

Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh  
 Statistics & Informatics Division  
 Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics  
**National Thalassemia Survey-2023**  
 Parishankhyan Bhaban  
 E-27/A Agargaon, Dhaka-1207

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) (NATIONAL FIRM)**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Planning
2	Division	Statistics and Informatics Division
3	Agency	Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)
4	Procuring Entry Name	Focal Point Officer, National Thalassemia Survey-2023, BBS
5	Procuring Entry District	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for	Blood Sample collection and diagnosis of blood samples for conducting National Thalassemia Survey-2023 in Bangladesh
7	EOI Selection of	Consultancy Firm
8	EOI Ref No.	52.01.0000.501.14.926.23-063
9	Date	13 December 2023
10	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
11	Budget and Sources of Fund	Revenue Budget, Government of Bangladesh (GoB)
12	Financial code	1200.01212
13	Survey Name	National Thalassemia Survey-2023
14	EOI closing date and time	EOI to be submitted by 3.00 pm of 31 December 2023 to the Focal Point Officer, National Thalassemia Survey-2023, Parishankhyan Bhaban, 5 <sup>th</sup> floor, Block-B, E-27/A, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207 in sealed envelope with marked 'Expression of Interest'.
15	Brief Description of the Assignments	<p>Blood sample collection from general household selected through appropriate sampling method, transportation of collected blood samples, preservation and laboratory testing to generate clinical information regarding both thalassemia and hepatitis-B. The firm should produce computer generated (prescribed tabular format) report, data management, data processing and data analysis for national thalassemia survey.</p> <p>a) Collect blood samples from different parts of the country through competent and experienced medical technologist and blood picker assistants;</p> <p>b) Guideline to be prepared for the medical technologist for collection, preservation and safe transportation of blood.</p> <p>c) Transport safely the collected blood samples to laboratory for testing thalassemia prevalence and hepatitis-B from different parts of the country (as per selected sample areas)</p> <p>d) Preserve the collected blood samples appropriately in a safe and secured way.</p> <p>e) Provide consultancy service by haematologists during the survey period.</p> <p>f) The firm should use high quality necessary medical requisits (butterfly needle, syringe, blood collection tube, cold chain box, alcohol pad, bandage, etc.) for blood sample collection, transportation, and preservation.</p> <p>g) The firm should engage necessary number of manpower, medical technologists and blood picker assistants for collecting blood samples from different parts of the country (as per selected sample areas)</p> <p>h) Generate blood test report by testing the collected blood samples to identify both thalassemia prevalence and hepatitis-B.</p> <p>i) Collect general demographic information by the blood picker assistants through BBS approved questionnaire. The questionnaire will be pre-installed as CAPI apps in the tablets developed and provided by BBS.</p> <p>j) Conduct households listing in the sampled PSUs and collection of data from all districts of Bangladesh as per survey design, on the given structured questionnaires on hand held tablets.</p> <p>k) The firm will have to submit finally produced datasets along with tables to the focal point officer of National Thalassemia Survey of BBS.</p> <p>l) Produce complete report according to the predetermined format required for analysis of the survey and provide the reports both in hard and soft copies.</p> <p>m) Preparation of the draft report and submit the final report in close consultation with Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) based on the results and agreed structure of the report for sharing with all stakeholders.</p> <p>n) The firm should take ethical clearance from the appropriate authority to conduct the survey (collect blood sample from various part of the country).</p>
16	Compatibility	The computer generated clinical data should be compatible with the requirements set by the survey conducting office.
17	Qualifications & Experience	<p>a) Must have significant knowledge about thalassemia disease and at least 15 years of work experience in the field of diagnosis or prevention of thalassemia diseases.</p> <p>b) Must have dedicated diagnostic lab for screening and testing the blood samples to identify the thalassemia prevalent blood.</p> <p>c) Diagnostic lab must have necessary approval from the competent authority of the government.</p> <p>d) Lab should have enough facilities to diagnose thalassemia more than 300 samples per day for the proposed survey.</p> <p>e) Experience of successfully conducting thalassemia related survey will get preference.</p> <p>f) Experience of successful completion of health related studies with the government of Bangladesh will get preference.</p> <p>g) Should have well facilitated laboratory for blood preservation and testing facilities.</p> <p>h) Should have enough haematologists for providing consultancy services during the survey period.</p> <p>i) Should have valid registration from respective government authority/valid Trade License, VAT and TIN Registration and audit report for the last 03 (three) years (where applicable).</p> <p>j) Joint Venture (JV) firm can also apply with original copy of the JV agreement.</p>
18	Other details	The service providing firm will be selected by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics after reviewing the Request for Proposal (RFP) in accordance with the PPA-2006 and PPR-2008 of the Government of the people's Republic of Bangladesh (followed by QCBS Method).
19	Type of contract	The consulting firm will be selected by using the standard document of QCBS method issued by CPTU, Ministry of planning. It is expected that the services will be required on February 2024 and shall be completed on June 2024.
20	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Lizen Shah Nayeem, Focal Point Officer, National Thalassemia Survey-2023, BBS
21	Confidentiality	<p>a) Service Provider shall maintain confidentiality of the data captured by the information system and shall not share the same with any one for any purpose without explicit permission from BBS.</p> <p>b) Non-disclosure Agreement: The Parties shall conclude a mutual non-disclosure agreement (NDA) in order to determine the details of confidentiality obligations.</p>
22	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Focal Point Officer and Deputy Director, BBS
23	Address of the Official Inviting EOI	Focal Point Officer, National Thalassemia Survey-2023, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Parishankhyan Bhaban (Level-5, Block-B), E-27/A, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207. Phone: +880255007353
24	Information is available at	website: <a href="http://www.bbs.gov.bd">www.bbs.gov.bd</a>

Interested firms are invited to submit their EOI indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, details of experiences and required qualifications stated above. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOIs without showing any cause.

Sd/  
Lizen Shah Nayeem  
Focal Point Officer