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FINANCED BY A LOAN/CREDIT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (IBRD)/INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA)

CREDIT/GRANT NO: 6026-LK/8743-LK

PROJECT ID NO: P159995

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

**INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS ACTIVITIES UNDER THE
AHEAD OPERATION**

Procurement Plan No: LK-MOHCA-279753-CS-INDV

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) equivalent to US\$ 67 million and a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) equivalent to US\$ 33 million (total US\$ 100 million) toward the cost of Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Operation functioning under the Ministry of Education.

The AHEAD Operation has developed a system for awarding funds for development activities that will enhance the quality of learning, teaching, and assessment and English language teaching and learning within the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Management, and Science disciplines.

Each Development Project (DP) includes an activity aimed at improving the English language proficiency of the undergraduates of the faculty. This activity includes sub-activities such as revision of curricula, designing of course material, the introduction of new courses, and improvement of learning, teaching, and assessment through technology.

The AHEAD Operation intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan and credit to eligible payments under the contract for which this REOI is called. **The total cost of the**

Consultancy is LKR 8.0 million for a 15.5 -month period. Refer to Terms of Reference (TOR) available at: <https://ahead.lk/tor-reoi-individual-consultancy-to-provide-expertise-for-the-improvement-of-english-language-skills-activities-under-the-ahead-operation/>

1. Purpose and Objective of the Consultancy

- a. Providing academic and operational leadership for the ELSE activities of AHEAD.
- b. Organizing activities such as workshops and conferences, where necessary or relevant, to strengthen the implementation of the ELSE grants and enable grant winners to present findings and disseminate results.
- c. Managing staff and consultants working on the ELSE activities in the OMST.

2.

a. Qualification and experience of the Consultant

The prospective consultant should be currently serving as an academic in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) approved by the Ministry of Education. The upper age limit of the prospective consultant should not exceed 63 years on 01/03/2022.

He/she should be a Senior Lecturer or above with a specialization in the Teaching of English as a Second Language (TESL) and possess a PhD in Applied Linguistics, TESL, or a related field. He/she should have at least 10 years of experience in teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) in tertiary contexts of which at least 03 years should be after obtaining the PhD.

b. Consultancy fee

The selected consultant will receive the consolidated salary equivalent to his/her position in the HEI approved by the Ministry of Education and an allowance from AHEAD.

3. Selection Criteria

- a. Teaching experience
- b. Administrative experience in the academic field
- c. Research and publications related to Teaching English as a Second Language and/or related fields
- d. Exposure to foreign-funded projects of the government
- e. IT literacy
- f. Performance at the interview

4. **Conflict of Interest**

Prospective Consultants shall refer and adhere to Section 1.9 of the Guidelines on Selection of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and Grants by World Bank Borrowers issued in 2011 and revised in July 2014.

5. **Invitation to submit Expression of Interest**

The Chairman, Ministry Consultant Procurement Committee (MCPC) invites qualified eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the service.

Prospective consultants may obtain further information from the Senior Academic Expert, Enriching Learning, Teaching, and Assessment (ELTA) by emailing her at kumudika.ahead@gmail.com.

6. **Method of Selection**

An Individual Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Guidelines on Selection of consultants referred to in Section 04 above.

Method: Selection based on comparison of CVs and a competitive interview process.

7. **Submission Details**

Prospective consultants shall submit the following information to the email address: pro.specialist.ahead@gmail.com **no later than 11.03.2022.**

- a. Name, institutional affiliation, postal and email address, contact number, and a full CV including information relating to selection criteria defined in Section 03 above.
- b. A letter from the Head of the HEI indicating whether the applicant could be released on full-time basis in the event of his/her appointment to the post.

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