



Anti-Corruption Commission



Concept Note

Corruption Perception Survey of Maldives 2022

1. Background

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) of the Maldives came into being with the enactment of Article 199(a) of the Constitution on the 16th of October 2008. The Commission came with the entrusted responsibilities to combat, prevent and prohibit corruption and its related crimes.

The United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), which the Maldivian government has signed and endorsed, emphasizes all States Parties to conduct evaluations, studies and research relating to the types, causes, effects and costs of corruption in their respective countries, with a view to developing, with the participation of competent authorities and society, strategies and action plans to combat corruption (Article 60).

The Commission executes its responsibilities within set objectives and goals under the guidance of a five-year Strategic Action Plan (SAP). The current Strategic Action Plan runs from 2020 to 2024. Thus, the current Strategic Action Plan demands the Commission to publish timely research on anti-corruption trends and implications on Maldivian context.

Objective

The objective of this survey is:

- To understand the public perception of corruption,
- To identify and analyze the trend of corruption and its related practices in the past five years,
- To identify the most frequent and prevalent forms and causes of corruption.

This understanding will assist in shaping the Commission to develop and enhance its approaches in prioritizing the focus on the trendier crimes of corruption. This would simultaneously help the Commission

in developing the awareness and advocacy materials much related to the current demand. The final report would be an impartial document that presents current trends of corruption and its related crimes.

2. Responsibilities and the Scope of Work

The survey will cover the following;

a. Situational Review:

The Technical Assistance Provider is to develop a situational analysis of corruption in the country.

b. Survey Design:

This process is to be conducted with the team of the Commission. Under this process, the technical Assistance Provider is to propose and develop a design for the survey.

c. Sample Selection:

This process is to be conducted with the team of the Commission. Under this section, the Technical Assistance provider is responsible to:

- Provide appropriate sample design, including the sampling methodology
- Provide a sampling frame
- Provide an adequate sampling size
- Create a design to implement the sample design

d. Survey Instrument:

This process will undertake with the assistance from the Commission's team.

e. Data Collection and Analysis:

Under this process, the technical Assistance Provider is to collect the data from the decided sample size population and analyze the collected data as per the agreed design.

f. Draft Survey Report

It will broadly assess the prevalence and frequency of corruption in Maldives through identifying individual experiences.

g. Compilation of Final Report:

Compile a written report based on the analysis and data collection

3. Conflict of Interest declaration

Any party submitting to the tender must make a formal (written) Declaration of Conflict of Interest in the event of any such existence. This involves having a close relative or a close associate working in the Anti-Corruption Commission

4. Validity of the tender

All tenders submitted must have a minimum validity of 60 (sixty) days.

5. Deliverables

The deliverable are as follows;

- a. Inception report (work plan, proposed methodology including sampling frame and instrument, expected outline of the final survey report)
- b. Draft Survey Report
- c. Final Report
- d. Presentation of summary of key findings of the report

6. Time Span

Two months from the contract signed date. Expected date of commencement: By October 2022.

7. Institutional Arrangements

The Technical Assistance Provider is to work along with the research team of the Commission. The research team of the Commission will provide technical feedback on to developing the research instrument and will monitor the development of the survey.

8. Expertise

The consultant can be either an individual or consultancy firm. The consultant or the team must be led by an individual with the following qualification and experiences;

- Postgraduate degree in social sciences (including planning, development, law, policy, anti-corruption, or in any other related field)
- Minimum five years of experience in quantitative and qualitative research
- Two years of experience in Governance and/or Anti-Corruption, or other related field
- Consultant must have the following competencies;
 - ❖ Must be result-oriented, a team player, and exhibiting high level of integrity
 - ❖ Must have strong coordination and communication skills

- ❖ Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English, and Dhivehi and must be able to prepare high quality documents in English and Dhivehi

9. Intellectual Property

The Technical Assistance Provider shall not use any intellectual property of the Commission including, but not limited to, Commission's official logo, or any other logo, Name of the Commission, at any time without the prior approval of the Commission. The final deliverables will become a product of the Anti-Corruption Commission.

10. Payment

Payment will be made in terms of Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR), based on the completion of the project as agreed with the Commission by a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the assigned party.

11. Time Span

The duration of the Consultancy is 02 (two) months from the contract signing date.

12. Eligible Applicants

This call for proposal is open only to local individuals or firms. Proposals submitted by firms will be assessed based on the profile of the teams' Key Consultants as an individual applicant.

13. Application Process

Interested and qualified applicants should submit their applications (in English) on the Bid Opening meeting on Anti-Corruption Commission's Reception at 10:00am, on 08^h September 2022, with the following documents;

- Cover Letter
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae(s)
- Reference Letter(s) – minimum 03 (from similar consultancies undertaken)
- Technical Proposal (submit in separately sealed and closed envelope)
- Financial proposal (submit in separately sealed and closed envelope)
- Tax clearance report (for firms and SP's) (Document date should fall within the last 3 months of tender date)

- GST registration certificate copy (for those required to pay GST)
- Business registration certificate copy (for firms and SP's)

**The page numbers and total number of pages should be indicated on each page of the proposal.

14. Evaluation Criteria

Technical Evaluation 70%	
Inception Report	20%
Experience	30%
Skills & Competencies	10 %
Qualification	10%
Financial Evaluation 30%	

Evaluation Criteria Detail			
#	Adequacy and the competence of key personnel proposed for the Project	Points	Score
Section 1. TECHNICAL EVALUATION 70%			
To qualify the candidate, must obtain a minimum of 50% out of the total allocated to this section.			
1	Inception Report 20%		
This section will be assessed based on the Inception Report submitted by the candidate.			
1.1	Addressing Requirement (05%) Addressing Scope and Deliverables (05%)	10%	
1.2	Methodology	10%	
2	Experience 30%		
This section will be assessed based on submitted documents that indicate experience.			

2.1	Anti-corruption work experience (05 %) Nationwide researches undertaken (10%)	15%	
2.2	Experience in Leading similar Projects (10%) Experience in working with government and other stakeholder organizations (05%)	15%	
3	Skills & Competencies 10%		
This section will be assessed based on experience that indicate skills and competencies			
3.1	Quality of work based on produced in English and Dhivehi	02%	
3.2	Project management skills	02%	
3.3	Research skills	04%	
3.4	Understanding and previous work in governance and other related areas	02%	
4	Qualification 10%		
This section will be assessed based on academic qualifications			
	Relevant Postgraduate degree (10 %)	10%	
Section 2. FINANCIAL EVALUATION			
2.1	Financial Proposal 30%		
This section will be assessed based on the Financial Proposal submitted by the Candidate.			
2.3.1	Consultancy Fee/Cost	30%	
	TOTAL	100%	