

Uttarakhand Watershed Development Unit (UWDU)
(A Registered Society under Watershed Management Directorate, Govt. of
Uttarakhand)

Integrated Livelihood Support Project

Terms of Reference (TOR) for Watershed Expert

BACKGROUND

The Uttarakhand Watershed Development Unit (UWDU) through Govt. of Uttarakhand has received a credit from IFAD (International Fund for Agriculture Development) for implementation of Integrated Livelihoods Support Project, (ILSP). The UWDU is PIA for Project Component -2: Participatory Watershed Development. The project development objective (PDO) is: The overall objective (goal) of ILSP will be to reduce poverty in hill districts of Uttarakhand. This would be achieved via the more immediate development objective of “enable rural households to take up sustainable livelihood opportunities integrated with the wider economy”.

Under Component-2 of the Project a total of 22 Micro-watersheds (MWS) covering an area of about 70194 ha in three hilly districts of Pauri, Champawat and Nainital will be developed. These MWS include about 381 Revenue Villages spread over 7 Development Blocks (partially covered), with a population of about 22420 households (based on census 2011). These watersheds have been shortlisted as they have been identified as priority MWS in the State Perspective and Strategic Plan (SPSP) for Watershed Development.

THE PROJECT PERIOD

The project duration is 9 years and the project cycle in each GP will be of 5 years in following three phases.

The preparatory phase: - First year

The Implementation Phase: - Three years.

The Withdrawal Phase: - Fifth year

The Project will commence from F.Y.2013-14.

TOTAL PROJECT COST FOR THE COMPONENT- 2

The total project cost of Participatory Watershed Management Sub- Project is estimated to be INR 286.95 crores. The Project will be financed by an IFAD loan of INR 211.82 crores (73.82%), a contribution of State Govt. of INR 55.97 crores (19.51%), and INR 19.16 crores

(6.67%) from beneficiaries. Significant additional funds will flow to members of project groups through convergence with other government programmes.

NEED FOR CONSULTANCY SUPPORT

It is a community-owned and demand driven project. The project is managed, planned and implemented by the community and the GPs. Its success depends on the levels of interest and participation and commitment of all stakeholders. Being a process driven and people-led project, it becomes imperative to communicate complete information and appropriate messages in a holistic manner to every village community member and project partners to enable them to take informed technically sound and collective decisions. The project has to be understood by all in its right perspective so that they may fulfill their respective roles and responsibilities to the fullest extent possible.

To assist in the project planning, implementation and monitoring process, the expertise/services of watershed expert is required for the project period. He / She will provide assistance in preparation of the plans budgets /cost tables, activities selection, preparation of TORs for various consultancy services etc. for different project component. The expert will supervise conduction of different workshop related to project preparation at WMD and field areas as per requirement.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Provide technical inputs in the project formulation/ preparation process.
- Provide technical assistance in preparation of various documents related to watershed treatment works ILSP.
- Provide assistance in preparation of the annual plans and budgets/cost tables, activities selection etc. for different project component.
- Supervise conduction of different workshop related to project preparation at PSWMD/WMD and field areas as per requirement.
- Provide assistance in preparation of different strategy papers/manuals.
- Provide assistance in preparation of TORs for hiring of consultants / services for different components of ILSP.
- Liaison with institutions, government agencies and NGOs as per project requirement.

The scope of works could be modified based on mutual agreement between the client and the consultant with a view to better achieve the overall objectives. Keeping in view the overall objective and scope of works, the consultant would outline the specific steps which would be carried out and their approach, in its Inception Report to be provided within 30 days of commencement of their assignment.

ESSENTIAL AND DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's degree in Forestry/Agriculture Engineering.
- At least 10 years of experience of working in similar kind of externally aided Watershed Development projects / Community based projects of Govt. or Non-government organization.
- Experience in watershed development and project formulation, planning, monitoring and evaluation. With good understanding of water related issues and implementation of Watershed Development activities.
- Experience of working in rural hill areas and willingness to travel in remote villages in the state of Uttarakhand.
- Working knowledge of computer and understanding of application of Geographical Information System (GIS) for project planning and monitoring.
- Fluency in Hindi and English and workable knowledge of local dialects of Uttarakhand.
- Experience of working in externally aided watershed development project.

DELIVERABLES

The following outputs would be submitted to WMD

- Technical documents, manuals, TORs and other documents as per project requirement.
- Regular meeting with Project Staff at UWDU/WMD level and field functionaries.
- Documentation of various workshops conducted during Project preparation as per project requirement.
- Any other work as may be assigned by UWDU/WMD from time to time as per project requirement.

Reporting requirements

The consultant shall submit to the UWDU/WMD report and documents as specified below in the form, numbers and within the periods set forth. The reports have to be submitted in Hard and Soft copy (numbers to be specified)

- The consultant shall submit to the UWDU/WMD report and documents as desired by the Chief Project Director, WMD and Project Director, ILSP.
- The consultant shall report to Project Director, ILSP.
- Any other reports as may be required from time to time.

WORK STATION

The consultant would be based in the UWDU/Watershed Management Directorate, Dehradun and will have to make regular field visits to project areas as per project requirements.

OWNERSHIP

UWDU/Watershed Management Directorate of Uttarakhand will have the ownership of all the documents and material developed. The consultants will have no right of claim to the products developed and shall not replicate them without prior consent of the UWDU/WMD.

REVIEW COMMITTEE

A review committee constituted by members selected by UWDU/WMD would monitor and review the performance, quality and impact of the activities undertaken by the Consultant. The members of the review committee are as under:

- A. Project Director, ILSP, UWDU, Dehradun
- B. Project Director (Admn.)
- C. Joint Director, WMD Dehradun
- D. Senior Finance Officer
- E. Deputy Director(Planing)

PERIOD OF THE ASSIGNMENT

Annual, extension will be given on satisfactory review of performance by the committee.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

Monthly payment, based on the satisfactory report from concerned authority.

INPUTS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE UWDU/WMD

The consultant would be provided all the necessary and relevant documents, manuals, route approach to the Project area.

ARBITRATION

In the event of any dispute between the contracted agency and the PD, ILSP of UWDU/WMD, the CPD, WMD will be the arbitrator.