

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Republic of North Macedonia
Primary Education Improvement Project
Sector: Education
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Project ID No. P171973

The Government of Republic of North Macedonia has applied for financing in the amount of US\$ 25 million equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of Primary Education Improvement Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

The project will include the following components:

Component 1: Improving Learning at the School Level

The objective of this component is to improve conditions for learning at the school level through: (a) the revision and use of School Improvement Plans (SIPs) focusing on improving student learning, supported by school grants to build on schools' preexisting level of decision-making autonomy; (b) the upgrading of the physical learning environment, supported through centrally procured investments; and (c) the sharing of information to promote accountability.

Amongst others, the following activities will be financed under this component of the project: Technical assistance for revision of school improvement framework (consulting services); Technical assistance to primary schools for preparation of SIPs (consulting services); Upgrading of the physical learning environment- school furniture, science labs and ICT equipment (goods); Updating of learning resources with teaching and learning materials (goods).

Component 2: Reform of the Monitoring and Evaluation of National Progress in Learning

The objective of this component is to improve the student assessment system at the primary level through (a) the development of the National Assessment Program (NAP) and (b) dissemination and utilization of assessment data at school and central levels.

Amongst others, the following activities will be financed under this component of the project: Technical assistance and strengthening of National Examination Center and Ministry of Education and Science capacities for development and implementation of NAP and training for data analysis and reporting following international standards (consulting services)

Component 3: Enhancing Teacher, Multi-Professional Support Teams, and School Leader Competencies

The objective of this component is to improve competencies of school staff through (a) implementation of professional standards and (b) modernization of in-service professional development programs.

Amongst others, the following activities will be financed under this component of the project: Technical assistance for operationalization of teacher, multi-professional support teams and school leader standards and career development procedures (consulting services); Technical assistance for introducing changes to pre-service teacher training (consulting services).

Component 4: Sector Management, Project Management, and M&E

This component will support the day-to-day management of project implementation and monitoring and evaluation of its objectives and outcomes. This component will finance the activities that would ensure effective administration and implementation of the project by supporting (a) the operation and strengthening of the PMU, including the provision of operating costs, and (b) development and implementation of an M&E system for the project. In addition, this component will support analytical work related to the primary education sector efficiency and feasibility and necessary preconditions required to implement recommendations.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated July 2016, revised November 2017, and August 2018 (Procurement Regulations)*, and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the *Procurement Regulations*. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in UN Development Business online, on the World Bank's external website, and on <https://e-nabavki.gov.mk/PublicAccess/home.aspx#/notices> and/ or <https://mon.gov.mk>

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below:

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