

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested Service Providers

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Subject: Request for tenders (RFT): Consultancy Services for Proposal Development of the CREWS for the Fiji Scale-Up project under the Green Climate Fund SAP Modality

Question 1:

Could you kindly confirm the indicated available budget allocated for this project?

Response:

The available budget for this consultancy is not disclosed in the RFT. Bidders are expected to propose a competitive and reasonable financial offer commensurate with the scope of the work, required expertise and 60 working day time frame as outlined in the tender documents. Cost will be evaluated based on the lowest price in accordance with the financial evaluation criteria (20%) with technical evaluation carrying 80% weight.

Question 2:

Could you please elaborate on the criterion "solid knowledge of Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS)"? Specific examples of qualifications, experience, or competencies that would meet this requirement would be greatly appreciated.

Response:

This requirement refers to demonstrated experience and understanding of the CREWS initiative and broader early warning system approaches. Examples of qualifications and competencies that would meet this criterion include;

- Prior involvement in designing or implementing CREWS- funded or similar climate, DRR projects, particularly in the Pacific region.
- Experience in climate risks assessment, hydrometeorological services strenghtening, or multi-hazard early warning systems.
- Demonstrated familiarity with global and regional early warning initiatives, including CEWS governance, reporting and technical framework.
- Technical background in climate services, meteorology, hydrology, DRR or related fields.

Such expertise can be evidenced though previous assignment, publications or capacity building work related to early warning systems

Question 3:

Can you confirm whether the objective of this call is to result in a proposal for the Fiji Scale-up project under the FP258 Multi-country Project: Advancing Early Warnings for All (EW4All)?



Response:

Yes, the objective of this call is to support the development of a national scale-up proposal for Fiji that builds on the existing CREWS and FP258 investments. The assignment aims to prepare a standalone Fiji SAP proposal under GCF, aligned with the EW4All road map and the FP258 objectives, ensuring complementary and leveraging the regional platform.

Question 4:

Would participation in this current call render the consultant ineligible for involvement in the subsequent project implementation phase?

Response:

Participation in this proposal development consultancy could potentially disqualify the consultant from participating in the future project implementation phase in order to maintain a fair and competitive process – this will be discussed with the successful bidder.

Question 5:

Could you provide an indication of how developed the mentioned feasibility / pre-feasibility studies are?

Response:

There is already some foundational analytical work available from previous CREWS and related projects, including elements of pre-feasibility assessments and sectoral studies. These will be made available to the successful consultant. That said, some targeted gap-filing and refinement of these assessments may be needed as part of the assignment. So, while you won't be starting completely from zero, there will be some additional analytical work involved to align everything with GCF SAP requirements.

Question 6:

Have any of the other annexes including the funding proposal been drafted or do all of them need to be prepared from scratch?

Response:

A full funding proposal has not yet been drafted, and the consultant will be responsible for leading this work. This includes developing;

- 1. The main SAP funding proposal (20 pages, 10,000 words max) and
- 2. All relevant GCF annexes (logframe, budget, gender and risks assessments, procurement plan, etc) Existing reference materials from Fiji CREWS activities and EW4All planning processes will help guide this work.

Question 7:

Has a concept note been drafted and approved by the GCF already?



Response:

There is currently no approved concept note with GCF for this activity. This assignment is part of the CREWS Secretariat & GCF scale-up that will go straight to the full SAP proposal stage, building on previous investments and Fiji's EW4ALL roadmap.

Question 8:

Have the target sites / location been identified for the EWS? Will any CRVA and target site prioritisation be required?

Response:

Some priority areas have been identified through Fiji's EW4All Roadmap and the national adaptation planning work. This will guide the proposal, but further refinement and prioritisation of target sites may still be needed. The selected consultant will work closely with SPREP and the national stakeholders to;

- 1.Confirm or refine target sites
- 2.Intergrate relevant climate risk and vulnerability information into the proposal.

Question 9:

How many write-shops does SPREP hope to hold? Will the cost and organisation of these workshops and consultations be borne by the consultancy or SPREP?

Response:

We anticipate holding at least 2 write-shops and consultations during the proposal development process, SPREP will cover the costs and organize the logistics for these events. The consultant's role will be to facilitate discussions and provide technical input during the sessions including the drafting of documents /presentations.