

**Kingdom of Cambodia  
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**Ministry of Economy and Finance  
Project Implementation Unit**

Sustainable Assets for Agriculture Markets, Business and Trade (SAAMBAT)  
IFAD Loan No. 2000003102 & Grant No. 2000003102

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**Challenge Fund Service Provider**

(1st Extension)

1. Sustainable Assets for Agriculture Markets, Business and Trade (SAAMBAT) is a project of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC). The total project cost is approximately USD 155.566 million, to be financed by an IFAD loan of USD 53.2 million, an IFAD Country Grant of USD 1.2 million, a European Investment Bank (EIB) loan EUR 65.5 million and is foreseen to receive additional up to EUR 15.772 million in the form of a grant from European Union, together with RGC counterpart funding of USD 11.30 million.
2. The project development objective of SAAMBAT is to "Increase productivity of rural youth, enterprises and the rural economy" which in turn contributes to the Goal of "Reduce Poverty and Enhance Food Security." SAAMBAT is implemented through two Components: (1) Value Chain Infrastructure; and (2) Skills, Technology and Enterprise. These components are designed to deliver two key outcomes: (1) Poor rural people's benefits from market participation increased; and (2) Poor rural people's productive capacities increased.
3. Under, Sub-Component 2.2. Technology and Enterprise for Rural Value Chains, the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of Ministry of Economy and Finance is seeking to hire a service provider namely "SP5" to implement Challenge Fund and Accelerator Program. The successful service provider shall be a firm whose team members have extensive experience in working, supporting startups, and activating innovation by running Incubator and Accelerator Program and work under the supervision of Techo Startup Center (TSC) who is the implementer of Sub-Component 2.2: Digital Technology and Enterprise for Rural Value Chains.
4. The main objective of the service provision is to run Challenge Fund to increase rural productivity by providing grants to support startups and innovation arms of corporates working in digital agriculture value chain on the development and testing of innovative digital applications for use to contribute to the rural economy.
5. The Ministry of Economy and Finance now invites Firms to indicate their interest in bidding on this contract. In response to this Expression of Interest (EOI), interested firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services to the meet the criteria as indicated in the ToR.
6. A Firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-based Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the IFAD Project Procurement Guidelines Version 2019 and in consistency with the RGC Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) On Procurement for all Externally Financed Projects/Programs in Cambodia updated version December 2019. As such, upon assessment of qualifications and experience of the applicants, only eligible and qualified firms will be invited to respond to a Request for Proposals.
7. Further information or the TOR can be obtained during the office hours from 8:00am to 5:00pm and from Monday to Friday from the address given below.

**Deadline & Address:**

8. The deadline for receiving responses to this EOI is **June 04<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 17:30 Cambodia local time.**

Address: Ministry of Economy and Finance, General Department of International Cooperation and Debt Management, Department of Multilateral Cooperation; C/o: Office of Multilateral Cooperation III (OMC III), 2rd Floor, Building A; Street 92, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Attention to Mr. Keo Vibol, Chief, Office of Multilateral Cooperation III, SAAMBAT's Chief of Procurement Officer; E-mail: vibol\_keo@mef.gov.kh.