



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Country: **Sint Maarten**

Project: **SINT MAARTEN FOSTERING RESILIENT LEARNING**

Grant No.: **TF-B8048**

Assignment Title: **Education Care Consultant**

Reference No.: **SX-NRPB-455130-CS-INDV**

The Government of Sint Maarten has received financing from a Trust Fund from the Government of the Netherlands, administrated by the World Bank, toward the cost of the SINT MAARTEN FOSTERING RESILIENT LEARNING PROJECT, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) is to support of the government, specifically the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport (MECYS) in preparing an ECC program document, building on and completing the existing document (dated 2015) to the current context and good practices that are befitting with the Sint Maarten cultural and educational context. The ECC program will also be aligned with the special needs education policy, which was approved in 2024.

The consultant is expected to develop the Education Care Center (ECC) program through the following tasks:

- a. Task 1 (Phase 1; Task 1): Prepare an **ECC program document**, based on the literature review, with the following outline:
- b. Task 2 (Phase 2; Task 1): **Review** design criteria and provide input on the draft design for CLB.
- c. Task 3 (Phase 2; Task 2): Develop the ECC program **monitoring and evaluation tool** and define the monitoring framework, including the necessary indicators for the government to track the efficacy of the ECC program.
- d. Task 4 (Phase 2; Task 3): Develop an **opening plan** (calendar) and plan documents for the opening of the institution.

This assignment will be contracted to an individual Consultant with an estimated duration of 123 working days and is expected to start in January 2025. The Consultant will report to the Project Manager of the Fostering Resilient Learning Project. In addition, the Consultant will work in close collaboration with MECYS, especially with the Head of the Student Support Services Division /Key contact ECC, MECYS Project Coordinator and the MECYS Resilient Team.



The National Recovery Program Bureau (NRPB) now invites eligible consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The selection criteria are:

A. Minimum qualifications

1. Master’s degree or higher in educational psychology, or similar, with at least 8 years’ experience in designing and implementing policy and guidelines in educational settings, with a specific focus on inclusive education and pull-out programming  
or  
Bachelor’s degree in educational psychology, or similar, with at least 12 years’ experience in designing and implementing policy and guidelines in educational settings, with a specific focus on inclusive education and pull-out programming.
2. Confident experience in developing and refining education policies or strategies designed for the Caribbean or Sint Maarten context.
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills and ability to translate research into policy for a large audience.

B. Preferred Qualifications:

1. Academic research and/or advocacy in special education.
2. Experience of working in the Dutch Caribbean, Sint Maarten specifically, will be an advantage.
3. Understanding of Sint Maarten education system and policy development.

Applicants are free to choose a format for their Expression of Interest. At this stage, Consultants are expected to provide:

1. CVs including relevant information about qualifications and expertise, strategic competencies or achievements.
2. Relevant references from previous similar projects/clients.

The National Recovery Program Bureau reserves the right to invite any or all interested candidates to an interview.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Fifth Edition September 2023 (“the Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants as set forth in the Procurement Regulations.

Interested Consultants may download the Terms of Reference by registering at the following address:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=NiEIEbnYxUKO4LrO0sKj-yh7Llb-pypCvDnjKUoIbTtUMjhWRTNHT0dLR0pORzI5Q1BGTKJFVklkNi4u>



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Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM local time, Monday to Friday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail by 5:00 PM local time on **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

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