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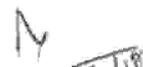
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Jaipur, Dated 09/04/2018

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

RGAVP intends to hire a consultant to prepare Project Completion Report under RRLP. Eligibility criteria & other details for hiring consultant is available in our website www.rgavp.org and SPPP portal (<http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>). Expression of interest must be addressed and delivered in a sealed envelope clearly superscripted as "EOI for Preparation of PCR" at office, till April 25th, 2018, 5.00 PM .

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Name of Country: India

Name of Project: Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Project (RRLP)
Consulting service: Engagement of Consultancy agency to prepare Project Completion Report under Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Project(RRLP)

Period of Consultancy One year

Loan no: IDA Credit No 4859-IN

Expression of Interest:

The Department of Rural Development, GoR has been implementing the Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Project in the aegis of Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad(RGVAP) in the 60 blocks of 18 districts of Rajasthan. The project was funded by World Bank and GoR. The project is completion is due by Oct 2018. In compliance with the Financing Agreement with World Bank, the GoR has to submit a project completion review (PCR) report at completion. In this respect, the RGAVP is inviting proposals from the national consultants and consulting firms for preparation of Project Completion Report in accordance with the ToR set herewith. The duration of the consulting services will be about three calendar months and the services are expected to be performed by an individual consultant.

The mission of the project is mobilizing all poor families into self reliant institutions and promoting sustainable livelihoods as well as strengthening public services delivery mechanism. The Government of Rajasthan has identified 18 districts for the implementation of RRLP.

In these 18 districts, there are around 13 lakh BPL families. The Project aims to reach around 5.80 lac households out of which about 70 percent are expected to be in Project supported SHGs by the end of the Project period according to the availability of resources. The Project had been in operation since 2010 covering 6180 villages with over 6.4 lac households. The project completion date is 31st Oct 2018.

The Consultant for the contract will be selected using a CV method in accordance with the World Bank guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank's Borrowers.

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The RGAVP invites Expression of Interest (Eoi) from eligible consultants to prepare Project Completion Report under RRLP.

Eligibility criteria of Consultant are :

- Will be a Post graduate in Economics /Rural Management/ Mass Communication and or equivalent.
- Prior Experience of preparing similar Project Reports for externally aided Projects/Government departments
- Work experience of at least 10 years in development related field: and
- Prior significant experience of research and writing (Copies to be shared with RGAVP)

Interested consultants may apply with the documents and copies of reports prepared earlier to justify your candidature

Further details about the assignment is available in the website: <http://www.rgavp.org>

Expressions of interest must be addressed and delivered in a sealed envelope clearly superscripted as "EOI for Preparation of PCR" to the office of State Mission Director, Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad, 3rd Floor, RFC-Block, Udyog Bhawan ,C-Scheme, Jaipur Ph:2227011 ,2227416, till April 25th, 2018, 5.00 PM.


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Terms of Reference for

Preparation of Project Completion Report

I. Background and Context

The Department of Rural Development, GoR has been implementing the Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Project (RRLP) in the aegis of Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad (RGVAP) in 60 blocks of 18 districts of Rajasthan. The project is being funded by the World Bank and GoR. The project was initiated in January 2011 and is due for completion in October 2018. In compliance with the Financing Agreement with World Bank, the GoR has to submit a Project Completion Review (PCR) report at completion. In this respect, the RGAVP is inviting proposals from the national consultants and consulting firms for preparation of Project Completion Report in accordance with the ToR set herewith. The duration of the consulting services will be about three calendar months and the services are expected to be performed by a team of experts and specialists.

RRLP's mission is to mobilize all poor families into self-reliant institutions and promoting sustainable livelihoods and strengthening public services delivery mechanism. The project has four components – A. Institution Building and Social Empowerment, B. Community Investment Support, C. Skill Development and, D. Project Management. The project components focus on improving livelihoods of the targeted population in by building community organizations and developing partnerships with Government and other institutions.

