
TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF NATIONAL CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A MACRO EVALUATION STUDY FOR THE SECOND DEBT SWAP AGREEMENT

Background:

The Italian-Egyptian Debt for Development Swap Programme (IEDS) - Phase II- serves as an extended replicate for IEDS Phase I programme that was successfully concluded in 2008. On June 3, 2007, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Government of the Italian Republic signed the second Debt Swap Agreement, for a total amount of USD 100 million, which has been concluded on December 31, 2017.

The IEDS is governed by the Management Committee (MC), a body co-shared by H.E. the Egyptian Minister of Investment & International Cooperation and H.E. the Ambassador of Italy to Egypt, or their respective delegates. The Technical Support Unit (TSU) is a technical and financial monitoring body that supports the MC in the decision-making process.

Under IEDS – Phase II, a total of 31 initiatives have been financed, in diversified areas of interventions in different governorates.

Scope of the work

The governments of Egypt and Italy seek a team of National Experts or think-tank able to develop a high-profile Evaluation Study describing the innovative bilateral partnership between the two countries as framed in the Debt Swap agreement, as well as evaluating the Programme in light of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) evaluation criteria (relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and sustainability). The main themes of the study can be described as follows:

- Assessment of the relevance of the programme at the macro level, including interview with the two main stakeholders the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation office in Cairo, and the Ministry of Investment & International Cooperation as well as, evaluating the role of Debt Swap programme in support to fulfillment of the *Sustainable Developmental Goals*, and the priorities identified in the Egyptian Reform agenda,
- Assessment of the effectiveness of the management & administration in programme implementation; i.e. the technical assistance provided throughout the project cycle by the Technical Support Unit (TSU) and the Debt Swap Management Committee as the programme governance body.
- Reviews at least three funded-projects according to the DAC evaluation criteria: relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and sustainability.

- Highlight on the challenges, success stories, lessons learnt, and experience gained throughout the program with focus on strengths and weaknesses encountered during the implementation.
- Recommendations to enhance strengths and reduce weaknesses that can be adopted in the future actions.
- Impact on bilateral relations between Egypt and Italy, not solely as a donor – beneficiary role aspect, but also the benefit brought to the Italian and Egyptian systems.

Part of the National Consultant mandate is to present the outcomes, results and recommendation of this study during the final DS phase II workshop.

Output:

- A fully edited English document up to 60 pages, in a publishable form (hard and soft copy);
- An Arabic translated copy fully reviewed in both hard and soft copy;
- All technical material as well as methodology will be included in the Annexes;
- A PowerPoint presentation which summarizes the study in order to be presented to the TSU and MC of the Programme.

Duration and Time Schedule:

- Duration of assignment: 2 months
- Expected start of the assignment: first half of 2018

Qualifications:

- At least 15 years of experience in Monitoring and Evaluation of development projects,
- Previous experience in evaluating foreign-funded multi-sectorial Programmes
- Knowledge of English and Arabic
- Disposition to travel outside Cairo for data collection, if needed

Application documents:

Please send the following documents to dsassistant.cairo@esteri.it maximum by midnight of Feb. 28, 2018:

- Detailed technical proposal
- Financial proposal
- Updated CVs of all involved evaluators