Consultant to assess public-private collaborations in the data domain in Bangladesh

Location :	Bangladesh
Application Deadline :	16-May-2023
Type of Contract :	Individual Contract
Languages Required :	English and Bengali
Duration of Initial Contract :	8 Weeks
Expected Duration of Assignment :	8 Weeks

About LIRNEasia

LIRNEasia is a pro-poor, pro-market think tank. What this means is that we are in favor of decentralized innovation- including through competitive markets- to enhance the lives of the poor. Everything we do has to have benefits for the poor.

We emphasize Asia Pacific expertise but are not exclusive about it. We conduct in-depth, policy-relevant research on infrastructure industries *including* digital infrastructure. Our work extends to, but not limited to, other sectors such as energy, disasters, future of work etc which can benefit the poorest citizens of the Asia Pacific. We document regional good practices. We then disseminate independent, actionable knowledge, to policy makers, regulators, service providers and the media. We help train policy intellectuals and, on request, provide short-term advisory assistance. We have, on many occasions, contributed towards the removal of barriers to access to digital technology for the people of Asia.

Background

With just seven years remaining to achieve the Sustainable development Goals (SDGs), it is imperative that nation states, civil society and private sector come together to achieve and monitor progress towards the SDGs. The vast troves of data collected and held by the private sector as they conduct day to day business can play a key role in helping this objective. Combining private sector's expertise, private sector's data, and private sector funding together with the public sector data's convening powers and public sector's ability to implement at scale, a role in achieving the SDGs.

In 2021, LIRNEasia and four other partners (Cepei, LDRI, COI and CEE) with the funding by International Development Research Center (IDRC) launched a project to understand the extent to which private sector has been involved in activities that enable the use of data for the measurement and achievement of the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). Public-private collaborations in the data domain have the potential to bring transformative changes and facilitate the accomplishment of SDGs.

As we reach the midpoint of the SDG implementation period, it is worth assessing the extent to which public-private data initiatives have expanded and their overall impact.

In this context LIRNEasia is looking for an individual Consultant to assess public-private collaborations in the data domain in Bangladesh.

Specific objective

The specific objective of the consultancy is to conduct an assessment on public-private collaborations in the data domain and to identify enablers and barriers to such partnerships, with special attention to achieving SDGs in Bangladesh.

Duties and Responsibilities

The consultant will have overall responsibility for the work and operation of the assessment. The consultant will have the responsibility for the quality and timely submission of the deliverables to the client. The selected consultant will be expected to adhere to the ethical standards of social research. The consultant is responsible and accountable for overall assessment including the following:

- Mapping public-private collaborations in the data domain in Bangladesh (Undertaken through desk-based research to identify entities engaged in data partnerships).
- Conduct qualitative research to gain deeper understanding on the public-private collaborations in the data domain in Bangladesh (Undertaken through Key Informant Interviews (minimum 6 interviews) to identify enablers and barriers for data partnerships. The Consultant should select most suitable public, private, or civil society entities/relevant offices based on the mapping study).

Deliverables

1. Draft report – full report with annexures based on the format provided by the client.
2. Presentation- highlighting key findings of public-private collaborations in the data domain in Bangladesh, enables and barriers of such partnerships in the country.
3. Proof of consent from the Key Informants – Informed consent by the Key Informants for taking parting in the research and consent for quoting Key Informants in the final report and in any other communication materials prepare by the client.
4. Transcripts - English word to word transcript of all Key Informant interviews.
5. Final report – Revised report upon finalsing the comments received on the draft report.

Required Skills and Experience

- Master's degree in a relevant field (eg: Social Sciences, Computer Science).
- Proven experience in managing public-private data partnerships or similar projects.
- Strong understanding of data governance principles.

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to engage with stakeholders in the public and private sectors.
- Proven experience in qualitative research, including discussion moderation and qualitative data analysis.
- Proficient in both written and spoken English Language.

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications.

- Personal CV, indicating all past experience from relevant projects, as well as the contact details (email and telephone number) of the Candidate and at least two (2) professional references.
- Financial proposal that indicates the all-inclusive fixed total contract price.

Interested applicants should email above documents to info@lirneasia.net with the subject header 'Consultant to assess public-private collaborations in the data domain in Bangladesh' by 1600 hrs Sri Lanka time on 16th May 2023. Short listed applicants will be notified by 17th of May 2023.