
**Consulting Services,
Sustainable Forest
Management**

***Deadline: 13th of
January, 2023***

Country: Republic of India

Ref.-N°: BMZ-Nos.: 2015 67 643 (Loan) and 2015 67 650 (Grant)

Prequalification

Ref.: International, open Tender for Consultancy Services for “Climate Change Adaptation Programme in the Himalayas, Component III: Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya”

Tenderer: Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA)

Project Measures:

KfW has entered into a contract with the Government of Meghalaya State of the Republic of India for the implementation of this project. Related Consultant services will be contracted by MBDA.

The Project is the third component of the FC-Programme “Climate Change Adaptation in the Himalaya”. The purpose of the Programme is the introduction of sustainable, climate-adapted and participatory management natural resources in selected Indian states in the catchment area of the Himalayas. The focus within the natural resources is on the forest sector. The Project is designed to improve the natural resource base, to minimize the risks of climate change and to increase productivity and incomes in rural areas through public and private sector investments in natural resources management.

The foreseen project duration is 84 months, with a one-year “Inception Phase”, a five-year “Implementation Phase” and a one-year “Consolidation and Maintenance Phase”.

The Consultancy Services shall be financed pari-passu from the project grant and the project loan from KfW.

Requested Services:

Services of an internationally experienced consultant company or association/joint venture (max. 3 member firms) are required to support MBDA as Implementation Consultant (IC) in the implementation of the project. The services of the IC are the subject of this prequalification notice.

The scope of services includes, but is not necessarily limited to, support to MBDA in implementation of the following activities in Umiew Catchment in East Khasi Hills District, and Ganol Catchment in West Garo Hills District, grouped by expected outputs:

1. Knowledge-based participatory planning and implementation and capacity building
 - Micro-watershed planning (MWP)
 - Knowledge management and communication
 - Training and capacity building (T&C)
2. Forest and other ecosystems of the selected catchment areas are enhanced.
 - Forestry protection, plantation and maintenance
 - Soil and water conservation measures
 - Medicinal and aromatic plants promotion
 - Spring-shed development
 - Water, silt & weather monitoring
3. Livelihoods of the vulnerable communities in the catchment areas improve.
 - Preparation of community livelihood plans
 - Planning and rehabilitation/construction of water harvesting and storage infrastructure
 - Training and investment for adapted land use
4. Adoption of best-practice project management.
 - Establishment of Project Management Units at different levels
 - Comprehensive M&E
 - Social audit
 - Preparation of environmental and social safeguards documents, implementation of related measures
 - Administrative, fiduciary and procurement management acceptable to KfW
 - Regular progress reporting

The expertise of the Consultant shall at least cover the fields of rural development, forestry, natural resources management, rural engineering, agriculture, environmental and social safeguards, financial and procurement management.

Bidders shall propose a multidisciplinary team of internationally and locally experienced experts with a strong profile in natural resource management. Relevant working experience in North-East India is a must, experience in Meghalaya State is considered an asset.

Besides a qualified, experienced backstopper (an in-house solution is a must), the Consultant shall provide the following personnel resources: (1) a Team Leader with international experience and a postgraduate university degree in a project-related field (e.g., rural development,

forestry, natural resources management); (2) Deputy Team Leader (national) with educational background in a project-related field (e.g., rural development, forestry, natural resources management, rural engineering); (3) and (4) international and national social and environmental safeguards expert; (5) NRM expert; (6) finance and procurement expert; (7) pool of national short-term experts in various fields related to the envisaged activities.

Demonstrated experience of the Applicant in steering German FC-funded and ensuring the project meets the applicable international environmental and social safeguard standards will be essential. The required kinds of expertise will include, but may not be limited to, financial management, public procurement, all technical aspects relating to participatory planning and implementation of forest management, natural resource management, soil and water conservation measures, improvement of rural livelihoods as well as training and capacity building.

The prequalification of experienced Consultants is subject to the regulations contained in the „Guidelines for Assignment of Consultants in Financial Co-operation Projects“ (2021; see www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de). The contract will be awarded to an independent Consultant firm or an association/joint venture (**max. 3 member firms**) with proven experience in the Rural Development, Natural Resource Management, Agro-Forestry, Forestry Management sectors and the region and a minimum annual turnover of EUR 800,000. Further information concerning the prequalification (Invitation for Expression of Interest) is available with MBDA, e-mail kfwmbdaprocurement@gmail.com (cc to the tender agent, matthiaszilken@gmail.com). Prequalification documents will be distributed electronically upon written request.