

# GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

ALBANIA

ALBANIA HEALTH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (HSIP)

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LOAN NO: 8466 AL.

PROJECT ID NUMBER: P144688

The Government of Albania has received financing in the amount of 32.1 million EUR equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Health System Improvement Project (HSIP) , and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

The project includes the following components:

***Component 1: Improving Hospital Services (Euro 15.10 million; US\$ 18.80 million equivalent).***

This component aims to improve efficiency and quality of hospital services delivery in Albania.

***Sub-component 1.1: Strengthening the Albanian Network of Hospital Services (Euro 2.72 million; US\$ 3.4 million equivalent)***

The sub-component will finance technical assistance, capacity building and equipment as below:

- (i) Updating the existing Hospital Master Plan (QCBS);
- (ii) Review of the hospital legal framework including the establishment and implementation of training program for Board of Directors (QCBS);
- (iii) TA to the MoH Management on Health Reform (QCBS);
- (iv) QSUT international management team support (QCBS);

***Sub-component 1.2: Improving hospital infrastructure and the management of medical equipment (Euro 12.38 million; US\$ 15.40 million equivalent)***

This sub-component will finance a number of activities related to management of medical equipment, include:

- (i) Rehabilitation of Pediatric Hospital (QSUT) – ICB
- (ii) Medical Equipment for Hospitals- ICB.

***Component 2: Expanding the Health Management Information System (Euro 13.60 million; US\$ 16.95 million equivalent)***

The component addresses the need for improved provider-based systems, focusing on the country's regional hospital sector which significantly impacts the orchestration of services across the spectrum of care.

***Sub-component 2.1: HMIS/e-Health Foundational Activities and Establishing the National Health Information Center (NHIC) (Euro 2.68 million; US\$ 3.35 million equivalent)***

This sub-component includes the following sets of activities:

- (i) Design services for Health Data Center architecture & topology, CRM, help desk/user support center & training center and CRM system (QCBS)
- (ii) Health Data Center IT equipment - (ICB)

***Sub-component 2.2: Implementing Regional Hospital Information Systems (Euro 9.30 million; US\$ 11.60 million equivalent)***

This sub-component will finance capacity building and goods, training and IT equipment, to support the establishment of a modern Hospital Information System in selected regional hospitals (RHIS).

- (i) Supply and Installation of Regional Hospital Information System (RHIS) including training - ICB

***Sub-component 2.3 Implementing a new Health Insurance Information System (HIIS) for the Health Insurance Fund (HIF) (Euro 1.62 million; US\$ 2.0 million equivalent)***

This sub-component will finance IT systems and capacity building for HIF staff, ensuring that HIF is prepared to deal with aspects of financial management, as well as to automate the health insurance claim processing based on the chosen Provider Payment methods.

- (i) Health Insurance Information System (HIIS) procurement: Software, Networking Hardware, Main hardware shared at NHIC – ICB

***Component 3: Improving the Health Financing System (Euro 2.40 million equivalent; US\$ 3.0 million equivalent)***

This component will address improvement of technical and allocative efficiency, and will support the shift towards output-based and performance-based financing for hospitals and primary care services. It will enable the expansion of health insurance coverage particularly for the poor, and the pooling of health care resources. It will improve the policies for pharmaceuticals, which in turn will reduce high out-of-pocket expenditures on drugs and improve quality and efficiency.

***Sub-component 3.1: Payment Reform (Euro 1.70 million; US\$ 2.10 million equivalent)***

The sub-component will finance technical assistance, capacity building, and workshops, to support the reform of the payment system in primary and hospital care.

- (i) Develop annual business plans, atomization strategy, monitoring indicators and provider Payment Reform in Primary Health Care including workshops and study tours – QCBS
- (ii) Provider Payment Reform in Hospital, including study tours in Europe and high level workshops in Europe – QCBS
- (iii) DRG Grouper Software – ICB

***Sub-component 3.2: Support to the HIF for strategic purchasing, improved coverage and pharmaceutical reform (Euro 0.70 million; US\$ 0.90 million equivalent)***

- (i) Training abroad of HI organization experts, management/claims auditing experts, fraud detection experts, management dashboards – QCBS

***Component 4: Monitoring, Evaluation and Project Management (Euro 0.92 million equivalent; US\$ 1.15 million equivalent)***

This component will support routine Project management, including fiduciary tasks and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E).

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits](#) (January 2011, revised July 2014), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines. Consulting services will be selected in accordance with the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers](#) (January 2011, revised July 2014).

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the World Bank's international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures and for contracts for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available, in [UN Development Business](#) and [dgMarket](#) in the web site of Ministry of Health of Albania

Prequalification of suppliers and contractors will be required for the following contracts – “none”

Interested bidders who wish to be included on the mailing list receiving an invitation to Bid in response to General or Specific Procurement Notice, and interested consultants who wish to receive a

copy of the advertisement requesting expressions of interest should submit their Expression of Interest(EoI). The EoI should provide information of technical qualification, expertise, work experience abroad and contact information. It can be sent by e-mail in the following addresses:

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**Project Coordination Unit (PCU)**  
**Health System Improvement Project (HSIP)**  
**Tirana, Albania**

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