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

Grant No.: IDA-D716-MZ

Assignment Title: Assessment of the quality of higher education in Mozambique

Reference No.: CS106

The Government of Mozambique has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Improvement of Skills Development in Mozambique (MozSkills)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

- ✓ Assess the functionality of internal quality assurance systems in HEIs, exploring the link between institutional accreditation and improvements in the functioning of the HEI's internal quality assurance system.
- ✓ Characterize the overall performance of the subsystem in terms of the implementation of SINAQES (its dimensions, standards and indicators)
- ✓ Characterize the strategic development of the subsystem in terms of access, expansion, impact, efficiency, investment and governance;
- ✓ Identify a model of rationality between the historical evolution of the process of evaluation and accreditation of courses, weighted against the exponential growth of courses at HEIs;
- ✓ Estimate the effort (financial and human) needed to implement SINAQES in all courses and HEIs, in view of the moratorium established by the subsystem's legal instruments;

- ✓ Describe the assessment of the subsystem's stakeholders regarding the entry level of candidates to higher education;
- ✓ Identify the main challenges and constraints faced by HEIs in their actions to promote and guarantee of quality in the light of SINAQES;
- ✓ Propose concrete and sustainable measures to be adopted to boost the quality of training offer in the country.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.mctes.gov.mz

The Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: (i) be an institution specialized in the areas of education, in particular higher education, institutional development, administrative law or similar, with experience in the education sector, (ii) have at least 5 (five) years' proven experience of similar work in the areas of public administration, higher education development policy-making and institutional development; (iii) have relevant experience in higher education assessment, accreditation and quality assurance, and (iv) extensive knowledge of higher education legislation. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants 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.

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 Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours: 0800 to 1530 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 15 May 2024.

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