
**Consulting Services
Agrofinance and Environmental and Social
Standards in the Finance Sector**

**Deadline:
14.10.2019**

Country: Armenia

Ref-N°: BMZ-Nr.: 2016 703 30

Prequalification

Ref.: International, open tender for Technical Assistance in the fields of Agrofinance and Environmental and Social Due Diligence

Project Executing Agency: Program Management Unit of German-Armenian Fund (GAF) of the Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia.

Project Measures: The PMU German-Armenian Fund (GAF) was established in 2001 as a unit of the Central Bank of Armenia to provide local currency financing to the private sector. One of the funding windows supported is the agricultural sector. Just as for the other windows, the GAF Agricultural Finance Programme will be implemented in cooperation with Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs) as financial mediators via GAF. The project will be financed by a concessional loan of EUR 20 million under the umbrella of the German-Armenian Financial Cooperation. The German Federal *Ministry for Cooperation and Development* (BMZ) has provided additional funding as a grant to cover the costs of accompanying consulting services.

Requested Consultant Services: The accompanying measure will be implemented in two lots: Lot 1: Support to the development of agricultural lending with focus on organic farming and value chains, and Lot 2: Review, adaptation and improvement of an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) for GAF and its Partner Financing Institutions. Applicants should have a track record e.g. in developing financial products and project finance related to organic farming and agricultural value chains (Lot 1) and in developing and introducing *Environmental and Social Due Diligence* (ESDD) standards (Lot 2). Consultants can apply for Lot1, for Lot 2 or for both.

The prequalification of experienced consultants for the requested services will be guided by the latest version of the "Guidelines for Assignment of Consultants in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries" (refer to homepage of KfW Development Bank www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de). It is foreseen to assign the services to an independent consultant firm or association of firms with proven experience in the respective fields of activity and in the regional context. A minimum annual turnover of EUR 1,000,000 is required for Lot 1 and a minimum turnover of EUR 400,000 for Lot 2. The full Standard Prequalification Document ("Prequalification Notice") can be obtained from the Tender Agent under the following address: Dr Max Kasperek, Email: Kasperek@t-online.de.