**Ministry of General Education and Instruction**

**Call for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

**27 March 2024**

The Ministry of General Education and Instruction (MoGEI) with support from the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) anticipates receiving funds to implement the partnership compact for five years beginning in 2024. The partnership compact is centered on one priority reform area: **improved learning outcomes in a more inclusive and equal basic education.** The reform area is anchored on four key pillars which include;

1. Improved teaching practices and better implementation of the curriculum.
2. Enhanced support to schools to sustain more equal and better learning opportunities.
3. Increased access to and attendance of education, with a focus on providing better opportunities for girls and children with disabilities.
4. Improved service delivery and coordination of general education.

To address the above priorities and related enabling factors through systems strengthening, this call covers the Systems Transformation Grant (STG) with maximum grant of $46.4m and the System Capacity Grant (SCG) with maximum allocation of $2.034m. Successful applicants will support a process of program development aligned to the endorsed partnership compact for South Sudan. Based on current commitments, South Sudan is only able to commence implementation of the STG and SCG once respective program documents are approved. Though South Sudan is eligible to access the Girls Education Accelerator (GEA) grant worth $25m, GEA will not be considered in the immediate phase of program development until resources are secured. However, a successful candidate under this call will also qualify to develop and manage the GEA program upon future notification by MoGEI. MoGEI, with endorsement of the Local Education Group, is pleased to invite accredited agencies to apply to cover the Grant Agent role for both STG and SCG. We will also consider applications from consortiums given that more than one grant is covered through this call.

**Below are the timelines for the grant agent selection:**

* 27 March 2024 – Invitations and open call for EoI
* 14 April 2024 – Deadline for written submission of EoI
* 3 May 2024 – Successful grant agent recommendation to MOGEI
* 10 May 2024 – MOGEI Decision is communicated to LEG
* 17 May 2024 – LEG Endorsement

**Note:**

Though specific criteria for gender equality and education have been provided for, candidates need to demonstrate gender hardwiring throughout their applications..

During the review phase, between 22 April – 26 April, candidates will be asked to present their expressions of interest to the Selection Committee, with LEG informed of the process. The Selection Committee will utilize the outcome of this session through a determined criteria to inform its decision. For each candidate’s presentation,

guidance will be communicated in not less than 2 working days before the scheduled date.

Candidates should limit their written submissions to the maximum number of pages set against each criterion using Arial font size 10.

Questions or inquiries regarding this process should be submitted through the contact channels stipulated below not later than 5 April 2024. A list of questions and answers will be complied and shared with all prospective agencies.

Written submission: by email to info@mogei.gov.ss – cc. Shaun.Collins@fcdo.gov.uk; radzei@usaid.gov; and kuyokabol@mogei.gov.ss.

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| **Applicant Information** |
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**Criteria One: Registration in the country of origin**

* **The entity is a legally registered organization.**
* **The entity has the authority to enter into legal agreements and receive funds.**

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**Criteria Two: The ability to discharge fiduciary and administrative responsibilities in relation to the GPE funds.**

* **Be accredited and have signed financial procedures agreement with the GPE Trustee.**
* **Appropriate modality, administration and quality of financial management system and tools.**

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**Criteria Three: Readiness to work with all relevant government agencies, donors and Local Education Group/ the Education Sector Coordination.**

* **Reference past programs supported in the country, preferably in the education sector and with good track record of achieving appropriate programmatic results.**
* **Contextual knowledge and demonstrated capabilities to work in different geographical locations including hard-to-reach areas implementing education projects in South Sudan**
* **Demonstrate alignment with MoGEI’s priorities, policies and guidelines wherever possible, to ensure coherence and sustainability.**

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**Criteria Four: The ability to support the government in the implementation of the priorities stipulated in the education sector plan 2023-27 and Partnership Compact**

* **Existing support devoted to the education sector strategic plan (ESP) and (ESA)**
* **Readiness and flexibility to adjust budgets to respond immediate needs and ensuring value for money.**

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**Criteria Five: The ability to offer technical resources to the Ministry of General Education and Instruction**

* **In-house capacity to support Ministry of General Education and Instruction to strengthen education systems.**
* **Demonstrate sustainable approach to capacity development.**

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**Criteria Six: Capacity for Technical Expertise in Gender Equality and Education: The GA should have proven expertise in integrating gender equality considerations into educational program development and implementation.**

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**Criteria Seven: The capacity to support efficient implementation of the program within the focus area defined in the partnership compact. The GA should possess both the agility to take necessary actions to progress activities and the ability to provide necessary technical support and capacity building.**

* **Demonstrate grasp of priority reforms in the GPE Compact for South Sudan including robust analysis of needs, stakeholders and the capacities of the relevant stakeholders.**
* **Demonstrate technical expertise and technical resources within the country or accessible to the grant agent.**
* **Collaboration approach, among stakeholders for effective implementation**
* **Approaches to inclusion and gender responsiveness**
* **Monitoring and evaluation approaches**

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**Criteria Eight: The ability to use the selected modality. The GA should be capable of working with the funding modality that is most aligned and appropriate for the context, as identified in the enabling factors analysis and partnership compact.**

* **Experience in use of country systems**
* **In case of consortium approach, the grant agent must demonstrate the thematic and geographical advantages of chosen partners as well as experience in managing sub- recipients.**

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**Criteria Nine: Ability to help the government develop a program within six months after selection. - The interested agencies are encouraged to draft a program development timeline as part of their expression of interest.**

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**Criteria Ten: Appropriate Administrative Costs for Delivery of the Program: The GA should propose a reasonable budget that covers implementation support, supervision costs, and other expenses necessary for program delivery, while ensuring cost-efficiency and effectiveness.**

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