REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

COUNTRY - Kosovo NAME OF PROJECT- Financial Sector Strengthening Project, IDA Credit No. 6416-XK Project ID No.165147 ASSIGMENT TITLE: **Evaluation and Monitoring Specialist** Reference number: 06/CS/IC/2021

Date: 15/07/2021

Background

The Kosovo Credit Guarantee Fund (KCGF) is an independent legal entity established by its law, to help meet the need for increased access to finance for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Kosovo to create jobs, increase local production and value-added services, improve the trade balance, and enhance financing opportunities for MSMEs.

The Government of Kosovo (GoK) has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in the amount of Euro 22.3 million (USD 25 million equivalent) to finance the Financial Sector Strengthening Project, expected to be implemented within a three-year period. The Project aims to assist the GoK to improve access to finance for Micro, Small and Medium Size Enterprises by strengthening the financial and technical capacity of the Kosovo Credit Guarantee Fund.

Description of work responsibilities:

The evaluation and monitoring specialist is required to support the KCGF for further improve the level of reporting by partner banks, assist in upgrading internal processes and prepare evaluation reports in the field of credit risk and in the financial sector in overall. The evaluation and monitoring specialist will provide an up-to date, reliable quantitative and qualitative information by exploration and modeling of data. The models prepared would be based on internal and external empirical data, that aim to support KCGF with key information on risk in portfolio level, that would support decision making in KCGF.

The KCGF relies heavily on reporting from partner financial institution hence the evaluation and monitoring specialist will support the institution to build a methodology that will enable the institution to detect well in advance the reporting errors. Based on the nature of the work the

evaluation and monitoring specialist - will come with proposal for automatization and increase the efficiency of reporting without harming the quality of information.

The Evaluation and Monitoring Specialist will be in charge of the following tasks:

Analyze the internal processes in the area of reporting and come up with revised proposal that aims on increasing the quality of reports;

- Analyze and if needed revise, modify existing set of reporting packages;
- Support the management in the area of credit risk and impact assessment on improving the required information from third parties, and accordingly increase the efficiency of the reporting requirements from KCGF toward the third parties;
- If needed build standard model/methodologies that will automatize and increase the efficiency of preparing the reports for internal usage and for external parties;
- Analyze internal processes in the area of evaluation and monitoring of additionality indicators. Accordingly, if deem necessary revise and come up with new more adequate indicators and methodology of analyzing the indicators;
- If deem necessary, propose additional control mechanism within our internal processes in the area of reporting in order to increase the quality of reporting;
- Develop new indicators that show the impact of the credit guarantee scheme in the market;
- Identify data sources and determine frequencies in order to measure if the results are achieved;
- Assist in preparing performance indicators that would be used for evaluating the performance of KCGF, or the performance of financial sector in Kosovo;
- Establish monitoring framework to ensure if the realized objectives are deviating from the set objectives.

Qualifications:

The Evaluation and Monitoring Specialist will need to meet the following requirements:

- Faculty degree in an area relevant to the assignment, such as Economics, statistics, econometry;
- Master's degree or relevant specialization in the area of the assignment is preferable;
- At least five (5) years of experience in data modeling and analysis.
- Professional working experience with analyzing the data and preparing reports.
- Working experience in banking sector within the MIS department is preferred. Past working experience in lending will be considered an advantage.

The skills and competencies that will be evaluated through the selection process are:



- Excellent ability in using Microsoft Excel and other relevant statistical software or other relevant software;
- Critical assessment of system in place;
- Ability to analyze data problems and convey information;
- Ability to build analytic and predictive models;
- Ability to analyze internal reporting process and to come up with proper solutions.

Period of Performance

The Evaluation and Monitoring Specialist will work on full time basis. Contract duration is expected to start on Sep 2021 until the end of the project completion on Dec 31, 2023.

Reporting

The Evaluation and Monitoring Specialist will report to the Project Coordinator/Managing Director of KCGF and will submit monthly timesheets to account for the actual days worked during the calendar month.

Selection process

Experienced and qualified individuals will be selected under the provisions of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Borrowers, July 2016, and revised Nov 2017 following open competitive selection process.

Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: 08:0-16:0hrs (Monday to Friday).

Expression of interest must delivery in a written form or by e-mail, to the address below by; July 29, 2021.

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