REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**Republic of North Macedonia**

**Primary Education Improvement Project**

Loan No.: **9182-MK**

Assignment Title: **International Expert in IRT & Psychometrics**

**Reference No**. **MK-MES-246925-CS-INDV/041-21**

The Republic of North Macedonia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Primary Education Improvement Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services/Individual Consultant as International Expert in IRT & Psychometrics.

The overall objective of the assignment is to provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Education and Science and the National Examination Center in establishing the National Assessment Program in primary education and provide quality assurance of all stages of the entire process.

Expected duration of the services is October 2021- February 2026. The Terms of Reference are available on the following web sites: https://e-nabavki.gov.mk/PublicAccess/home.aspx#/international-donor-announcements and https://mon.gov.mk/category/?id=2072

The Ministry of Education and Science now invites eligible individual consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide their letter of interest, CV and other relevant documents/information demonstrating that they have the following required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services:

* University degree in psychology (240 ECTS or equivalent) or in mathematics, statistics or related education field, along with specialized training and experience in the areas of psychometrics and assessment procedures. A master's degree in psychology or psychometrics field would an asset;
* At least 8 years experience in design and administering large scale assessment;
* Experience in sample design and sample drawing, surveys and questionnaires for Large Scale Assessments;
* Experience in test design, administering and evaluating of tests for Large Scale Assessments;
* Experience in development of National performance standards per subјect based on empirical results (benchmarks achievement);
* Experience in gathering data and psychometric analysis applying the appropriate equating mode (data entry and data cleaning, data analysis item calibration and item scaling).
* Experience in using mathematically sophisticated model Item Response Theory (IRT) would be considered an asset;
* Proven research and publications in education with a focus on Large Scale Assessments, especially for benchmarks achievement;
* Strong interpersonal skills and ability to dialogue with diverse stakeholders to create consensus around issues and capable of working in multi-cultural environments;
* Demonstrated experience in working with government institutions is an asset;
* Excellent command of English, both oral and written.
* Previous work experience in Macedonia or in Balkan countries would be an advantage

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated July 2016, revised November 2017, and August 2018 ( “Procurement Regulations”).

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [08:30 to 16:30].

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail, or by e-mail) **by 20 September 2021.**

Ministry of Education and Science- Primary Education Improvement Project Management Unit

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