



**Invitation to Submit Expression of Interest for Consultancy Service - Independent Audit Firm for Rural Resilience and Livelihood Improvement Sector Project**

**REOI No.:** EOI/005/MDRCH-2026 **Dated:** 27 August 2026  
**Loan and Grant Number:** Grants 1015 (ADF), 1016 (CRPPTF), 1017 (GEF), 1018 (BCCDR), and 9249 (JFPR)  
**Country:** Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste  
**Title of Project:** Rural Resilience and Livelihood Improvement Sector Project  
**Assignment Name:** Independent Audit Firm under the Rural Resilience and livelihood Improvement Sector Project (RRLIP)  
**Executing Agency (EA):** Ministry of Rural Development and Community Housing (MDRCH)  
**Implementing Agency (IA):** Directorate General of Rural Development, MRDCH

**Brief Project Description**

The assignment is for an Independent Audit Firm to audit the Project Financial Statements of the Rural Resilience and Livelihood Improvement Sector Project (RRLIP), a six-year ADB-financed project implemented by MDRCH through DGRD/PMO. Audit services will be provided on an intermittent basis according to the reporting schedule finalized in the TOR and will cover the project's financial statements, use of grant proceeds, compliance with applicable financial covenants, internal controls, advance account/SOE procedures, and procurement-related financial controls. The auditor shall prepare the audit opinion, reasonable assurance report, and management letter in accordance with ISA, ISAE 3000, IPSAS cash-basis reporting requirements, and ADB requirements.

**Consulting Services**

The objectives of the audit of the project financial statements is to enable the auditor to (i) express an independent and objective opinion as to whether the project financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, or give a true and fair view of the project's financial position, its financial performance and cash flows, and (ii) provide a reasonable assurance opinion over certain specific representations made in the Statement of Compliance.

The Terms of Reference for the consulting services is attached for ready reference.

A consulting firm will be selected following the Consultant's Qualifications Selection (**CQS**) method in accordance with Procurement Directive for ADB Borrowers - Goods, Works, Nonconsulting, and Consulting Services (2026, as amended from time to time).

Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The consulting firms may associate with other international and national firms to enhance their qualifications.

The EOI shall demonstrate: (i) technical competence in completed audits of project financial statements for donor-funded or externally financed public-sector projects of comparable nature and complexity; (ii) experience with ADB, the World Bank, other multilateral development banks or comparable development partners; (iii) demonstrated application of ISA and, where relevant, ISAE 3000 and IPSAS cash-basis reporting, including audits of advance accounts, statements of expenditure, use of proceeds, procurement-related financial controls and management letters; (iv) audit experience in Timor-Leste, Asia-Pacific or comparable developing-country environments; and (v) management competence through an established





audit quality management system, independence and ethical safeguards, and arrangements for engagement quality review and continuity. Firms should identify a maximum of ten (10) completed assignments from the last twelve (12) years that are most relevant to these criteria. Generic project-management, infrastructure, agriculture or community-development assignments that did not involve independent financial audit services will not be treated as similar audit assignments.

### Implementation Period

It is expected that the assignment will cover the entire project implementation period and six financial years, with audit services provided on an intermittent basis according to the reporting option finalized in the TOR.

### EOI Submission

This Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) notice along with the TOR and other project documents is available at ADB's Consulting Services Recruitment Notice (CSRN) (<http://csrn.adb.org>). This advertisement is also available at the National Procurement Commission – Timor-Leste ([www.cna.gov.tl](http://www.cna.gov.tl)), Ministry of Finance - Timor-Leste (<https://www.mof.gov.tl>), Devex (<https://www.devex.com>) and dgMarket (<http://www.dgmarket.com>) websites and one local newspaper.

The MDRCH through the National Procurement Commission (NPC) now invites eligible consultants to submit EOIs on-line using a standard template provided in CSRN. EOI standard template is available at ADB's website <https://www.adb.org/documents/recruitment-firms-individual-consultants-executing-agencies>.

The EOI shall only be submitted online through ADB's Consultant Management System (<http://cms.adb.org>). The deadline for the submission is **11:59 PM (Manila Time) on 25 September 2026**.

Only the shortlisted firms will be invited to submit a proposal for the consulting services. The names and addresses of shortlisted firms will be published on the ADB and government websites as mentioned above.

### Additional Information

Additional information can be obtained from the NPC at the address given below during working hours from 09:00 to 17:00 (Monday to Friday). The NPC would try to provide expeditiously the additional information requested but any delay in providing such additional information may not be considered as a reason for extending the deadline for submission of EOI.

#### Address for clarifications ONLY:

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