

Federal Government of Somalia

Ministry of Communications and Technology

The Eastern Africa Regional Digital Integration operation (EA-RDIP) (2023-2028)

Terms of Reference (TOR) for an Individual

PROJECT COORDINATOR

A. PROJECT BACKGROUND

Through World Bank's support, 'The Eastern Africa Regional Digital Integration Operation (EA-RDIP) (2023-2028) is being prepared to address connectivity needs for countries in the Horn of Africa region. The proposed program aims to advance the regional integration of digital markets Eastern Africa through supporting cross-border connectivity, harmonization of data and e-commerce regulations and policies, and removal of trade barriers, with the vision of establishing a Single Digital Market (SDM). Regional efforts to move towards an SDM is envisioned to have economic and welfare gains to all participating economies and will be especially beneficial for smaller economies to tap larger regional markets for economic expansion. It is proposed for the project components to follow the SDM framework and for participating countries (Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan in phase 1) to tailor each component for its investment and technical assistance needs.

Specifically in Somalia, EA-RDIP will support the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia to establish digital connectivity and integrate with the regional digital market. EA-RDIP aims to increase access to broadband and digital services through the development and integration of digital markets in the Eastern Africa region. The proposed interventions will provide investment financing to address connectivity infrastructure gaps and technical assistance to ensure regional harmonization of regulations and standards towards the development of the regional digital market for the countries in the Horn of Africa region. The project has four components, as briefly described below

- Component 1. Connectivity Market Development and Integration. This component will provide support to develop terrestrial cross-border connectivity and expand backbone and last-mile connectivity to rural and remote communities.
- Component 2. Data Market Development and Integration. This component will provide support to the integration and development of the data market, to enable secure exchange, storage and processing of data across borders, including strengthening the environment for cybersecurity.
- Component 3. Online Market Development and Integration. This component will provide support to the integration and development of the online market, through targeted support for e-service enablers and digital skills.

- Component 4. Project Management and implementation. This component will provide technical assistance and capacity support for project preparation and implementation.
- EA-RDIP in Somalia will be implemented by the Ministry of Information, Communication Technology (MoCT). A Project Implementation Unit (PIU) will be set up at the MoCT which will be responsible for overall implementation, fiduciary, Environment and Social Framework (ESF) compliance for the project. The PIU will be supported with technical committees (TCs) bringing together key MDAs in the country, and also representation from federal member states (FMS). The PIU at MoCT together with the TCs are expected to report to a project steering committee (PSC) which will be established in the country. The PIU will also coordinate with the regional level PIUs at EAC, IGAD during implementation.

B. OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The Project Coordinator (PC) will head the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) located within MoCT Offices, Mogadishu, Somalia. He/she would be responsible for planning, administering and coordinating the activities of the PIU. He/she would ensure that the project is implemented in accordance with the Financing Agreement with WBG. He/she will have overall responsibility of monitoring, overseeing and guiding the implementation of the various components of the Project by the different stakeholders in all project locations.

C. SCOPE OF WORK

The Project coordinator will be expected to carry out the following tasks;

1. Ensure efficient, effective and timely implementation of the project while ensuring that funds are used for the intended purposes and carry out the Project implementation in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in the project guidelines.
2. Assist the Ministry leadership to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of the Project and bring together technical as well as other stakeholders on board by providing a platform for technical and policy dialogue with all Federal States of Somalia involved in the Project.
3. Overall responsibility for the contractual reporting requirements (Prepare progress reports, bi-annual reports as well as the Completion Report with the support of the M&E Expert).
4. Ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of the “Project Guidelines” and other documents related to the Project in consultation with the Finance team.

5. Ensure project activities adhere to the project's environment and social safeguard frameworks;
6. Support MoCT in the institutional strengthening processes and staff capacity development in particular with Federal Member States liaison officers.
7. Ensure that there is participation of all key stakeholders from Somalia, project implementation and given updates including Ministries of Communications in the different regions.
8. Assist MoCT with advocacy, networking, information and communication on ICT with stakeholders and beneficiaries.
9. Prepare, organise and follow up on workshops, meetings, training (based on a training needs assessment) and field missions related to the specific activities related to the expected results of the Project.
10. Provide technical guidance and administrative/secretarial support for the activities and decisions of the Project Steering Committee (PSC).
11. Shall be responsible to ensure the establishment and proper functioning of internal control and quality assurance system and participate in ensure that the Bank procurement, financial management and reporting requirements are fulfilled.
12. Ensure annual Audits of the Project accounts are being undertaken by Auditors and facilitate submission of the Audit Reports to the Bank, within six months after the end of each financial year.
13. Facilitate the Mid-Term Review (MTR) and no later than six weeks prior to the MTR furnish to the WBG a progress report, Project Status Report (PSR) describing the status of the implementation of each Project component.
14. Facilitate production of the Project Completion Report (PCR).

D. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCES:

The applicant should possess the following:

- A minimum of a University Master's Degree in Information Technology, Information and Communication Technology (ICT); Management; Development; Administration; or any other discipline related to the field.
- A minimum of 8 years' experience at a senior level in a relevant public institution, private sector or in an international organization, with proven skills in the management and coordination of internationally financed development programmes/projects.
- The candidate should combine relevant field experience and knowledge with a deep understanding of political actors and dynamics in both the Federal Government and Federal Member States levels to effectively leverage authority, make informed decisions, and drive successful outcomes towards project goals.
- Candidates are expected to have sound knowledge of contemporary issues related to telecommunications, cyber security, fiber optics, infrastructure development, and project management.
- Proven experience in working in fragile context areas of the Greater Horn of Africa region and ability and experience in management of partner funded project such as UN and multilateral development projects.

- He/she will have a proven track record of formulating, implementing and monitoring of policy dialogue on ICT and related infrastructure development operations.
- He/She should have experience demonstrating strong analytical capacity in the field relevant to project management, technology and personnel.
- He/She will possess excellent team building, interpersonal relationship management and negotiation skills, and ability to resolve conflicts constructively.
- He/she will have excellent command of English and Somali and as well as communication and report writing skills.

E. **DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT:** The PIU Coordinator shall be contracted for an initial one-year period, with possibility for extension for additional 4 years based on performance and requirement.

F. **LOCATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT:** The duty station is Mogadishu, Somalia with frequent travels to the regions. The PIU Coordinator will be based in the PIU within the Ministry of Communications and Technology.

G. **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** The PIU Coordinator will report to the Minister of Ministry of Communications and Technology. Reports and other documents shall be submitted in English.

H. SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY CLIENT

The Management of PIU in consultation with MoCT will provide office space, computer, internet facilities and local transport while on official duties and any other facilities that will enable the consultant to perform the required duties with ease.

I. How to Apply

Send your cover letter, detailed Curriculum Vitae to the following Address with a subject title “Project Coordinator” via email to:

email; procurement.scaledup.mof.gov.so

copy E-mail: dg@moct.gov.so

J. **Deadline for submission:** via email by Friday, May 12, 2023 at 04:00 p.m. local time.