

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – INTERMEDIARY CONSULTING SERVICES

The Ghana Private Sector Competitiveness Program II (GPSCP II) is a bilateral initiative between the Government of Switzerland and the Government of Ghana. The program is being implemented jointly by NIRAS International Consulting and Proforest.

GPSCP II aims at improving the enabling environment for the cashew and oil palm sectors as well as contributing to increased productivity and competitiveness in the private sector active in the two value-chains.

The Development Partnership with the Private Sector Fund is a component of GPSCP II which offers grant co-financing to private sector actors in the cashew and oil palm value chains to improve processing, markets linkages, business and product development, and skills development.

The Program Management Unit of GPSCP II invites' applications from suitably qualified individual consultants to serve as Project Intermediaries to assist private enterprises and business associations to develop their proposals for accessing grant support from the Fund.

The assistance by intermediaries will be mobilized when a grant proposal is in need of:

- support to define required capacity building.
- more in-depth technical advice on equipment/technology and/or material specifications
- specific advice on certifications
- work planning including detailed budget planning,
- specific support to define project sustainability and
- general quality assurance to ensure consistency of the grant proposal, guidance on gender and social inclusion and environmental sustainability.

Desired Skills and Qualification

- Demonstrated track record of successfully supporting grant applications in [relevant sector(s)].
- Experience in designing projects and ability to guide the applicant on organisational, technical, and budgetary issues related to grant applications.
- Expertise in agribusiness
- Knowledge in the oil palm and cashew value chains
- Excellent writing and analytical skills
- Ability to effectively communicate program requirements, guide applicants and provide constructive feedback.

Submission Instructions

Interested applicants should submit their cover letters and CVs and any other relevant documents to **gpscp2@niras.com** not later than **17th May 2024**.

NB: Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.