**Country:**                            Federal Government of Somalia (FGS)

**Name of the Project**: Horn of Africa – Ground Water for Resilience Project (GW4R)

**Project ID:**P174867     Grant No.:  IDA - D9310

**Consulting Service:**  **Groundwater Engineer**

**Individual/Firm:**                   Individual

**Deadline:**                             June 14TH  2024 at 12.00pm

**Duty station:**                      Mogadishu, Somalia

**Reference No.:**                      **SO-MOEWR-420235-CS-INDV**

1. **Background**

The Groundwater for Resilience project (GW4R) is a component of the World Bank financed Horn of Africa (HoA) initiative. The project is intended to increase sustainable access and management of groundwater as a key contributing factor to enhanced climate resilience of targeted communities. The project will strengthen the foundations for regional approaches to resilience building through an improvement of the knowledge base and institutional capacity related to climate shocks, and investments in enhanced groundwater supply and improved utilization.

GW4R addresses groundwater development in order to enhance living conditions and reduce and control the impacts of climate change. Strengthening the region’s capacity to assess, develop, monitor, and manage groundwater resources play a vital role in the ability of vulnerable communities to cope with and adapt to the effects of climate shocks. The GW4R is framed around four components: (i) Institutions and Information, (ii) Infrastructure and Investment, (iii) Inclusive Innovation, and (iv) project management, knowledge, and operation. The project initially focuses on three countries -Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia – and Somaliland and IGAD for the regional integration.

The Somalia component of the GW4R project is titled Abaar-Tir, a US$30 million equivalent operation that will support the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), specifically engaging the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources (MoEWR), and the Federal Member States of Galmudug, Hirshabele, Jubaland, Puntland and South-West States, and Somaliland. Abaar-Tir is intended to strengthen sustainable management of groundwater and to ensure that the resource is available to people and communities, sustainably used, and fostering economic growth over time, also long after the project is concluded. Abaar-Tir consists of three main components. These are (1) build and rehabilitate infrastructure to improve groundwater supply and use; (2) building the institutional capacity and knowledge system of federal and member states to implement the project; and (3) project management and to arrange internal knowledge management and learning. Each component is subdivided into several sub-components and linked activities.

The NPCU will be headed by a Project Coordinator. In each Federal Member State, a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) will be established to implement investments in enhanced groundwater supply and community services.

**2. SCOPE OF WORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The MoEWR intends to engage an experienced groundwater professional to be appointed as a Groundwater Engineer in the NPCU. The Groundwater Engineer will contribute to the realization of all planned project activities linked to technical, engineering, and capacity aspects of groundwater planning, development, maintenance, and monitoring. Tasks shall be undertaken in a timely, high-quality, and cooperative manner. The Groundwater Engineer will act as a counterpart colleague to a Sr Groundwater Advisor to be appointed by MoEWR and project water engineers and construction staff engaged by MS PIUs.

The Groundwater Engineer will report to the Abaar-Tir Project Coordinator and work in close collaboration with relevant departments of procurement and administration within the Abaar-Tir team, other line ministries, FMS and the World Bank, and all engaged and contracted partners. He/she will ensure that the project’s investments in enhanced groundwater supply are in strict compliance with existing or upcoming guidelines and manuals. This includes the Project Operations Manual (POM) and all appropriate and relevant best practices and international standards.

Detailed Terms of Reference can be found in the following link: <https://moewr.gov.so/jobs>.

1. **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

The candidate should have the following desired qualifications and experience:

* Bachelor’s degree from a recognized university in one of the following disciplines: groundwater hydrology or civil /Groundwater Engineering;
* A professional qualification in water resources management will be an advantage.
* A minimum of at least 8 years of relevant professional work experience, including expertise in groundwater surveying and water point location, the planning and supervision of groundwater/water infrastructure construction, and installation works and engineering services.
* 6 years of experience in groundwater engineering and development work in Somalia.
* Work experience in projects funded by an international donor.
* Fluency in English and Somali languages.
* Excellent computer skills for Microsoft Office tools (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint) and Internet use.
* High level interpersonal and relationship-building skills.

1. **REPORTING**

The position will report to the GW4R NPCU Project Coordinator.

1. **DURATION:**

The duration for the assignment is initially for a one (1) year period with an extension based on project duration, availability of budget and satisfactory performance.

1. The Ministry of Energy and Water Resources now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide the following (i) Curriculum Vitae (CV) with 3 reference persons; (ii) copies of certificates of academic qualifications; and (iii) cover letterindicating that they are qualified to perform the services.

1. **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank’s *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services*dated November 2020 and September 2023(“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

**The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultants Selection method set out in the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations*.***

1. **MODE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINE:**

Interested Consultants may obtain further information including a detailed Terms of Reference from <https://moewr.gov.so/jobs>

Expressions of interest (EOI) and CV must be delivered by email to the address below on or before **June 14TH  2024 at 12:00 PM (East African Time)**– Subject marked clearly as  **Groundwater Engineer**

**National Project Coordination Unit (NPCU),**

**Ministry of Energy and Water Resources,**

**Federal Government of Somalia,**

**Email: procurement.gw4r@gmail.com**