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Technical cooperation Agreement ATN/SC-9584-PE
Expression of Interest

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The Government of Peru has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), through The Swedish Trust Fund for Consulting Services (SWC), toward financing the cost of the technical cooperation to Support the Breast Cancer Assessment in Peru.

Currently, breast cancer is one of the most prevalent cancer in the world, with an estimated 3.9 million women alive who had a diagnosis of breast cancer within the past five years. Almost one million new cases per year have appeared in which, approximately 580,000 new cases have been reported in developed countries in comparison to the 475,000 cases have been reported in developing countries. However, as life expectancy increases in developing countries, the burden of breast cancer relative to other diseases is expect to rise.

This situation in Peru reflects global trends. The International Agency for Research on Cancer estimates that in Peru the age-standardized incidence is 35.1 per 100,000 and that almost 1,500 Peruvian women die from breast cancer each year. In addition, nearly 4,000 women are expected to require treatment each year. Projections produced by the MINSA (Peruvian Ministry of Health) suggest that breast cancer may actually become the leading cause of cancer and the main cause of mortality among women in the Peru.

The objective of the proposed consultancy is to support the MINSA in preparing the National Strategy for Breast Cancer Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment. In order to execute this technical cooperation, the IDB wish to hire a consulting firm, research organization or consortium to carry out the following activities to: (i) gather background data by doing local research to determine existing research and data on breast cancer diagnosis and treatment approaches in Peru; (ii) organize two workshops among stakeholders to share and present information and data, and to validate the preliminary analysis and the final recommendations; (iii) organize the fieldwork to visit the national cancer hospital, the National Institute for Neoplastic Diseases, private-sector breast cancer services in Lima, and services at regional and local health facilities; and (iv) write up the final report.

The estimated duration of the consultancy is six months between March 2006 and August 2006. The estimated amount of the contract is US\$ 149,382.

The eligibility criteria of The Swedish Trust Fund for Consulting Services (SWC) requires that the consulting firm or research organization contracted to conduct the proposed study should be based in Sweden. However, the main Swedish firm or organization could use up to 50 per cent of the resources (e.g. US\$ 74,691) to either form a consortium with Peruvian or Latin American organizations or to hire as part of the team no-Swedish experts. Interested firms and organizations should have prior international experience in conducting health need assessment, health services analysis and health prevention studies, preferably in Latin American countries. The firm should be able to mobilize a competent team proficient in both English and Spanish, and demonstrated working experience in Latin American Countries, preferably in Peru.

Through this Procurement Notice the IDB invites eligible firms to send their expression of interest to perform the above-mentioned services for the execution of this technical cooperation.

A shortlist of three to six firms will be pre-qualified. The pre-qualified firms will then be invited to submit a detailed technical and financial proposal. The firm will be selected according to the Rules for Selection and Hiring of Consultants of the Inter-American Development Bank, published in the Bank's Procurement Web site and following the fixed-budget quality-based principles.

Interested firms should write to the address below no later than 27 January 2006 close of business, providing information regarding the expertise required to provide the consultancy services request. No expressions of interest will be accepted after the above date.

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