

# GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**Country: ROMANIA**

**Project: Health Sector Reform - Improving Health System Quality and Efficiency Project (HSR-IHSQE)**

**Sector: Health**

**Loan no.: 8362-RO**

**Project ID: P145174**

Romania has received a loan in the amount of EUR 250 million from the World Bank toward the cost of the Health Sector Reform - Improving Health System Quality and Efficiency Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payment for goods, works, consultants' services, non-consulting services and training to be procured under this project.

The Project development objective is to improve access to, and quality and efficiency of, public health services in Romania

The Project consists of the following parts:

## Part A. Hospital Network Rationalization

Rationalization of the health care service delivery network by supporting the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services, consultants' services and training in selected regional emergency hospitals, county hospitals, and local hospitals through the following activities:

- (a) Improving selected medical services, including surgery rooms, intensive care units, burn units, radiotherapy units, emergency services (including emergency telemedicine systems) and diagnosis (medical imaging) services.
- (b) Redefining the hospital's role in the health care system, merge services and reduce the number of single specialty hospitals, and move from multi-building settings into single buildings with integrated diagnostic and interventional platforms.
- (c) Carrying out rehabilitation works within the existing medical facilities.
- (d) Upgrading and/or acquiring medical and other equipment for existing medical facilities.

## Part B. Ambulatory Care Strengthening

1. Strengthening specialized secondary ambulatory care by supporting the provisions of goods, works, non-consulting services, consultants' services and training through the following activities:
  - (a) Developing centers for ambulatory diagnostic and treatment services.
  - (b) Transforming local hospitals into centers for ambulatory diagnostic and treatment.

- (c) Improving cancer screening networks by, among others, establishing additional cancer screening centers, creating three (3) mobile units for cancer screening and strengthening the technical capacity of regional pathology and cytology laboratories.
2. Enhancing primary health care services at the community level by supporting the provisions of goods, works, non-consulting services, consultants' services and training, by scaling up local multifunctional health centers, increasing the provision of differentiated types of long-term healthcare such as palliative care dedicated to vulnerable groups.

#### Part C. Health Sector Governance and Stewardship Improvement

Improving sector governance and stewardship of the MOH and other relevant governmental institutions to bridge the gap between policy and practice and to strengthen the capacity of improving the quality of medical care services through the provisions of goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services and training, through the following activities.

- (a) Updating clinical guidelines and implementing quality control mechanisms.
- (b) Strengthening and implementing health technology assessments (HTA) and developing evidence-based standards and protocols.
- (c) Standardizing cost accounting systems in a subset of selected hospitals to update the estimated costs of each case mix.
- (d) Strengthening the capacity of the health sector to conduct surveys and studies, develop and manage projects, and finance feasibility and pre-investment studies, including feasibility studies and technical designs for new medical facilities in the regional emergency hospitals of Cluj, Iasi and Craiova.
- (e) Streamlining the national health programs to move the focus toward preventive care and promotion of population health services.
- (f) Strengthening the communications strategy of the MoH to inform the general public on reform programs and expected outcomes.

#### Part D. Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation

Supporting the MOH and the Project Management Unit ("PMU") in Project management and implementation, including fiduciary tasks, monitoring and evaluation and reporting through the provisions of goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services, training, auditing and incremental operating costs.

Procurement of Goods and Works will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's [\*Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank borrowers\*](#), dated January 2011 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines. Consulting services will be selected following World Bank's [\*Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by the World Bank borrowers\*](#), dated January 2011

The following contracts for goods and works are expected to be procured under International Competitive Bidding (ICB):

- Equipment for emergency departments; equipment for operating (surgery) rooms; diagnostic imaging equipment; radiotherapy equipment; equipment for intensive care units (ICU); equipment for regional pathology and cytology laboratories; equipment for cervical cancer screening centers at county level; three mobile units for cancer screening; equipment for ambulatory; emergency telemedicine system for national coverage.
- Rehabilitation works of intensive care units (ICU), ambulatory and operating (surgery) rooms of hospitals, and burn centers.

Main contracts for consulting services are expected for:

- Technical assistance for setting up institutions and processes for clinical audit and piloting clinical audit in priority areas;
- Technical assistance for institutional building of HTA structure;
- Technical assistance for establishing guidelines development process and review of clinical guidelines in priority areas;
- Technical assistance to establish a standardized cost accounting system in pilot hospitals;
- Communication strategy and campaign addressed to stakeholders and population;
- Technical assistance for setting up evaluation of health services;
- Feasibility studies and detailed design;
- Supervision of rehabilitation works.

Specific Procurement Notices (SPN) for contracts to be bid following World Bank's International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures and Requests for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for contracts for consulting services expected to cost more than EUR 200,000 will be advertised, as they become available, in [UN Development Business on line](#) and on the [World Bank's external website](#), as well as on the free access web-site of the Ministry of Health [www.ms.ro](http://www.ms.ro) and in at least one newspaper of national circulation in Romania.

Interested eligible bidders and interested consultants who wish to require additional information should contact the Project Management Unit responsible for Project implementation at the address below:

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