



Consultancy Ref No: 119/Marine/South/24-25

RFP FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

WWF-PAKISTAN

SUBJECT:

Terms of Reference for Environmental and Social Due Diligence of a Flood Irrigation Scheme Proposed for Substitute Expenditure

Application Submission: Interested consultants should submit the Proposal on the Application Form Available Online or can access through the following Link:

<https://forms.gle/HD8x6J1EoQUyByXx6>

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1) INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Contract type: Consultancy and Services

Duration of assignment: 1 Month

Type: Individual/Firms

Background of Project & Assignment:

The Irrigation Department identified suitable schemes for substitute expenditure, selecting the "Rehabilitation of Nurg Tar Flood Irrigation Scheme (FIS), District Lasbela," valued at PKR 467.547 million. This scheme, originally constructed in 1960-61, had served a significant farming community in the surrounding villages of Mouza Wang and Gadoore until it was abandoned. These communities primarily depend on floodwater diverted through the Nurg-Hingri Integrated Scheme (a trifurcation structure rehabilitated under the BIWRMD Project), supplemented by flood flow from the Kantra branch, to irrigate agricultural lands on both banks of the Khantra River, a tributary of the Porali River Basin. The Nurg Tar FIS is located approximately 2 km northeast of Bela Town and about 7 km downstream of the Nurg-Hinjri Integrated Scheme. Its construction period, from June 25, 2018, to June 30, 2023, aligns with the BIWRMD Project's implementation phase. The project area has significant agricultural potential, with most of the local population deriving their livelihood from agricultural produce. Therefore, the improvement and augmentation of water resources are anticipated to bring a substantial socio-economic boost to the community. As per the approved PC-I, upon completion, the Nurg Tar FIS is designed to irrigate approximately 1,500 acres of fertile land on both sides of the river, benefiting 150 land-holding families.

The information presented demonstrates that the Nurg Tar FIS aligns satisfactorily with the BIWRMD Project's development objectives: to strengthen provincial government capacity for water resources monitoring and management, and to improve community-based water management for targeted irrigation schemes within the Nari and Porali River Basins, which constitute the project's domain.

Based on these facts, the Nurg Tar FIS can be suitably included in Sub-Component B-1 of the BIWRMDP. This sub-component includes a portfolio of irrigation sub-projects with the potential to establish a foundation for a gradual transition to Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in Balochistan. This aligns with the IWRM Policy adopted by the Government of Balochistan in 2005, which was significantly restructured and improved by a panel of national and international water law experts using proceeds from the World Bank's loan under the BIWRMD Project. Specifically, the expected benefits of implementing such an investment sub-project under the IWRM approach include enhanced planning and management of water quality and supply, more cost-efficient operations, and improved water distribution between consumptive and ecosystem needs. The proposed Nurg Tar FIS is capable of effectively delivering all these benefits.

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

The primary objectives of this assignment are to:

Determine the extent to which the planning, design, construction, and current operation of the scheme have complied with:

- The World Bank's Environmental and Social Standards and Operational Policies
- Relevant national and provincial environmental and social laws, regulations, and permits
- Identify, review, and assess any past, ongoing, and potential future adverse environmental and social risks and impacts associated with the scheme.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Impact on water resources
- Land use, land acquisition and involuntary resettlement (physical and economic displacement)
- Occupational health and safety (labor and working conditions for workers involved in construction and current O&M)
- Community health and safety
- Contractor performance
- Accidents/incidents
- Impacts on vulnerable and marginalized groups
- Stakeholder engagement and grievance redress mechanisms
- Assess the adequacy and effectiveness of any environmental and social management measures implemented during the scheme's construction and operational phases
- Develop a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) which clearly defines the specific actions required to address each identified issue and achieve compliance with the World Bank ESF, including measures for strengthening E&S management capacity for the ongoing operation of the scheme.

a. Scope of Work:

The consulting firm will be responsible for conducting an Environmental and Social Due Diligence Assessment of the scheme, comprising the following tasks:

1. Desk Review and Planning

- Collect and review all relevant documentation, including:
 - Feasibility studies, design documents, and technical specifications
 - ESIA/EMP reports or equivalent assessments
 - Construction completion reports
 - Land acquisition records, compensation documentation

- Operational and maintenance records (e.g., water quality data, incident logs, complaints)
- World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and applicable national/provincial regulations
- Identify key stakeholders (government agencies, local authorities, CSOs, affected communities, scheme operators, etc.)
- Develop a detailed methodology, work plan, and schedule for the assessment.

