



Consultancy Ref No: 196/F&M/South/24-25

RFP FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

WWF-PAKISTAN

SUBJECT:

Developing training manual for farmers and field staff regarding improving soil health through implementing locally relevant practices, 4R soil management and alternative methods beyond synthetic fertilizers.

Application Submission:

Interested consultants should submit the Proposal on the Application Form Available Online Following Link:

<https://forms.gle/7Saeo6LdYszouCb27>

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1) INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Contract type: Consultancy and Services
Duration of assignment: 120 Days
Type: Individual/ Firm

Background of Project & Assignment:

World-Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan (WWF-Pakistan), the global conservation organization, has a mission to stop

the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature

by

- Conserving the world's biological diversity;
- Ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable; and
- Reducing pollution and wasteful consumption

Under its global mission, WWF-Pakistan works with central and local government agencies, the private sector, civil society organizations (CSOs), and the local communities to implement its various conservation programmes in the six thematic areas, including energy and climate, forest, freshwater, wildlife, food and market, and ocean.

WWF Pakistan has substantial experience in working with international donors.

WWF Pakistan, founded in 1970, is Pakistan's most significant independent nature conservation NGO, with over 20 offices nationwide. WWF Pakistan has a mission to preserve the country's incredible biodiversity and natural resources through the practices above. Since its inception, WWF Pakistan has implemented over 200 projects and programmes. WWF Pakistan works closely with local and national partners, government, private partners, research, and communities.

Brief Project Description:

Conventional cotton farming has long been linked to critical environmental issues, such as the excessive use of water, the application of chemical pesticides and fertilizers, and the degradation of soil, all of which contribute to an imbalance in ecosystems, ultimately leading to environmental degradation and the loss of biodiversity. WWF-Pakistan has taken the initiative with the financial support of Better Cotton/GIF to implement the Better Cotton project across 07 districts in the provinces of Punjab and Sindh. The project focuses on enhancing the capacity of farmers to adopt the Better Cotton Standard System (BCSS). The primary goal is to extend comprehensive training to cotton farmers, emphasizing the adoption of efficient Cotton farming techniques. This includes the implementation of integrated pest management practices, the efficient utilization of water resources, the enhancement of soil health, the promotion of biodiversity, and the mitigation of social issues such as Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (FPRW), encompassing concerns related to child labor, occupational health, and women's empowerment.

2) GENERAL CONDITIONS

1) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to reject or accept any proposal. The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to proceed with the implementation of any Service, in whole or in part, as described in the Proposal.

2) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to engage in discussions with any BIDDER to clarify responses or discuss certain issues with regards to the proposal or services requested. The WWF-PAKISTAN has no obligation to notify the other BIDDERS of the discussions, clarifications, or other information provided by a BIDDER. Any additional information required for preparation of the BID shall be distributed to all participants

at the same time.

3) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to award the proposal based on experience, qualification, completion date, service cost and other criteria, and not necessarily the lowest cost.

4) Based on the RFP BID the WWF-PAKISTAN is entitled to change/replace or omit any clause/part of the preliminary defined scope of services of the proposal. The WWF-PAKISTAN shall conduct negotiations with WWF to achieve the full compliance to the requirements.

5) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right in the event the successful CONSULTANT fails to comply with the terms and conditions as listed, to cancel this contract and award it to another CONSULTANT without penalty or action against the WWF-PAKISTAN. The RFP does not constitute an agreement or order.

6) The RFP is not a binding agreement between the parties, submission of a proposal or response by a proponent is voluntary.

7) By submitting a bid, the BIDDER is deemed to have acknowledged all of the undertakings, specifications, terms and conditions, **WWF Fraud and Corruption Prevention and Investigation Policy and WWF's Environment Social & Safeguard for consultant agreement** and to be bound by them if the BID is accepted. All expenses incurred by the Bidder in connection with the preparation of its proposal are to be borne by the RFP participant, and the WWF-PAKISTAN shall not incur any obligation whatsoever toward the Bidder regardless of whether such bid is accepted or rejected.

3) PURPOSE

a. Objective of the Consultancy:

The major objective of the assignment is to develop training material keeping in view the requirements of Better Cotton production principles and criteria which includes collating locally relevant practices beyond synthetic fertilizers for soil health improvement as well as 4R nutrient management.

b. Specific Tasks:

- To collect information on effective local soil health practices including alternate methods beyond synthetic fertilizers, traditional methods and innovations.
- To research and compile detailed information on the 4R principles of nutrient management tailored to local conditions.
- To develop training manual in Sindhi language and refine the manual based on feedback from the project team.

