

**Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Economic Affairs
Pakistan Italian Debt Swap Agreement (PIDSA)
Technical Support Unit (TSU)
Expression of Interest (EoI)**

Location: Pakistan
Programme: Pakistan Italian Debt Swap Agreement (PIDSA)
Assignment Title: Impact Evaluation of PIDSA Projects

1. Background/Context:

The Government of Pakistan and the Government of Italy signed an agreement for Debt for Development Swap on November 4, 2006 and its implementation started in January 2009. As per agreement, approximately \$100 million (US \$26.52 million & Euro 58.74 million) equivalent to Rs. 8.276 billion of Pakistan's debt owed to Italy is to be swapped for expenditure on development projects in Baluchistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Sindh, FATA Frontier Regions, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK), with emphasis on Health, Education, Agriculture and Environment, Micro Credit Schemes, Poverty Alleviation, Rural Development and Infrastructure. To date, 48 projects were approved, 45 are completed, 2 are in-progress and one yet to be started. The agreement is complemented by amended guidelines for its operational dimensions. The program has received mandate by the Management Committee (MC) of PIDSA to organize an Impact Evaluation and review the progress of PIDSA interventions to ascertain the due diligence to measure in terms of quantify and qualify manners.

2. Objectives of the Assignment:

The external consulting firm - selected through a competitive bidding process - will have the objective of assessing the overall impact of the program, with attention to the effectiveness of each single funded initiative by visiting the individual projects' beneficiaries.

In particular the consultant shall:

- Assess the results of each completed and ongoing project to verify efficiency and effectiveness of implementation;
- Evaluate the impact of each single initiative, and of the program as a whole, compared to national development indicators (Pakistan vision 2025) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) or SDG's, to which each initiative is functionally linked;
- Provide elements to EAD for the preparation of a road map to design an institutional building program to increase the planning, monitoring and evaluation capacity of similar programs, to be eventually implemented in full coordination with the Ministry of Planning.

3. Consultant Qualification, Experience and Modalities for participation.

Eligible entities for the assignment should be registered bodies in Pakistan (profit or non-profit). Public technical institutions having in their mandate the provision of specialized technical services to the public could also apply. Applicants must demonstrate experience in similar assignments for a minimum of 15 years.

The consultant must use a multi-disciplinary team comprising staff with capacity in agricultural and environmental economics, agronomy, rural engineering, civil engineering, health, law, sociology, accounting and audit, rural development and conservation agriculture,

agri-business, climate change resilience and on any other related issues in the context of the PIDSA intervention sectors.

4. Selection Criteria:

The Bidders who obtain **at least 40 out of 60 marks in technical evaluation criteria** will qualify and financial proposals would be opened only for technically qualified Bidders.

Financial proposals of the Consultants **obtaining less than 40 marks out of 60 in Technical Evaluation will not be opened and returned to the Consultants.** The detailed technical proposals on the basis of their compliance with the RFP and by applying the evaluation criteria and the point system. The detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) can be seen on EAD website.

Final assignment award will be on the basis of combined technical and financial score in the aforesaid manners.

5. Deadline for Submission:

1. Please clearly indicate in the **sealed envelope** of the bids **“PIDSA Program Impact Evaluation”** and each enveloped clearly labelled as **“Technical Bid” OR “Financial Bid”**.
2. Procurement shall be governed by the Public Procurement Regulatory authority (PPRA) Rules.
3. 2% Earnest money in shape of deposit at call issued in favour of Accounts Officer, Pakistan Italian Debt Swap Agreement (PIDSA), should be attached with the bid.
4. The consultant already under process of disciplinary action, defaulter or black listed with any government/private organization etc. are not allowed to participate.
5. The detailed Request for Proposals (RFP) along with Draft Proposed Consultancy Contract and other ancillary documents/forms can be downloaded from the official's website of Ministry of Economic Affairs i.e. www.ead.gov.pk
6. The decision of the procurement committee of PIDSA-EAD will be final and having binding effect.
7. Incomplete bids or bids not in compliance with TORs/RFP will be rejected.
8. Procuring agency reserves the rights to reject all Bids or Proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a Bid or Proposal.
9. Performance Guarantee will be furnished by the successful bidder as per PPRA Rules.
10. Bids should be submitted on the following address up to **10.00 am on 15th May, 2023.**

The hard copies of the proposals should be delivered to the following address, attention to Accounts Officer, PIDSA. The sealed bids will be opened on **15th May, 2023** publicly at **11:00 am** in the presence of bidders or their representatives to attend at the following address;

Mr. Abdul Wahab,
Accounts Officer (PIDSA),
Ministry of Economic Affairs,
Room No. 409, Block-C, Pak-Secretariat
Islamabad.
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