Background

Swisscontact is a leading international development organisation promoting inclusive economic, social, and ecological development to make an effective contribution towards sustainable and widespread prosperity in developing and emerging economies. ‘Sarathi – Improving Financial Health’ is a financial inclusion project jointly funded by MetLife Foundation and the Happel Foundation as part of the Swisscontact Development Programme, which is co-financed by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA).

Sarathi, in its current phase, aims to enable a network of private and public stakeholders to facilitate access to existing and customised, preferably digital, financial health solutions for at least 265,000 low-income industrial workers, especially ready-made garments (RMG) workers. Additionally, Sarathi focuses on skills development and women entrepreneurship to encourage long-term financial stability.

The project implements the following two interventions: improving the financial health of RMG workers and their communities by increasing digitised financial access points, by introducing and scaling microloans, savings, and insurance products, and by partnering with technology companies; and skills development programmes for upskilling with a special focus on women and women entrepreneurship promotion.

For further information, please visit: https://www.swisscontact.org/en/projects/sarathi-progress-through-improved-financial-health

Objective of the assignment

The overall objective of the assignment is to assess the attributable changes made by Sarathi in improving the financial health of the RMG workers and their community members. Defining the sample size as 450 beneficiaries and at least 20 factories. To specify:

- Evaluate the effectiveness of the financial inclusion project;
- Assess the project’s impact on target populations and communities;
- Identify key success factors and areas for improvement; and
- Provide recommendations for future project development.

Submission Details

Technical Proposal: Interested consultants/firms should submit the technical proposal via email at bd.procurement@swisscontact.org
Financial Proposal: Interested consultants/firms are required to submit a sealed envelope containing a hard copy of the financial proposal.

Hard copies should be submitted to the address below:
Sr. Officer – Procurement
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The subject line: “To Conduct Early signs of impact Assessment of Sarathi II” must be mentioned on the envelope and e-mail. The deadline for submission is 18 April 2024 before 05:00 pm.

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