

# **Call for Consultants to Conduct Value For Money Audits on the Implementation of NDS1 and Utilization of SDRs Funds**

## **Introduction**

Our Consortium is looking for a consultant to carry out analytical research to evaluate the utilization of the SDRs as well as to track government expenditure on the implementation of NDS1 projects. This process will result in a shadow evaluation report, which will be shared with the demand-side and supply-side stakeholders for improved oversight and policy implementation, respectively, regarding public resources.

## **Background**

The Government of Zimbabwe (GoZ) received US\$961 million from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 2021 in the form of the Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) quota. The government indicated that this money will be channelled towards various sectors including health, education, agriculture, industry, among others. At the same time, GoZ has been implementing the National Development Strategy 1 (NDS1) using mainly domestic resources (as officially stated). One of our Consortium's objectives is the tracking of public expenditure and making policy recommendations to policy-makers for improved utilization of public resources. To this end, we are looking for a consultant to carry out analytical research to evaluate the utilization of the SDRs as well as to track government expenditure on the implementation of NDS1 projects. This process will result in a shadow evaluation report, which will be shared with the demand-side and supply-side stakeholders for improved oversight and policy implementation, respectively, regarding public resources.

## **Tasks Assigned to the Consultant**

The Consultant will be required to carry out analytical research to assess and evaluate the utilization of the SDRs as well as to assess public expenditure on the implementation of NDS1 projects, highlighting key findings and policy recommendations.

## **Deliverables**

The consultant will undertake the following deliverables:

- Submission of a brief conceptual research methodology (Max 3 pages)
- Submission of Draft Report and presentation of preliminary findings thereof
- Submission of Final Report

## **Timeframes**

The consultancy deliverables are expected to meet the following deadlines:

- Brief conceptual research methodology – 13 February 2023
- Submission of Draft Report and presentation of preliminary findings thereof 28 February 2023
- Submission of Final Report 10 March 2023

### **Qualifications**

The consultant must have a minimum of a Master's Degree in Public Finance, Economics, Accounts or any relevant qualification. In addition, the consultant should possess sound expertise and traceable experience in conducting such research work.

### **Level of Effort**

A consultancy fee shall be disclosed to short-listed consultants. Interested experts are requested to submit their expression of interest including a brief conceptual research methodology and budget before end of business on 13 February 2023 to this email address: [recruitments221@gmail.com](mailto:recruitments221@gmail.com)