



Ministry of Water and Sanitation

Blantyre Water Board

Blantyre City Council

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

<b>Country</b>	:	<b>Malawi</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	:	<b>Malawi Water and Sanitation Project-1</b>
<b>Grant No.</b>	:	<b>IDA E159-MW</b>
<b>Assignment Title</b>	:	<b>Consultancy Services for Baseline Survey</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	:	<b>MW-BWB-333213-CS-QCBS</b>

The Government of Malawi through Blantyre Water Board (BWB) has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Malawi Water and Sanitation Project-1 (MWSP-1) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The objective of the MWSP is to increase access to improved water supply and sanitation services in Blantyre metropolitan area and to enhance the operational and financial efficiency of the Blantyre Water Board. The project has four (components). Component 3 of the MWSP-1 is supporting institutional development activities aimed at enhancing BWB's financial efficiency and governance systems, improving BCC's capacity to manage sanitation services and supporting the water sector investment planning and policy development to enhance the sustainability of urban water services. Some of the activities under this component shall include preparation of a baseline report through collection of primary data on the pre-intervention situation.

The baseline is expected to inform project planning and establish benchmarks for assessing the project impact and outcomes at different stages of project implementation. The study will, among others, establish a reference point on water supply and sanitation coverage, levels of service, water use patterns and key service delivery gaps. The BWB would like therefore to engage a consultant to undertake consultancy services for Baseline Survey.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include undertaking a Baseline Survey to provide a clear picture of the current status of clean water supply coverage within Blantyre Water Board supply area, as well as status of sanitation coverage in the focus area. The Consultancy shall be completed within a period of six (6) calendar months. The assignment is expected to start in August 2023.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) for the assignment can be found at the following website <https://www.bwb.mw/Tenders.php>.

The Blantyre Water Board 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) Core business of the firm(s) and years in business

- (ii) Relevant similar experience, which should specifically include the below:
- Experience in conducting baseline surveys for water and sanitation projects
  - Experience in mobile data collection and analysis for baseline surveys
  - Experience in assessing and analyzing household incomes and expenditures
  - Experience in community mobilization and gender advocacy
  - Experience in urban water and sewerage systems
  - Experience in development of GIS databases resulting from socio-economic surveys.
  - Experience in community development, survey development and management.
- (iii) Technical and managerial capability of the firm (Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications, and number of key staff. Do not provide CV of the staff). 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" dated November 2020 ("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 method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours *i.e., from 08:00 to 16.30 hours*

Expressions of interest clearly marked ***Consultancy Services for Baseline Survey*** must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail or by e-mail) by **26 May 2023**.

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