- A. Institution Building and Social Empowerment: The objective of this component is to help the poor women mobilize themselves into Self Help Groups and to develop their capacity to initiate and expand sustainable livelihoods activities.
- B. Community Investment Support: The objective of this component is to support asset creation of SHGs and federations and to support innovative approaches to improve livelihoods of the poor.
- C. Skill Development: The objective of this component is to support the poor to capture new employment opportunities through the establishment of a structured mechanism for skill development and job creation targeting unemployed youth from poor households within the project districts.
- D. Project Management: The objective of this component is to establish effective entities, systems and processes for management of the project at the state, district and sub-district level.

The support structure of the project is designed for planning, implementation and monitoring at various levels. The Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj at the State level, is responsible for overall

governance and policy directions. RGAVP is a state level autonomous society formed to implement the project. RGAVP is headquartered at Jaipur. The State Project Management Unit (SPMU) of the society is headed by the State Mission Director. SPMU implements the project through District Project Management Units (DPMUs), and facilitation Teams comprising professionals at the Block / sub-block level. There are various Community cadres, drawn from within the local community, such as Active Women (Samuh Sakhis), Village Organization Assistants, Pashu / Krish Sakhis at the village level and Cluster Coordinators, Para-professionals, cadre facilitating preparation of Micro-Credit Linkage Plans, Bank Sakhis, Yojana Sakhis, and Business Correspondents at cluster level to support the project implementation.

The project implementation is decentralized, with the district-based DPMU staff responsible to implement project activities in accordance with the approved plan. The project has, so far, organised 54,248 SHGs, 4,805 village organisations and 185 federations and has been supporting agricultural, vegetable, goat and dairy based clusters, and non-farm enterprises. In addition, the project has the facilitated community to get their entitlements by converging with central and state government schemes.

II. Objectives of PCR

The overall objective of the project completion review is to assess and document overall project implementation performance and the results achieved, for both accountability and learning purposes.

III. Methodology

The methodology will involve the use of a mix of both quantitative and qualitative tools in order to form informed judgments on overall project performance and results. For transparency and accuracy purposes, it is important that the consultation with project stakeholders should be as large and inclusive as possible and the list of persons to be met by the consultants will require careful consideration.

Information will be obtained from secondary sources, such as internal reports and documents comprising supervision reports, MTR report, progress reports, Annual Reports, and surveys or specific studies undertaken by the project. Data from MIS and records made available by various service providers' and community institutions will also be analysed.

IV. Timeframe and deliverables

The Consultants are expected start their work in May 2017 and complete their assignment by July 2017. The PCR report will be prepared in the format as discussed with RGAVP. The first draft PCR report is expected to be submitted electronically to SPMU no later than July 15, 2018.



The draft PCR report will be circulated among main stakeholders for review. Consolidated comments will be sent to the Consultant by RRLP no later than July 20, 2018. The final PCR report is expected to be submitted electronically by the Team Leader no later than July 30, 2018.

V. Desired qualifications for Consultant

- Will be a Post graduate in Economics /Rural Management/ Mass Communication and or in associated field.
- Prior Experience of preparing similar Project Reports for externally aided Projects/Government departments
- work experience of at least 10 years in development related field; and
- Prior significant experience of research and writing (copies to be shared with RGAVP).

V. Scope of Work of Consultants

The Consultants will work on the following tasks in the preparation of PCR Report for RRLP:

- Description of the project story line, including the operation's context, rationale, and relevance of objectives during preparation and at completion
- Assessment of the extent to which objectives were met with respect to the project and intermediate indicators
- Assessment of outcomes against the agreed objectives for each project component; with a focus on providing evidence of achievement of objectives along with enlisting supported activities and outputs
- Assessment of the key factors and events pertaining to the World Bank, borrower, co-financiers, other partners, and the external environment during preparation and implementation, that affected performance and outcomes
- Document innovative approaches to poverty reduction introduced by the project in processes, tools, or practices aimed at meeting the project objectives
- Assess the extent to which project interventions have reached the intended target groups, that is the specific individuals or groups for whose benefit specific interventions were initially designed and implemented. In this respect assess the effectiveness of the project targeting strategy examining following aspects
 - Did the project reach out to the expected number of beneficiaries in the manner intended?

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