

**Municipal Development Fund of Georgia  
Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

**Loan N 2655 - GEO: SUSTAINABLE URBAN TRANSPORT  
INVESTMENT PROGRAM**

**Request for expression of interest for the position of International Social Safeguards Consultant for Tbilisi-Rustavi Urban Link Project (Section 2)  
Ref. No: SUTIP-IC-11-2014-1**

The Project is funded by the Government of Georgia (GoG) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF) is the project executing agency. The Project envisages Modernization of Tbilisi-Rustavi Section of the Tbilisi-Red Bridge (Azerbaijani Border) Road, in particular, upgrading the existing 17.1 km long, 2-lane road between Tbilisi and Rustavi into an international standard, "Category I" highway, with 4 lanes and a general design speed of 100-120km/hour and includes "urban boulevard" section with reduced speed limit. The Project has two key objectives: (1) A local and urban one, associated to the improvement of the urban link between Tbilisi and Rustavi; (2) An international one, the enhancement of the link between Azerbaijan and Georgia, and thereby between the Caspian Sea (Baku port) and the Black Sea (Poti and Batumi ports).

Under this project the Municipal Development Fund of Georgia announces Expression of Interest for selection of *International Social Safeguards Consultant* for Tbilisi-Rustavi Urban Link Project (Section 2).

The main objective of this assignment is to assist to the MDF in preparing, evaluating, implementing and monitoring the land acquisition and resettlement in line with Georgian legislation and ADB Safeguards Policy Statement requirements. The international expert will be providing guidance and leading the activities of the team composed of MDF staff and local consultant.

The Scope of Work of the Consultant includes, but not limited to the following tasks:

At the LARP preparation and implementation stages, the international social safeguards consultant will perform the following tasks:

- a) The Consultant will review the draft "implementation ready" LARP for section 2; draft addendums to LARPs for Sections 1 and 3; and other possible addendums if required during the project implementation elaborated by the Design Consultant and submitted to MDF to ensure that LARP and addendums are prepared in compliance with ADB Safeguards Policy Statement and the Land Acquisition and Resettlement Framework (LARF) of February 2010; coordinate MDF comments thereupon;
- b) The consultant will finalize the draft "implementation ready" LARP for Section 2, agree it with ADB and prepare for approval by Georgian government.
- c) The Consultant will be involved in direct communication with ADB, under MDF supervision.
- d) If LARP needs to be complemented, the consultant, in collaboration with the DD Consultant, will conduct the additional surveys.
- e) The Consultant will review the results of the inventory and study of structural integrity of 10 buildings in Fonichala.
- f) The Consultant will be responsible for coordination of all activities of MDF required for LARP preparation (issuance of Eminent Domain Decree; organization of public consultation meetings; organization of consultation meetings in focal groups; creation of the grievance redress mechanism ect.).
- g) The consultant will review the LARPs elaborated for the Sections I and III and the previous work done by the MDF relating to land acquisition, expropriation, temporary usage of private property for construction purposes and any other possible form of intervention on private land and/or property.
- h) The international expert will be providing guidance and leading the activities of the team composed of MDF staff and local consultant.
- i) Coordination of MDF activities in conducting an intensive information and consultation campaign with the APs through meetings to be held in the affected neighbourhood and through the disclosure of information materials to be prepared in English and in Georgian;
- j) Assistance to MDF in developing a public communications strategy (including the public communications plan) which will become an integral part of the consultation and participation processes involving APs and stakeholders;

- k) Performance of communication activities on behalf of MDF with civil society, governmental structures, involved municipalities and affected people through consultation, informed participation and information disclosure;
- l) Coordination of resettlement, support to identification of alternative housing by APs, liaison with responsible authorities, and monitoring of actual relocation by APs;
- m) Participation in negotiations with APs;
- n) Coordination of support to vulnerable people, including, but not limited to IDPs (identification of relocation solutions, liaison with responsible authorities, monitoring during relocation and thereafter);
- o) Periodic site investigations during the implementation period to consult with affected persons and identify obstacles to effective completion of all LARP activities.
- p) Preparation and implementation of the livelihood restoration plan for affected business owners and business employees;
- q) Collaborate with the MDF environmental specialists to ensure that social aspects inherent in environmental issues are considered in planning and implementation;
- r) Establishment of Terms of Reference for IMA, coordination of the services of the IMA, review of IMA reports before their communication to ADB for potential factual inaccuracies;
- s) Participation in liaison with ADB and Government stakeholders at the request of the MDF and as needed.

Tentative duration of the assignment is 270 days. The consultant is requested on an intermittent basis which includes work from home and in Tbilisi (with a minimum total of 75 days in Tbilisi).

**Knowledge and qualifications:**

- a) an advanced degree in social science (anthropology/sociology/geography), law, urban planning, civil engineering or land management with at least 8 years of relevant work experience (social impact or resettlement specialist);
- b) Direct experience of working with land acquisition related issues will be strongly preferred;
- c) Experience of working with ADB or other International Financial Institutions supported projects, particularly in application of involuntary resettlement policy is desired;
- d) Knowledge of the Georgian land administration/management laws, regulations and standards will be an advantage;
- e) Strong oral and written English language skills. Knowledge of Georgian or Russian is desired;
- f) Consultation practices with direct experience in working with the general public preferred;
- g) Strong communication and negotiation skills and persuasiveness in presenting, discussing and resolving difficult issues, both orally and writing;
- h) Computer skills: proficiency in standard and specialized computer applications, including Word, Excel, electronic mail.

Interested Individual Consultants may obtain additional information at the Procurement Unit at the address provided below from 10:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. Phone number: (+99532) 243 70 01, extension 409, Ms. Nata Peitrishvili, Procurement Specialist.

Interest expression with CV shall be submitted at the address provided below not later than **18:00 p.m. of June 11, 2014.**

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