

General Procurement Notice (GPN)

Country: *Maldives*

Project: *Maldives: COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project*

Project No.: *L0378A*

Project Implementing Agency/Entity: *Ministry of Health*

1. The Government of Maldives has received financing in the amount of US\$ 7,300,000.00 equivalent from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB or the Bank) toward the cost of the “COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project”, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be exclusively financed by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB or the Bank).
2. The project will include the following components:

Part 1: Emergency Response for COVID-19 Prevention

- (a) Provision of medical equipment and supplies.
- (b) Support with the implementation of social distancing measures, personal hygiene promotion, financing of community awareness campaign, distribution and use of face masks, promotion of personal hygiene practices and community participation in slowing the spread of the pandemic, as well as other measures to mitigate effects of long-term social distancing.

Part 2: Emergency Health System Capacity Strengthening for COVID-19 Case Management

- (a) Strengthening laboratory and diagnostic capacity at both national and atoll levels, including expansion of testing capacity of two regional hospitals, provision of diagnostic reagents, testing kits and special panel kits, Training of laboratory technicians, enhancing of samples transportation arrangements, and certification of safety cabinets.
- (b) Strengthening local containment capacity through establishment of quarantine and isolation units in hospitals and other existing facilities, as well as provision of Training to clinical and non-clinical workers, including volunteers, on guidelines and standard operating procedures applicable to COVID-19 related emergency.

Part 3: Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation

- (a) Support for Project implementation and management, including support for procurement, financial management, environmental and social risk management,

reporting, monitoring and evaluation, and provision of Training and Incremental Operating Costs.

3. Procurement of contracts financed by the Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the Bank's Procurement Instructions for Recipients (PIR), and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the PIR. The Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.
4. Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in UNDB online, on the Bank's external website and in the Government of Maldives official gazette.
5. No prequalification of suppliers and contractors will be required for the contracts.
6. Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the project implementing agency/entity at the address below.

Maldives: COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project
Ministry of Health, H.Roshanee Building, Sosunmagu, Male'
moh@health.gov.mv, Tel: +960 3328887