



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
SOLICITING APPLICATIONS FOR SOLUTION INNOVATION CHALLENGES

Country: Pakistan
Project Name: Solution Innovation Challenges
Implementing Agency: Centre for Social Entrepreneurship

On the 27th of March, the Prime Minister launched the 'Ehsaas' program with the objective of reducing inequality, investing in people and lift lagging districts.

Ehsaas' poverty reduction strategy is articulated in four pillars with the fourth pillar concentrating on jobs and livelihoods through a new policy of Solutions Innovation Challenge, Prize Funding, and venture capital funding to develop value chains and solutions for poverty at scale by identifying private sector partners.

Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division is launching 5 solutions innovation challenges by employing selection methods as Public Procurement Rules 2004 of PPRA.

The 5 Solutions Innovation Challenges that are being launched are as follows and their concept notes can be accessed on www.cse.gov.pk, www.pass.gov.pk & www.ppra.org.pk

1. Setting up Langars/systems for ration distribution in Public-Private Partnership mode
2. Connecting artisans to fashion houses for value chain development & employment
3. Online Platforms for daily wage opportunities
4. Online education content (k12) to serve as a public good
5. Microcredit platform for daily wage workers to enable purchase of monthly rations

The objective of the Solutions Innovation Challenges is to implement the vision of Ehsaas. These challenges will provide an impetus to address poverty in a local context and create opportunities.

Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety Division is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from reputable NGOs, Startups, Private Organizations having permanent office in Pakistan, duly authorized to practice in country, having registration with Income & Sales Tax Departments for providing services, experience in implementing projects/programs related to the above mentioned Solutions Innovation Challenges. Interested NGOs, Startups & Private Organizations are required to provide requisite information to evaluate their qualification, and experience in the relevant fields. NGOs, Startups and private organizations can bid for more than one Solution Challenge.

This EOI will be evaluated by using this broad criteria:

- a. Technical Competence: (70%)** Extensive experience of conducting similar/comparable programmes/solution challenges in Pakistan. Relevant experience in innovation, and out of the box solutions, and there should be experience in strategizing, implementing, executing and managing programmes/solution challenges in the respective areas.
- b. Management Competence: (20%)** Particulars of organization having partners and professional staff with their list, qualification, experience, address and proof that they are in the employment of the firm. Seasoned human resource professionals who have the relevant experience in implementing, executive and strategizing on solutions challenges as mentioned in this EOI. Brief CVs shall be submitted for Partners/Directors/Senior Management and permanent senior technical staff members. Corporate profile indicating years of operation, core competencies and management systems.
- c. Geographical Competence: (10%)** Relevant experience of working preferably in the target districts, or in the same geographical region.

Shortlisted applicants in all 5 areas will be invited to give detailed presentations on proposed solutions as per the EOI. Subsequently, the Division will decide if a single or 2-staged bidding process as per Public Procurement Rules 2014 is to be followed.

Detailed Expression of Interest separately for each Solution must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by post) by 15th November, 2019.

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