

Expression of Interest

Finance Department intends to engage a team of suitably qualified consultants to assist the Government of Sindh in implementation of a Medium Term Budget Framework (MTBF) from financial year 2008-09. The Consultant must possess the skills and experience of budget planning and management, including strategic expenditure planning and medium-term expenditure frameworks; macroeconomic and revenue forecasting; understanding of budget preparation and implementation procedures including budget regulations; training needs assessment and the organization and delivery of training courses. Use of IT systems in budget planning and management; experience of working with finance ministries and budget management reform and an understanding of local bureaucratic procedures and culture are also an essential requirement for this assignment. Indicative duration of this consultancy is 1 year for following activities:

- i. Develop a Medium Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF) for FY08-FY11. This would entail:
 - a. Developing (in consultation with the Board of Revenue, E&T, Finance and other key departments of the provincial government) a framework for forecasting provincial revenues and projecting three-year revenue stream for the provincial and local governments;
 - b. On the basis of on-going and planned donor projects and programs, estimating the inflow of donor assistance (loans and grants) for the three-year period;
 - c. Identifying and projecting (or the three year period) the inflows of other fiscal resources that maybe available to the provincial and/or local governments;
 - d. Based on projected resource availability and sectoral priorities of the government, determining broad allocation ceilings for each provincial department.
 - e. In line with the ongoing and planned activities of each department, separating the broad departmental ceilings into three-year indicative recurrent and development allocations; and
 - f. Developing a framework of transmitting these ceilings to the line departments (i.e. preparing a revised budget calendar and Budget Call Circulars, which can support the MTFF process)
- ii. Support the Finance, P&D, Education and Health departments in preparing and implementing a pilot Medium-Term Budget Framework (MTBF) in the Education and Health Departments. This would involve assisting Education & Health Departments to prepare a sector review, which would define the key objectives of these departments; express these objectives into quantifiable output targets; through appropriately costing of activities of the department, determine the cost of achieving these targets; scale up of tone down the targets in line with the broad allocation ceiling available to these departments.
- iii. Developing MTBF Budget Call Circular for FY 2007-08 with forms and procedure guidelines.
- iv. Develop a 'Strategy Paper' / Road Map for rolling-out MTBF to other provincial departments.
- v. Assist the Government of Sindh in identifying skill gaps and in prepare a plan for developing necessary capacity to support an in-house preparation of MTFF and MTBF.
- vi. Identify supportive public financial management reforms (for e.g. integration of recurrent and development budget, vertical consolidation of provincial and district budgets, etc.) required for MTBF implementation
- vii. Identify and highlight the changes required in government rules, processes and procedures for successful implementation of MTBF

Interested consultants must provide detailed information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, possess experience in similar assignments etc through detailed Curriculum Vitae.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the PPRA Rules 2004 adopted by Government of Sindh.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from Background documents at the address given below

Expression of interest must be delivered to the address below within fifteen days of publication of this advertisement.

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