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Call for Proposals - Migration Costs Survey

1. Background:

The Center for International Migration and Integration (CIMI) is seeking to identify a capable partner to conduct a face-to-face survey with 400 caregivers in Israel. The survey will be conducted as part of a series of national surveys on migration costs supported by the KNOMAD group in the World Bank and the Israeli Population, Migration and Borders Authority (PIBA). The project will result in an analytical report presenting findings and policy recommendations.

2. Survey Objectives:

- a. Generate evidence base contributing to reducing migration costs of low-skilled caregivers living in Israel.
- b. Enable better understanding of migration corridors in the region by presenting comparable results at the national and international levels.
- c. Utilize survey findings to enhance the role of bilateral labor agreements in reducing, monitoring and regulating migration costs for low skilled workers.

3. Method:

Face-to-face interviews with 400 caregivers of two nationalities (most likely Philippines and Moldova). To address recall problems, respondents are limited to caregivers from these countries, who entered Israel in the last two years.

4. Survey components:

CIMI will partner with an experienced research body which will be responsible for the overall execution of various project stages. CIMI will accompany the chosen institution and will assist in the overall coordination of the project vis-à-vis participating and funding institutions.

The project will broadly consist of the following stages*:

- Participation (principal researcher) in a training workshop on the survey's methodology, including training on Survey Solutions, a Computer Assisted Personal Interviews tool developed by the World Bank

- Adapting and translating the existing KNOMAD questionnaire into required languages (most likely revision of the English text and Romanian)
- Developing selection and sampling strategy of 400 caregivers
- Procurement of project items including tablets
- Pilot surveys, both internally and in the field, followed by completion of the questionnaire.
- Recruiting and training a team of interviewers
- Conduct interviews of 400 respondents using Survey Solutions on standard tablets purchased for this purpose.
- Validating the interviews via the software
- Conduct focus group consultation
- Drafting a comprehensive analytical report in English including:
 - o Background
 - o Methodology and research design
 - o Results and analysis
 - o Summary and conclusions
 - o Data book - (description of the data gathered in detail- to be discussed with the WB.

*The questionnaires, the software and any written materials produced at any stage are in English.

5. Selection criteria and weighting:

Tenders will be evaluated in line with the following criteria:

- Proven experience and track-record in conducting surveys and producing reports, including all technical and logistical elements, as described above (30%)
- Experience in applying quantitative methods and analysis (20%)
- Background in migration-related, or other research in fields of social sciences (10%)
- Cost and quality of the proposal (25%)
- Capacity to co-fund the research (15%)

6. Timetable:

The project will be completed in 10 months as of January 2017

7. Budget:



Overall budget will not exceed \$120,000 USD for the entire research duration

8. Required content of the proposal:

- Abstract
- Background
- Objectives
- Methodology and research design
 - Sample strategy¹
 - Sample bias and other challenges
- Risks and mitigation
- Budget
- Timetable including a Gantt chart
- Researchers' CVs, selected publications and any other relevant information

9. Contact information:

For queries, please contact Dr. Nelly Kfir via email only – nellyk@cimi.org.il

Queries will not be answered after 14.11.2016

10. Submission:

Proposals will be received by email to Dr. Nelly Kfir – nellyk@cimi.org.il by 17.11.2016
CIMI will not receive any proposals after this date.

****Please note:** In case external funding for the project sought by CIMI is not be provided, it may lead to the termination of the project. Should this occur, CIMI will provide, at its own discretion, a notice to applicants.

¹ Researchers also need to specify how the respondents will be reached and location of interviews