

**BID BULLETIN # 1**

**May 21, 2025**

<b>Project Reference:</b>	<b>Request for Quotation 3000005131,1</b> <i>Evaluation of the State Programme for Supporting Reintegration of Returned Georgian Migrants (PR GE4200000327)</i>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Responding to requests for clarification from interested suppliers</b>
<b>Clarifications:</b>	<p><b>Question #1:</b></p> <p>How many working/expert days are foreseen for the evaluation project? The ToR states 49 WD in total, of which 20 are under the responsibility of IOM. There seems to be some discrepancy in effort/wd allocation considering 7 wd falls on the supplier for the entirety of the inception phase and 10 wd on IOM for the revision of the report. Is it correct to assume that the actual number of working days allocated to the experts in total is 29?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Estimated number of WD is 29.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Question #2:</b></p> <p>Is there a preference for either a national or international consultant?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> The assignment envisages engagement of both – international and national experts.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Question #3:</b></p> <p>Can you provide any indication of a preferred or maximum length of the technical proposal IOM Georgia is looking for?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Average 5-7 pages without annexes.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Question #4:</b></p> <p>Is this a Midterm evaluation or final evaluation?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Mid-term.</p> <hr/>

**Question #5:**

What is the number of returned migrants who have benefited from the program, and how are they geographically distributed?

**Answer:**

- Rough estimate of the programme beneficiaries for last six years is up to 1 500.
- As for the geographical distribution, the implementing agency (Agency for IDPs, Eco-migrants and Livelihood Provision) records the geographical distribution of the so-called 'Livelihood Projects' funded through the programme. Please find below the geographical distribution of the beneficiaries whose projects received funding:

Adjara	41
Guria	27
Tbilisi	155
Imereti	324
Kakheti	225
Mtskheta - Mtianeti	37
Samegrelo - Zemo Svaneti	100
Racha-Lechkhumi, Kvemo Svaneti	15
Samtskhe - Javakheti	28
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**Question #6:**

What is the accounting period or the timeframe during which migrants returned?

**Answer:**

The evaluation will cover SRP beneficiaries who received assistance in the period of 1 January 2019 - until the start date of the present evaluation. Beneficiary migrants' return timeframe is 2018-2025.

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**Question #7:**

Regarding the focus groups, it states: "4. Focus Group discussions with programme beneficiaries and other returnees – including those registered with MOLHSA and not registered." Are the returnees who are not registered with MOLHSA considered beneficiaries of the State Reintegration Program and are they in the list of beneficiaries? If not, is there a source through which we can identify or access information about them?

**Answer:**

Returnees who are not registered with MOLHSA are not considered SRP beneficiaries. Information on other returnees can be provided by IOM Georgia's Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) program.

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**Question #8:**

What is meant by "observation of program's sites"?

**Answer:**

Observation of programme sites refers to potential site visits to activities funded by SRP in support of income-generating activities. The Inclusion and geography of such activities in evaluation sample will be determined and agreed in consultation with MOLHSA.

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**Question #9:**

Could you please confirm the number of working/expert days foreseen for the supplier for this evaluation is 29?

**Answer:**

Indicative number of days in the published ToRs sums up to 29.

**Question #10:**

Is there a preference for a national or international consultant? Is having both on the team a hard criterion?

**Answer:**

IOM is seeking a service provider. The valuation requirements specify as follows "Evaluation Team shall have international and national expertise".

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**Question #11:**

Could you indicate a preferred or maximum length for the technical proposal?

**Answer:**

There is no limitation or preference indicated for the technical proposal.

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**Question #12:**

For the representative survey: What is the total number of SRP beneficiaries? Is the questionnaire including indices to be used supplied by IOM Georgia?

**Answer:**

- Rough estimate of the programme beneficiaries for last six years is up to 1 500.

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**Question #13:**

Could you please confirm whether this assignment constitutes a **midterm or final evaluation**?

**Answer:**

This is an evaluation of the SRP which will inform its revision.

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**Question #14:**

What is the **total number of returned migrants who have benefited** from the program to date, and how are they **geographically distributed** across the country?

**Answer:**

- Rough estimate of the programme beneficiaries for last six years is up to 1 500.

- As for the geographical distribution, the implementing agency (Agency for IDPs, Eco-migrants and Livelihood Provision) records the geographical distribution of the so-called 'Livelihood Projects' funded through the programme. Please find below the geographical distribution of the beneficiaries whose projects received funding:

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**Question #15:**

What is the **accounting period or timeframe** during which the returning migrants were recorded for the purposes of this evaluation?

**Answer:**

The evaluation should cover the implementation of the SRP, starting from 1 January 2019. The information provided on number of beneficiaries is recorded by the implementing agency from 2019.

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**Question #16:**

In the section regarding qualitative research, it mentions:

*“Focus group discussions with programme beneficiaries and other returnees – including those registered with MOLHSA and not registered.”*

Could you kindly clarify:

- Are returnees **not registered with MOLHSA** considered official **beneficiaries** of the State Reintegration Program?

**Answer:**

No, this is why in the ToR they are referred to „other returnees“. Findings and recommendations from the evaluation will serve at improving the SRP, including on the possibility to assist more returnees.

- If not, is there a defined **source or database** through which information on unregistered returnees can be accessed for the purpose of focus group recruitment?

**Answer:**

The records of beneficiaries of the IOM’s Assisted Voluntary Return assistance can serve that purpose.

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**Question #17:**

Could you please elaborate on what is meant by **“observation of program’s sites”** in the context of this evaluation? Does this refer to physical site visits, interviews with implementing partners, or another form of direct observation?

**Answer:**

Observation of programme sites refers to potential site visits to activities funded by SRP in support of income-generating activities. The Inclusion and geography of such activities in evaluation sample will be determined and agreed in consultation with MOLHSA.

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**Question #18:**

Would it be possible to obtain an estimate of the beneficiary population size to inform the sampling framework for the quantitative survey?

**Answer:**

- Rough estimate of the programme beneficiaries for last six years is up to 1 500.
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**Question #19:**

The indicative calendar for the assignment proposes a total of 29 working days for the service provider. Does this timeframe include the days required for conducting the quantitative survey, or will additional level of effort (LOE) be allocated specifically for that component?

**Answer:**

Indicative number of days in the published ToRs sums up to 29.

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**Question #20:**

Will preference be given to a team composition led by an international expert, or would a nationally based lead expert also be considered favorably?

**Answer:**

The assignment envisages engagement of both – international and national experts.