

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES –SELECTION OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)**

**GEORGIA
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – P126033
Credit No. (To be defined upon effectiveness)**

**Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for the Assessment of Grievances based on the
Resettlement Action Plan of Telavi, Kvareli, and Dartlo Sub-Projects
Reference No. IBRD/RDP/CS/IC/03-2014**

The Government of Georgia and the World Bank agreed to co-finance a US\$75 million Regional Development Project, focusing on Kakheti during the period 2012-2016. The Project Development Objective was to improve infrastructure services and institutional capacity to support the development of a tourism-based economy and cultural heritage circuits in the Kakheti region (<http://www.mdf-kakheti.com/>), (<http://www.kakheti.travel/>).

The main purpose of the assignment is to assess grievances and claims brought forward during the implementation of the abbreviated Telavi, Kvareli and Dartlo RAP and determine whether further actions should be taken to address them. The consultant shall:

- Spell out the World Bank’s policy on Involuntary Resettlement OP 4.12 and assess how this applies in this specific case;
- Review and assess the Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan in relevance to grievances brought forward in Telavi and Kvareli sub-projects, whenever required meet with the affected population; Review and analyze all grievances/claims of affected persons and examine them in light of the Resettlement Action Plan;
- In order to examine the case of Dartlo – meet with the affected persons and identify their grievances if any and/or document the absence of grievances after interviewing each affected person as identified by the RAP;
- Determine whether further action should be taken to address grievances/claims;
- Set a plan for MDF to meet all grievances and claims identified during the assignment, indicating the amount of the compensation in each case accordingly;
- Synthesize findings and recommendations in a report.

The tentative duration of the assignment is 30 days after signing the contract.

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. The selection criteria are:

- At least five (5) years working experience in sociology, development planning, or other relevant field;
- expertise and knowledge in social safeguards or involuntary resettlement like Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) and Resettlement Action Plan (RAP);
- Relevant experience in working with international development institutions and knowledge of World Bank safeguard policies will be an asset;
- A good understanding of relevant national legislation and communication with government agencies, communities, donor agencies, and other stakeholders.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* - [January 2011](#). ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) method set out in Section II of the [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers - January 2011.](#)

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 10:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. at Procurement Division of MDF, Phone number: +99532 2437001, extension 409, Ms. Mari Jangulashvili, Procurement Specialist.

Interest expression with CV shall be submitted at the address provided below not later than 18:00 p.m. of May 05, 2014.

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