4) Deliverables

Sr. #	Deliverables	Timeline
1	Inception meeting with project team	Within 1 week of signing contract
2	Submission of detailed work plan of the assignment	Within 1 week of signing contract
3	Outline of training manual	20 days after signing contract
4	Developing & submitting first draft of training manual in Sindhi language	75 days after signing contract
5	Refine manual on basis of feedback	90 days after signing contract
6	Submitting final draft of training manual in soft and hard form	100 days after signing contract

7	Submit 500 printed copies of the manual in Sindhi language after content and designed approved by the communication department of WWF Pakistan	120 days after signing contract
8	Submit final report of the assignment	120 days after signing contract

5) REQUIREMENTS

The Consultant/Consultancy Firm/Soil Science Department of Educational Institution should possess the following:

- At least master degree in soil science
- Proven capacity to develop training material regarding soil health improvement
- Ability to plan and produce quality results on time
- Ability to produce training material in Sindhi language
- Identifies and aligns with the core values of the WWF organization: Courage, Collaboration, Respect & Integrity
- Demonstrates WWF behaviors in way of working: Strive for Impact, Listen Deeply, Collaborate Openly, Innovate Fearlessly
- Adheres to WWF's brand characteristics, which are: Knowledgeable, Optimistic, Determined and Engaging

6) CORRESPONDENCE & SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

1. Application Submission:

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2. Interested consultants should submit the Proposal and can send their Queries through Email by attention to the Following:

To: Faiza khan (fakhan@wwf.org.pk)

Cc: Muzzammil Ahmed (mahmed@wwf.org.pk)

3. The RFP submission deadline mentioned on WWF-Website.
4. Any information and responses to enquiries will be made in writing and distributed by email to all proponents. Enquiries after the foregoing deadline will not receive a response.

7) FORMAT OF THE PROPOSAL

The BID submitted by the participant must be structured as per the below provided instructions:

- 1) **Application Form available at WWF-Website** - General information about the Bidder covering qualification and experience, CV and all related Information.

2) **Experience:**

- a) **Description of the complete projects:** the list and general information about the complete projects, description of the role in the project, other accomplishments of the Consultant.

- 3) **Proposal outlining scope consultancy service-** Description of scope and working process, stages, deliverables, exclusions, conditions;
- 4) **Provide template of already complete similar type of reports-** the WWF-PAKISTAN may request additionally;
- 5) **Service Provision Timeline** – Provide Detailed Work Plan as per Deliverable and TORs.
- 6) **Financial Proposal-** the prices shall be provided in Pak Rs, the total price shall include all costs related to service provision including applicable taxes.

Note:

Templates of all Information is provided on Application form available at WWF-Website. Any Additional Information related to the RFP can be attached along with application Form.

8) FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The proposed prices shall be provided in PKR, the total price shall include all costs related to service provision including all Direct and Indirect taxes, Travel, Boarding & Lodging shall be based on actual receipt up to max Ceiling (If Any).

The consultant will submit the cost of the assignment in a lump sum, including all applicable taxes according to the Government of Pakistan and the Government of Punjab and Sindh

The Payment Term: shall be defined by the contract to be concluded between WWF -Pakistan and the consultant.

9) EVALUATION PROCESS

Applicant's proposal shall be evaluated based on Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method. Under QCBS both technical and financial proposals shall be evaluated as per following criteria against a maximum score of 100 points.

A) Technical Proposal (70%)

- Detailed workplan
- Expression of interest (EOI)
- Company's Profile
- Detailed methodology

B) Financial Proposal (30%)

- Detailed financial proposal which should be inclusive of all applicable taxes and out of pocket expenses. The financial proposal should follow a breakdown structure i.e., specifying cost(s) to each head and subhead
- Company's registration certificate
- NTN detail(s)
- Any legal or technical certification required for the task
- Audited Accounts Report (if available) of last FY

Note: Late/ incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Only three (03) top-ranked firms will be included in the comparative process

10) DOCUMENTATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

All documents completed based on requirements of the present RFP shall be the property of the WWF-Pakistan, and shall not without the consent of the WWF-Pakistan be used, reproduced or made available to third parties beyond what is necessary in respect of the fulfilment of the Project. All documents issued and information given to the BIDDER shall be treated as confidential.

11) BUDGET

Total Budget for this activity inclusive of all taxes and Out of Pocket expenses are PKR **1400,000/-**