

**República Democrática**  **de São Tomé e Príncipe**

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**Ministério do Planeamento, Finanças e Economia Azul**  
**Agência Fiduciária de Administração de Projetos**  
Projeto Empoderamento das Raparigas e Ensino de Qualidade para Todos

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

*Sao Tome and Principe*

**Girls Empowerment and Quality Education for All Project**  
Grant No.: IDA-D7340

**Assignment Title: TA to conduct large-scale students learning assessment in primary and secondary Schools (ALLEB and ALLES)**

**Reference No. 26/C/GEE/2020**

The Government of São Tome and Principe *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Girls Empowerment and Quality Education for All Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include **TA to conduct large-scale students learning assessment in primary and secondary Schools (ALLEB and ALLES)**.

*The services include:*

- i. Develop a specialization in educational evaluation in the distance modality with a workload of 360 hours, with a total of 10 people, 5 technicians of MEES and 5 participants external to MEES, both selected through entry contest under the responsibility of the contracted company
- ii. Technically support a team of THE MEES (DPIE/GAAE), in the review of reference matrices for evaluation, development of items and database of pre-tested and balanced items, according to Item Response Theory (TRI) and Classical Test Theory (TCT), proficiency matrix, instruments and notebooks with balanced incomplete blocks, capacity development in large-scale evaluation with a specialization course in educational evaluation and proposal of large-scale evaluation plan.



- iii. Develop together with the DPIE/GAAE a Learning Assessment Plan, including the different External Assessments of Students' Learning necessary for the formulation of educational public policies.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment *are attached to this request for expressions of interest.*

*Or*

*can be found at the following website: [WWW.AFAP.ST](http://WWW.AFAP.ST)*

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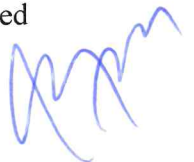
*can be obtained at the address given below.*

AFAP (Projects Administrative and Fiduciary Agency) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) **International Academic Institutions** 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:

- Experience in the coordination and application of evaluation of large-scale learning, in provincial (state) or national systems, using TRI and TCT, and with at least 100,000 (one hundred thousand students).
- Have legal accreditation as a higher education institution to teach *Latu Senu* Specialization in Educational Evaluation and/or Educational Evaluation and Statistics, and experience of at least 05 years in the offer of specialization and / or master's degree in Educational Evaluation.
- Proven experience in at least 10 projects with preparation of bench of pre-tested items and calibrated according to THE TRI and TCT, and preparation of test books with balanced incomplete blocks (BIB).
- Proven experience in at least 10 statistical and pedagogical analyses of large-scale evaluation results using TRI and TCT.

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” July 2016 revised



November 2017 and August 2018 (“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 8:30 to 12:00 and 14:30 to 17 (local time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) no later than 05 April, 2021, **At 3 PM.**

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