



Call for Expression of Interest

Final Independent Evaluation Local Economic Development Projects

Location:	Sri Lanka
Application deadline:	25 May 2016
Type of contract:	External Collaboration Contract
Post Level:	International Consultant
Languages required:	Proficiency in English
Expected duration:	Approximately 30 work days (Evaluation mission in Sri Lanka is expected to be in the second half of June 2016)

1. Background

The ILO Office in Sri Lanka seeks the services of a highly qualified and competent international consultant to lead the evaluation of two distinct but interrelated projects funded the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) as follows:

2. Local Empowerment through Economic Development Project

The project focussed on developing local building suppliers so as to optimize the use of local resources and create employment opportunities through networks and pooled resources in order to obtain better prices for construction materials from southern building suppliers, that they can then pass on to house builders. The project also examined the means by which vulnerable families could obtain wage employment while still addressing their own housing needs so as to ease the burden and accelerate the construction of the permanent houses.

- **Development Objective**

To contribute to sustainable peace and conflict transformation in Sri Lanka by reducing conflict related economic inequalities and promoting and enabling more equitable and inclusive economic development in the ongoing process of economic recovery in three districts in the Northern Province.

Immediate Outcomes Economic Infrastructure Development-EID (A): To facilitate inclusive and equitable participation of northern producers and businesses in the economic recovery now taking place throughout the NP

Immediate Outcomes Business Development Services-BDS (B): local businesses (MSME and Coops) become more competitive through an expansion of local and national market linkages and by adopting implementing decent work practices and 'pro poor' policies.

3. Local Economic Development through Tourism Project

The project was designed to contribute directly to three key priority / result areas of DFATs Sri Lankan Aid Programme as follows:

- Increased economic and social development opportunities for vulnerable, lagging and conflict-affected target communities delivered;
- Access to sustainable livelihoods and income generating activities and;
- Social protection for excluded and vulnerable people through better access to government services.

- ***Development Objective***

Contribute to reducing the incidence of poverty by creating sustainable employment and livelihood opportunities for vulnerable populations in the Eastern Province through promotion and development of an eco- friendly pro poor tourism sector.

The project was premised on three main immediate outcomes as follows:

Intermediate Outcome A: Increased supply chain linkages of local supplies and service providers to the more established tourism and hospitality operators

Intermediate Outcome B: Improve efficiency of MSME's to provide quality service to the tourism industry

Intermediate Outcome C: Government/semi-government institutions and stakeholders in the province mainstream eco- friendly, sustainable gender sensitive pro-poor tourism

The final evaluation aims at examining the extent to which the project objectives have been achieved and at assessing the impact of the project particularly on the direct and indirect beneficiaries. The final evaluation will also report on the lessons learnt and possible good practices. The final evaluation findings, recommendations and lessons learnt will provide valuable information regarding ILO response to livelihoods and income generation interventions through its local economic development strategies in Sri Lanka and in other countries.

The detailed ToR can be found on the following link: <http://www.ilo.org/colombo/>

2. Qualifications and Experience Sought

The selection of the International Consultant for the final evaluation will be based on the strengths of the qualification and experience provided by the potential candidates through their expression of interests (EoI) for the assignment. Interested candidates should include in their EOI:

- A curriculum vitae or details of their background and knowledge of subject areas and of Sri Lanka (where possible);
- A list of previous research or evaluation experiences relevant to this assignment;
- Statement of availability for the assignment and proposed professional fee (daily basis);
- A statement confirming no previous or current link to the Project and no personal relationship with the people who manage the project.

Interested candidates for the international consultant (evaluator) should possess the following qualifications:

- University Degree with minimum 10 years of experience in project /program evaluation

- An evaluation expert in development field with demonstrated technical expertise in evaluation methodologies and previous proven skills and experience in undertaking evaluations of similar projects;
- Strong background in local economic and enterprise development as well as Human Rights Based Approach programming and Results Based Management;
- Extensive knowledge of, and experience in applying, qualitative and quantitative research methodologies;
- Experience in direct and participatory community-based observation, and experience in participative evaluation techniques would be an asset;
- Knowledge of ILO's roles and mandate and its tripartite structure as well as UN evaluation norms and its programming is desirable;
- Excellent analytical skills and communication skills;
- Demonstrated excellent report writing skills in English;
- Experience in working in Sri Lanka will be desirable.

3. Application Guidelines

- The deadline to submit expressions of interest for the evaluation is by **close of business on 25 May 2016**.
- Expressions of Interest (EoI) should be sent by e-mail to the **Evaluation Manager, Ms. Belinda Chanda** (Email: chanda@ilo.org with a copy to pamornrat@ilo.org clearly indicating **“Local Economic Development Projects-Final Independent Evaluation”** in your email subject line.