

## Modern Cooking Facility for Africa (MCFA)

### Invitation of Expression of Interest: Technical assistance services to the Modern Cooking Facility for Africa (Carbon finance)

Questions & Answers, 4 May 2023

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1: We are interested in participating and seeking some more explanation over below points.

1. Quantity of cookstoves (Geography wise).
2. Do all the cookstove use same fuel and model, Do they have different efficiency.
3. Does the Budget includes costs related to Fee payment to third parties for validation, verification, issuance fee, listing fee etc.
4. What are the activities already done on the ground i.e. Public notice, Local stake holder meeting, distribution etc.

A1:

1. The objective of the MCFA is to incentivise the deployment of up to 840,000 clean cooking services (CCS) across the six project countries provided with higher tier 4-5 cooking technologies associated with sustainable fuels: biogas, bioethanol, electricity or tier 3+ gasifier stoves using sustainable pellets/briquettes.
2. The MCFA1 tier matrix is based mainly on ESMAP's Multi-Tier Framework, adjusted to meet the voluntary performance targets of ISO/TR 19867-3:2018. MCFA supported stoves need to meet the Tier 4-5 (or 3+ for gasifiers) ratings for thermal efficiency, cooking emissions (PM2.5 and CO), and safety based on the most recent ISO/TR 19867-3:2018 and/or relevant technology-specific standards/benchmarks. For further information, please see the [MCFA1 Final Application Guidelines](#).
3. No, this budget is only for the provision of technical assistance services by the selected Consultant.
4. No activities with respect to this Assignment have been done.

Q2: Please explain below points mentioned in EOI:

Part A says "Neither Nefco nor MCFA or its donors will establish any claim on carbon credits. All such income should be used to benefit the CSPs' end-customers in the relevant markets"

Part B says "Nefco is now looking to procure consulting services from an experienced carbon finance consulting company, project developer or a consortium thereof (Consultant) to support the MCFA programme as a service provider to provide technical assistance services in relation to carbon finance to the MCFA investees (Assignment)"

A2:

Part A means that any carbon credits issued under carbon projects registered by MCFA investees are their property and related revenue from the sales of these credits should be used to increase the affordability of clean cooking services to their end-customers.

Part B means that the Consultant to be selected to provide the consulting services under this assignment will advise MCFA investees in accessing carbon finance including preparation of feasibility assessments, technical assistance and project documentation (PDDs etc).

Q3: Please explain a bit more: Task 2.e : Assessment of the selected CSPs' business plans on the impact of carbon finance and advice on possible reduction of provision of MCFA incentives

A3: This means that the Consultant shall assess whether the amount of revenues secured from sales of carbon credits by the MCFA investees materially changes the basis (e.g. additionality) upon which the investee was selected to receive MCFA funding. In that case Nefco has the right to suspend payments of MCFA incentives to avoid oversubsidisation or windfall income.

Q4: Just for avoidance of doubt, We understand that the Carbon finance means revenue from carbon credit sale. Consultant will not be required to source funding to support project activity.

A4: Correct, the Consultant will not be required to source this funding.

Q5: It would be great if you can share the detailed document about requirement and related technical details, plans and MCFA1 (if it has any relations with MCFA2 and this activity) then it will be helpful to evaluate and participate.

A5: For further information, the [MCFA1 Final Application Guidelines](#).

Q6: Can you provide some more information about the (pre-)selected CSPs, in terms of size, type of organization, to what extent their presence over the different countries is even, etc.?

A6: Unfortunately we are not able to share information on shortlisted applicants while the due diligence is ongoing. However, it is likely that technical assistance will be directed to smaller, locally owned companies without experience of the carbon market.

Q7: Will the consultant be expected to give support to all selected CSPs (15-18 in total, based on two selection rounds), which means that a staggered TA is needed?

A7: See also Q&A6. The consultant is expected to give support only to those applicants that have requested and need external support in accessing carbon finance. Yes, the provision of TA services will be staggered.

Q8: Can you give more information about when in time (between Sept 2023 and Q4 2025) you expect the three main tasks to take place?

A8: The envisioned, tentative timeline for Task 1 is Q3/2023 for MCFA1 investees and Q3/2024 for MCFA2 investees. Task 3 should be concluded towards the end of the Assignment, *i.e.* during Q4/2025. Provision of TA services under Task 2 will be staggered and will depend also on the plans of the MCFA investees.

Q9: For the role of carbon finance advisor(s). Can you give an indication how many CVs you are expecting the consultant to add to the EOI?

A9: It is up to the Consultant to suggest the team composition given the requirements of the invitation. Please however indicate clearly the proposed key experts as only these will be evaluated and scored.

Q10: We see that there is only a need for communication skills in English, while two of the countries are French/Portuguese speaking. How will you deal with a possible language barrier?

A10: Clarification to the Invitation for Expression of Interest: sufficient fluency in French and Portuguese on team level, is required. All reports and documentation will be required in English.

Q11: Do the minimum criteria (e.g. annual turnover) apply for all partners of a consortium?

A11: The minimum criteria apply for only to the lead consultant in case of consortia.

Q12: Is the number of key experts/ carbon finance advisors limited?

A12: No. Please however indicate clearly the proposed key experts as only they will be evaluated and scored.

Q13: Is it possible to consort with a private sector company or a NGO?

A13: Yes, it is possible.