

# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>GHANA</b>
<b>NAME OF PROJECT</b>	<b>GHANA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT (P176126)</b>
<b>CREDIT NO</b>	<b>IDA-70960-GH</b>
<b>ASSIGNMENT TITLE</b>	<b>ENGAGEMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO UNDERTAKE A BASELINE SURVEY TOWARDS DIGITAL ACCELERATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN GHANA.</b>
<b>REFERENCE NO.</b>	<b>GH-MOC--379735-CS-QCBS</b>

The **Ministry of Communications and Digitalisation** has received Credit from the World Bank toward the cost of the Ghana Digital Acceleration Project (GDAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consultancy Services to undertake a baseline survey towards Digital Acceleration for Persons with Disabilities in Ghana.

## **Objective of the Assignment**

The principal objectives of this consultancy assignment include but not limited to:

- i. Conduct an in-depth assessment of the existing digital infrastructure and technologies accessible to persons with disabilities in Ghana.
- ii. Assess the extent to which digital public services, digital platforms, and innovations are accessible to persons with disabilities in Ghana.
- iii. Identify social, economic, infrastructure, and policy barriers limiting the ability of persons with disabilities to access opportunities in the digital economy.
- iv. Benchmark Ghana's existing digital acceleration policies, initiatives, and related activities against international best practices in digital inclusion for persons with disabilities.
- v. Inform the design of inclusive digital skills training programmes that help persons with disabilities to access employment and entrepreneurship opportunities in the digital economy.
- vi. Inform the development of digital skills training manuals for various trainings for people with disabilities to enhance active participation of persons with disabilities in formal employment, in entrepreneurship and for independent living.

The consulting firm must demonstrate the following:

- a. Minimum ten (10) years of experience in data collection and analysis, survey design, and baseline studies relating to the inclusion of persons with disabilities within the context of Ghana or Sub-Saharan Africa.
- b. Demonstrated experience in the ICT sector, especially in digital technologies and innovations.

- c. Previous experience in evaluating the accessibility of digital platforms, applications, and services for persons with disabilities.
- d. Prior experience working with donors and/or national governments in Sub-Saharan Africa; experience working in Ghana preferred.
- e. Experience in preparing reports to a standard acceptable to national and international financing institutions and be fluent in written and spoken English.
- f. Firms which include a person with disability on their team are highly preferred.

**Duration of the Assignment:** 4 months

**Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.**

The attention of interested Consulting firms is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment on paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultant's Qualification and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 0900 hours to 1600 hours GMT or through [pcu.gdap@moc.gov.gh](mailto:pcu.gdap@moc.gov.gh).

**Expressions of Interest (one (1) original and four (4) copies) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail or by e-mail) by 1600 hours GMT on April 4, 2024. Envelopes must be marked "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO UNDERTAKE A BASELINE SURVEY TOWARDS DIGITAL ACCELERATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN GHANA."**

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