



Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Ocean Resources

Malé, Republic of Maldives

**Clarification 1 - Hiring a Consultant for Technical Capacity Building and
Proposal Preparation Support Consultant for the Matching Grant Scheme.
(Individual Consultant)**

Procurement Reference number: MV-MOFMRA-561894-CS-INDV-2

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Clarifications	Response
(a) Whether the PMU is in a position to share any framework agreements, indicative lending criteria, or eligibility parameters that have been discussed or agreed with participating financial institutions;	The financial institutions will only direct MGS beneficiaries to the existing financing options available that meet their requirements. No special arrangements have been made other than the consideration of the 40% financing from the grant in their evaluation. The financial institutions are already aware of the windows, target beneficiaries, expected financing amounts, type of business etc. and will only be offering those solutions within their portfolio that match the MGS beneficiaries.
(b) Whether there is a referral pathway or facilitated introduction mechanism through which MGS applicants can engage with these institutions during the proposal preparation stage; and (c) The extent to which credit appraisal requirements (e.g., CRIB/MMA credit reporting thresholds, collateral expectations, debt-service coverage ratios) have been standardised or harmonised across participating lenders.	The initial introduction and contact will be through the workshops where the institutions are welcome to give their presentation and dedicated breakout tables will be setup for beneficiaries to engage with them. As per our knowledge each financial institution will undertake the credit check from their end. Since the institutions will be offering existing financing solutions we presume they have their own debt-service coverage ratios, technical feasibility standards etc.

Procurement Timeline and Stage-Gating: Could the PMU confirm or provide an indicative procurement schedule for this assignment? Specifically, I am seeking clarity on the following milestones: (a) the deadline for submission of the Technical Proposal (Expression of Interest and supporting documentation); (b) the anticipated period for technical evaluation and shortlisting; (c) the timeline for inviting the highest-ranked consultant to submit a Financial Proposal / Fee Structure; and (d) any designated period during which bidders may submit written requests for clarification. Even if firm dates have not been finalized, an indication of the expected interval between stages would assist in planning the submission.	Procurement process is carried out through Individual consultancy process under approved selection methods. • Consultant is required to submit documents as per the submission requirements specified in the terms of reference. • Individual with the highest rank shall be approached to request for financial proposal/fee structure. • Information session was held for purpose of clarification of the terms of reference and procurement process.
3. Project Documentation — Theory of Change and MGS Design Framework Could the PMU share or direct bidders to the relevant TransFORM project documentation pertaining to the grant component, particularly any materials that articulate the Theory of Change, results framework, and the strategic rationale underpinning the MGS	Information on Matching Grant will be available on the below website: aaruveri.fishagriocan.gov.mv • Project documentation including Matching Grant Mannual will be shared with the successful consultant once the contract is awarded.

design (including the grant window structure, targeting criteria, and intended development outcomes)? Access to documents such as the Project Appraisal Document (PAD), the Project Implementation Plan (PIP), or the Matching Grant Operational Manual — to the extent these are available and not restricted — would enable the consultant to more precisely align the capacity-building methodology with the project's overarching objectives and the World Bank's results indicators.	
Proposal Submission Deadline:	Proposal; Submission deadline extended to 6th September 2026, 14:00hrs

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