

Rene Moawad Foundation

Productive Economic Inclusion in Lebanon (P180905)

Consulting Services

Request for Expressions of Interest

for the Post of Senior Field Coordinator Maten Baabda - 1

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Lebanon's compounding crises have had severe implications on the country's human capital. Poverty and vulnerability have increased significantly, with projections from the World Bank suggesting that well over 50 percent of the population were under the national poverty line in 2020. Unemployment has also risen sharply during the crises. Based on a World Bank survey targeting formal firm, one in five workers lost their jobs since October 2019, while 61 percent of formal firms surveyed decreased the number of permanent workers by 43 percent on average. Rising unemployment rates during the pandemic have also reduced household income, affecting their resilience in the face of the crises.

To support households, cope with the crises, the Government of Lebanon launched the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) cash transfer program with financing from the World Bank. The program expands safety net coverage to 150,000 extreme poor Lebanese households that are socially vulnerable. While this will substantially increase the coverage of safety nets in Lebanon, it will not reach the high numbers of households that have gone into poverty during the crisis. At the same time, and in light of severe fiscal constraints in Lebanon, further support is required for households to overcome poverty through the labor market.

In this context of poverty and fragility, the World Bank has selected the Rene Mouawad Foundation (RMF) to act as the Implementing Agency to pilot Productive Economic Inclusion in Lebanon (PEIL) project that provides livelihood support to a selected number of poor households targeting three Cazas. The objective of the pilot is to improve livelihood opportunities for 1,500 households that are current beneficiaries of the ESSN. Therefore, the PEIL Project complements the ESSN program by improving household welfare and resilience through productive economic inclusion. It strengthens sustainable pathways out of poverty by reducing household dependence on government assistance. To achieve the intended objectives of the pilot, the Project is composed of the following three components, based on well-evaluated programs around the

world: (1) designing a data-driven economic inclusion program for Lebanon; (2) implementing the pilot program in selected regions; and (3) monitoring and evaluation to quantify the impact and cost-effectiveness of the pilot. Through these activities, the project aims to inform the scale up of an economic inclusion program across Lebanon.

The Consultant will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Educational Background
- Experience related to the assignment
- Experience in NGOs
- Communication, Reporting, Coordination and leadership skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Computer skills
- Language proficiency

The expression of interest should be in the form of the candidate's CV. The CV should be submitted by individual consultants.

Once the short-list is finalized, interviews are expected to be conducted in order to finalize the selection process. Negotiations of the terms of the contract are expected to be conducted in September 2024. Interested eligible individual consultants for the assignment may obtain further information at the address stated below.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with Individual Consultant selection process and the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: *selection and employment of consultants under IBRD loans and IDA credits and grants by World Bank Borrowers*

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the e-mail below by COB September 10, 2024.

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