

Market orientation

Constructing employment in Northern Benin

Organisation: The Netherlands Enterprise Agency

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (in Dutch: Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland, RVO) supports private and public organisations with funding, international business partners, knowledge, and regulations.

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Purpose of the notification

The purpose of the notification is to identify and assess interest of branch organisations that are potentially eligible for the execution of this assignment.

Extent and duration

The project will run from December 2024 until July 2026.

Budget indication

EUR 99.999 excluding Dutch VAT, including local VAT.

Purpose of the project

The purpose of this project is to enable unemployed/underemployed youth in Northern Benin to gain work experience and find decent work through internships and a job placement programme. Invest International's project of construction of drinking water infrastructure in six towns in northern Benin (Natitingou, Toucountouna, Copargo, Karimama, Gogounou and Coby) will be used to offer these youth the opportunity to gain work experience in construction work and potentially a lasting job. Youth will receive practical skills trainings so that they can be employed in the construction of drinking water facilities in six towns in northern Benin.

Results and deliverables

In order to define most impactful support to targeted youth, first step is to better know the current situation, assess gaps between offer and demand between skills and competences of local workforce and requirements of job opportunities in planned construction work, and identify relevant stakeholders involved.

It is therefore suggested to have a relatively long preparatory phase. The actual implementation, and training and coaching of local youth should be finished before construction work at the drinking water facilities starts. Timing of this project must be aligned with the progress of Drinking water in Northern Benin and is depending on approval of the Invest International Investment Committee and procurement and contracting process.

Outcome: final report has been delivered, including:

- Narrative report describing interventions and experience of individual participants.
- The training and job placement programme.
- Evaluation, including feedback from project partners and overview of the programme activities, pictures, video, results.
- Recommendations for follow-up / linking PSD activities / build on top of other initiatives from third parties (for example EU, USAID etc.).
- Report on KPIs.
- Financial report.

Besides a description of activities undertaken and results achieved, implementing partner is also requested to provide input for a possible second project and/or sustainability for the operation and maintenance phase, depending on the conclusion of the infrastructure project.

Application

As a result of the market orientation, RVO can decide to start a follow-up process. Interested parties can be invited in this process to submit a request for proposal. Your response to this market orientation does not mean you have the right to be invited to this procurement procedure.

In case of a follow-up process, no distinction will be made between parties that have or have not participated in the market orientation.

Interested companies / consultants are invited to respond if they are interested to nina.wijvekate@rvo.nl of the Procurement Office with a copy to dik.vandekoolwijk@rvo.nl

Please include your organization's information, (web) address, contact person, a short expression of interest letter and a brief track record (max one page for all elements) in line with the skills and experience required. Note: do not send a proposal. Additional information provided will not be considered.

Deadline

The deadline for responding to this notification is set at Monday 4 November 2024.

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