



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES- FIRM SELECTION)

Country:	Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan
Assignment Title:	Socioeconomic Research on Relationship between Access to Islamic Finance and Client Well-being
Reference No:	MISFA/CS-08/2026
Method of Selection:	Quality of the Proposal and Cost of the Services
Issue Date:	May 21, 2026
Closing Date:	June 10, 2026

I. Background

The Microfinance Investment and Support Facility for Afghanistan (MISFA) has been the leading institution in promoting financial inclusion and sustainable development in Afghanistan over the past 20 years. MISFA supports Microentrepreneurs, Small and Medium sized Enterprises (MSMEs) through providing Islamic financing to its partner organizations which include Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) and commercial banks. Currently, the Afghan microfinance sector has more than 66,000 active clients, approximately 43% of whom are female, and an outstanding financing portfolio of almost AFN5 billion covering 24 provinces.

II. Objective and Scope of Work

MISFA is seeking to assess the socioeconomic changes experienced by a representative sample of clients and their businesses as a result of access to financing received from its partner institutions. MISFA envisages that this longitudinal research will involve repeated observations of the same variables over an extended period of time. MISFA is seeking to commission a qualified team of experts, based in Afghanistan, to propose a suitable research methodology, design questionnaires, select and train data collectors, process and analyze the data, and present the results in the form of a written report (s) in English.

III. Experience and Qualification of the Consultant

MISFA is looking for a qualified and experienced academic institution/consulting firm that can carry out this assignment. The eligibility criteria for the consultant are as follows:

- Be licensed as a higher education institution or a consulting firm.
- Have experience conducting at least three similar assignments in the past with reputable clients.
- Propose a team of experts of at least three members with extensive relevant qualifications and experience.
- The team members should be fluent in written and spoken English.

If required, and in order to strengthen, guide and support the research, MISFA may consider dedicating one or more staff members to provide assistance and/or recruit a suitably qualified and experienced individual or team of experts from abroad. This will be decided at a later stage.

MISFA now invites eligible Academic Institutions/Consulting Firms to submit their Expression of Interests (EOIs) for the Socioeconomic Research on Relationship between Access to Islamic Finance and Client Well-being.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications, relevant experience and expertise available to perform the Services.

IV. How to apply and Point of Contact

Interested Consultants shall submit their EOIs by COB **June 10, 2026** Afghanistan time.

The EOI shall be submitted by mail or by e-mail to the address stated below:

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Further information or clarifications can be obtained at the address mentioned above, during office hours 8:00AM to 4:00PM from Sunday to Thursday.