



SADC SECRETARIAT RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS

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Title of Assignment: Consultancy for Baseline Study on Participation of Female Engagement Teams and Mediation Networks of Women in SADC Peace Support Operations

Reference Number: SADC/3/5/2/446

Find below latest responses to clarifications:

S/N	Clarification Sought	Response Made
1.	I am writing to seek clarification regarding the academic qualification requirement for the individual consultancy "Description of the assignment: "SADC/3/5/2/446 - Consultancy for baseline study on participation of female engagement teams and mediation networks of women in SADC peace support operations", specifically the provision requiring an MSc in [Peace and Conflict Studies, Security Studies, International Relations, Gender Studies, Development Studies, Public Policy, Political Science, Law, Sociology] I hold an MSc in Statistics/Biostatistics and have approximately six years of professional experience working with a regional conflict early-warning mechanism, including experience in quantitative analysis, evidence generation, monitoring, data interpretation, and early-warning reporting in peace building activities but as well, I have been guiding PhDs and Masters students in "Peace and Conflict Studies" while at "IGAD-CEWARN". I would therefore be grateful if you could confirm whether my MSc in Statistics/Biostatistics, combined with this six-year professional experience in regional peace and security early warning, would be considered to satisfy the "closely related discipline" requirement. I would also respectfully submit that Biostatistics/Statistics can be considered closely related to peace-and-security monitoring because it provides the quantitative-evidence backbone required to identify patterns, assess risks, monitor trends, and support evidence-based early-warning and decision-making. My six years of direct contact experience within the IGAD-CEWARN environment further complements this quantitative training by providing practical expertise in applying data and analytical methods to conflict early warning, risk monitoring, and regional peace-and-security analysis. This combination therefore gives me both the quantitative methodological foundation and the direct substantive experience required to undertake the responsibilities of the position effectively, due to my extra abilities in data [qualitative and quantitative] handling. I would appreciate your confirmation as to whether this combination of academic qualification and professional experience meets the stated eligibility requirement. I would be pleased to provide my CV, academic credentials, or any additional information required to support this assessment.	All eligible Consultants are free to submit, and their proposals will be evaluated as per information provided in their CVs using criteria in the Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)advert. The Evaluation Committee will decide during evaluation if they are qualified and experienced for the assignment.

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