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**BI-Bujumbura: EDF — permanent technical assistance for the
'Amagara Meza' project (10th EDF) in the health sector in Burundi**

2011/S 59-094684

Location: ACP countries — Burundi

Contract forecast notice

Services

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

Main object:

71356200 Technical assistance services

1. **Publication reference:**
EuropeAid/131179/D/SER/BI.
2. **Procedure:**
Restricted.
3. **Programme:**
9th or 10th EDF.
4. **Financing:**
Financing agreement.
5. **Contracting authority:**
Republic of Burundi, Bujumbura, BURUNDI.
6. **Nature of contract:**
Fee-based.
7. **Contract description:**
The technical assistance should provide support to the 'Amagara Meza' project management team and also to the supervisor (Ministry of Public Health and the Fight Against AIDS) throughout the entire operational implementation period of the project (July 2011 to July 2015).
This technical assistance (TA) team will comprise 5 people:
 - 1 public health expert, with sound experience in programming, planning and implementing health and public policies (he will assist the project manager with technical coordination of the project),
 - 1 health economist, to work on making health financing secure, mainly via the State budget, financing of free services, performance-based payment, mutual insurance companies,
 - 1 pharmacist to provide support to the entire medication sector (purchase, distribution, regulation, control),
 - 2 public health experts to put health districts into operation, each with a specific additional area of expertise (district approach and implementation of primary healthcare for 1 and hospital management for the other).Only the latter 2 experts responsible for putting health districts into operation will need to be in the field all the time, i.e. in the 8 provinces covered by the project (Bubanza, Bujumbura Rural, Bururi, Cankuzo, Karusi, Makamba, Rutana and Ruyigi). The other experts will be located in Bujumbura at the project offices or at the Ministry of Health (the health economist will, however, have to make regular trips to other sites). All the experts

will be present for the entire implementation period, except for the pharmacist, who will start work in 2012 (and be present for 2 years).

Furthermore, the consultancy firm will provide short-term technical assistance staff for the project, as part of the same contract, to support certain project activities: management of public finance, internal audit, cost accounting, architecture, biomedical engineering, medication regulation, communication.

8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**

The contract is divided into lots:

no, 1 lot only.

Lot 1: expertise in public health and medication supply (2 experts: 1 public health expert and 1 pharmacist). The public health expert will be required for the entire duration of the project (mid 2011 to mid 2015). The pharmacist will cover the period from 2012 to mid 2015. The 2 experts will be located at central level.

Lot 2: expertise in health economics (2 experts: 1 expert in performance-based payment and 1 expert in decentralisation of the commitment and authorisation of public expenditure at the level of the Ministry of Health). The 2 experts will cover the entire duration of the project (mid 2011 to mid 2015). The 2 experts will be located at central level and the expert in performance-based financing will have to make regular trips to other sites.

Lot 3: expertise in putting health districts into operation (2 experts: 1 expert in the district approach and implementation of primary healthcare and 1 expert in hospital management). The 2 experts will cover the entire duration of the project (mid 2011 to mid 2015 and will work in the 8 provinces covered by the project).

9. **Budget:**

Maximum budget: 5 000 000 EUR.

10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**

April 2011.

11. **Additional information**

12. **Legal basis:**

9th or 10th EDF: ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23.6.2000, as amended.

13. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

14.3.2011.

Remarks:

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this contract forecast and the publication of the corresponding procurement notice.

No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.