INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION
REQUEST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Performance Management and Support Program for Lebanon (PMSPL II)

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY DATA:

Country Code: 268-001
AO Name: Program Design and Learning (PD&L)
Country or Region: Lebanon
Activity: Performance Management and Support Program for Lebanon (PMSPL II)

Funding Begin: 2014 Funding End: 2021 LOP Amount: $24,664,441

IEE Prepared by: Joe Orfaly Date: December 12, 2019
IEE Amendment (Y/N): Y Original IEE: ME 14-115 06/06/2014
Amendment 1: ME 15-16 01/23/2015

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED: (Place X where applicable)
Categorical Exclusion: ☒ Deferral:
Positive Determination: ☐ Negative Determination: ☐
With Conditions: ☐ Exemption: ☐

PURPOSE

The purpose of this IEE Amendment is to update the LOP amount from $20,000,000 to
$24,664,441, update the background information, and extend this IEE from September
30, 2019 until March 31, 2021 to reflect the unfunded extension for the PMSPL II
activity. The nature of the activities remains the same. Accordingly, all findings in the
original IEE remain in force.

BACKGROUND

USAID/Lebanon awarded Social Impact the PMSPL II contract in 2015 as a five-year
contract with a ceiling of $24,664,441. The purpose of PMSPL II is to supplement the
monitoring and program management efforts of USAID/Lebanon’s staff and verify,
monitor, and support USAID’s program performance in Lebanon while ensuring the achievement of the Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) objectives. The information gathered and program support services provided by PMSPL II assist the Mission in making informed decisions and better managing its awards.

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

This activity consists in designing and implementing a comprehensive performance measurement, planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting system to measure USAID/Lebanon’s performance in achieving its objectives as laid out in the CDCS 2014-2018. This system shall be comprised of components that will enable USAID/Lebanon to fulfill its performance monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements as mandated in the Automated Directives System (ADS) and other Agency guidance. The contractor to be selected will support USAID/Lebanon in conducting the following tasks:

1. Develop and support the implementation of USAID/Lebanon’s Performance Management Plan (PMP);
2. Support Implementing Partners’ monitoring and evaluation efforts;
3. Integrate gender issues into USAID/Lebanon’s activities;
4. Support USAID/Lebanon’s Geographic Information System (GIS) activities and integration to the AID Tracker Plus (AT+);
5. Support USAID/Lebanon’s monitoring activities;
6. Provide evaluation assistance;
7. Build the capacity of local organizations in monitoring and evaluation (M&E);
8. Assist in project design, management and reporting support;
9. Implement knowledge management;
10. Provide architectural and engineering services (A&E)\(^1\);
11. Provide development outreach and communication (DOC) support; and,
12. Provide program support and additional M&E services.

These technical assistance activities are not expected to have any adverse environmental impacts, and therefore are recommended for **Categorical Exclusion** per 22 CFR 216.2 (c)(2)(i) as “education, technical assistance, or training programs”.

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\(^1\) Please refer to Exhibit A for details about the A&E tasks requested to the Contractor.
Exhibit A

The Contractor shall select a local architecture and engineering firm that will provide professional architectural and engineering (A&E) services to USAID/Lebanon for the oversight and management of engineering and construction activities planned under the Mission’s construction and/or rehabilitation activities.

Through the local A&E firm the Contractor will:

- Provide quality assurance/quality control over the implementer's engineering design and construction activities including field inspections and verification visits as needed;
- Monitor and report on the construction contractors’ safety and risk management program;
- Monitor and report on the construction contractors’ environmental compliance management program in accordance with USAID environmental regulations;
- Review and verify the construction contractors’ engineering designs, specifications, and engineering submissions;
- Provide services necessary to perform a final inspection of all constructed facilities, including review of final “As-Built” drawings provided by construction contractors;
- Facilitate construction meetings as needed to discuss construction progress and challenges, resolve issues impacting cost and schedule, and prepare agendas for and issue minutes of all meetings;
- Inform USAID, in writing, of all issues that may affect the project(s) and propose methods of resolution;
- Monitor overall construction-related project costs and adherence to the set timeframes. The Contractor shall report to USAID costs that vary from the plan or whether project changes jeopardize the possibility of completing a construction activity within the budget and set timeframe;
- Assist USAID in validating work completed for the purpose of invoice payment;
- Prepare weekly and quarterly progress reports setting forth in a narrative to form the progress of the project(s) work during the reporting period and include pertinent illustrative photos; and
- Inspect and monitor all the construction materials, equipment, and activities associated with the project(s) to verify that the project(s) is executed in accordance with the contract/agreement conditions and specifications.
APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION:

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