project by inviting eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing services related to the consultancy mentioned below.

Objective of the Consultancy:

The Ministry of Education & Higher Education is considering the selection of a qualified individual consultant to provide guidance and feedback to the Quality Improvement Fund Unit (QIF) and the Projects Coordination Unit (PCU) on assessing the impact of the 20 projects implemented in Tertiary Education Institutions in the West Bank and Gaza under the QIF component of the Tertiary Education Project – Cycles 1 and 2.

The study shall focus on reviewing and analyzing all the projects under both cycles of QIF component for the purpose of generating recommendations that will contribute to the improvement of higher education. Moreover, the study shall focus on assessing the impact of implementing the QIF projects on the projects' target groups, the labor market, the beneficiary institution/s programs, partners and staff.

Approach

The consultant will carry out its work through data and documents collection, an analytical review process, conducting site visits, interviews, and focus groups with all stakeholders and carrying out workshops and accordingly submit all deliverables as per the TOR. The approach should be participatory and inclusive.

Expected Output and Reporting Deliverables:

- An inception report with a detailed & clear action plan outlining the scope of work, approach & methodology for executing the assignment including a detailed timetable. A preliminary draft assessment report with an outline analysis and initial conclusions with presentation of findings to the PCU and QIF Board.



- Final completion report in both languages (English and Arabic). The report shall include a comprehensive description of QIF component, impact on the higher education sector, link with the labor market and recommendations for improvement of QIF operations.
- Workshops: The consultant is expected to conduct workshops targeting the different stakeholders at the Ministry level, QIF Board and tertiary education institutes and as detailed in the TOR.

Required Qualifications, Skills, knowledge and Competencies

- 1 At least holding a master degree in Quality Assurance, Higher Education Evaluation, Policy Analysis, or any other relevant field.
- 2 Previous proven experience in design and leading evaluation; data analysis skills; knowledge of the regional and institutional context in the Tertiary Education in Palestine and/or the region.
- 3 Technical competence demonstrating strong project management skills.
- 4 Minimum 5 years of experience in assessment and strategic planning.
- 5 Good communication and writing skills in English and Arabic.
- 6 Considerable experience in undertaking similar reviews and a proven track record in conducting similar assignments.

Time Frame:

The consultancy is expected to commence in June, 2017 and to be completed in December, 2017.

General Conditions

Consulting services will be selected in accordance with the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011.

Interested individual consultants should send a Letter of Expression of Interest and CVs by Email to the address below no later than June 11, 2017 at 02:00 pm.

Interested consultants may obtain further information about the detailed Terms of Reference by visiting MoEHE website www.mohe.pna.ps and the project website www.palpcu.ps

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