2. Field Assessment and Stakeholder Engagement

- Conduct site visits to key scheme components
- Collect primary environmental and social data as necessary
- Organise inclusive, culturally sensitive consultations with project-affected persons (PAPs), beneficiaries, local leaders, authorities, and CSOs/NGOs
- Document all consultations, capturing participant lists, key issues raised, and feedback, particularly from women and vulnerable groups
- Evaluate past stakeholder engagement practices and grievance redress mechanisms

3. Environmental and Social Compliance Assessment

Review the scheme's compliance with World Bank ESF and relevant national/provincial regulations, focusing on:

- Environmental and social screening, risk management, and mitigation
- Labour and working conditions (OHS, discrimination, child/forced labour, worker grievance mechanisms)
- Water use efficiency, pollution, and waste management
- Community health and safety risks
- Land acquisition, displacement, and livelihood impacts (aligned with ESS5)
- Biodiversity, habitat, and ecosystem impacts
- Stakeholder engagement and information disclosure practices

4. Analysis and Reporting

- Synthesize findings from desk review, fieldwork, and consultations
- Identify performance gaps, non-compliance, or residual risks
- Prepare a comprehensive Corrective Action Plan (CAP) detailing:
 - Required actions to achieve compliance with the ESF
 - Timeframes, responsibilities, and resource needs
 - Recommendations to enhance ongoing E&S management and institutional capacity

4) Deliverables

- Outline of the study methodology, work plan and timeline.
- Conduct an inception meeting with the project team to finalize the evaluation methodology, work plan, and data collection tools.
- Submit an interim evaluation progress report, summarizing activities undertaken, initial findings, and any challenges encountered.

5) REQUIREMENTS

The firm must demonstrate:

- Extensive experience in conducting ESIA's, E&S audits and due diligence for infrastructure projects, preferably in the water/irrigation sector.
- Proven knowledge and experience with the World Bank's ESF.
- Familiarity with the national and provincial environmental and social laws, regulations, and institutional frameworks in Balochistan.

A multi-disciplinary team of experts with demonstrated qualifications and experience in relevant

fields, including but not limited to:

- Team Leader/Senior Social Development Specialist – Masters degree in sociology, economics, or related discipline, and 10+ years of experience working on social impact assessments, resettlement, stakeholder engagement, and related areas.
- Senior Environmental Specialist – Masters degree in environmental science or related discipline, and 10+ years of experience in preparing ESIA's/audits for similar projects
- Water Resources Specialist – Masters degree in civil/agricultural/water resources engineering, and 10+ years of experience with irrigation/water supply schemes

6) CORRESPONDENCE & SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

1. Application Submission:

Interested consultants should submit the Proposal on the Application Form Available Online or can access through the following Link: <https://forms.gle/HD8x6J1EoQUyByXx6>

If there are any **queries**, please may send through email by attention to the following:

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

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

The RFP submission deadline mentioned on WWF-Website.

2. 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 KP

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

Financial Proposal				
Description	Units	Quantity	Rate	Total Amount
1. Remuneration: • Field • Office	Man Days [MD] / Man Months [MM]			
2. Air Travel	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
3. Road Travel	Road travel cost for trainer and trainees will be paid by WWF on actual basis.			
4. Boarding/Lodging	Boarding and lodging cost for trainer and trainees will be paid by WWF on actual basis.			
5. Others (Please specify) Training Material, Printing, Photocopies, Colour printing, practical demonstration equipments e.g candlering				
Grand Total Inclusive of All direct or indirect Taxes and Out of Pocket Expenses				

Note:

- If there is not Air, Road Travel/Boarding and Lodging and others then simply Write Not applicable.
- In case Road travel cost for trainer and trainees will be paid on actual basis.
- In case Boarding and lodging cost for trainer and trainees will be paid on actual basis

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 1,036,000/-