

Terms of References for Officer (Environment/Resettlement), Environment Consultant / Environment Officer

Job Title: **Officer (Environment/Resettlement), Environment Consultant / Environment Officer**

Location: PMU /PIU UEAP (ADB) Uttarakhand, Dehradun

Contract term: One year with possibility for extension

Start date: Immediately

Responsible to: Program Director, PMU/ Program Managers PIU-UEAP (ADB) Uttarakhand, Dehradun

Responsible for: Handling the Environmental/Resettlement issues related to the projects under UEAP.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2013, the north Indian state of Uttarakhand and adjoining regions experienced heavy rainfall due to a cloud burst causing devastating landslides and flash floods. The rainfall during the period of June 15 – 18 recorded to be 375 % above the normal rainfall resulted in a total human live loss of 580 as reported by the State Govt. of Uttarakhand (GoU) with more than 5400 still reported as missing. The region is amongst the country's most important pilgrimage centers and the disaster occurred during the peak pilgrimage season leaving over 70,000 tourists and over 100,000 locals stranded in the upper reaches of the mountain terrain. As per the preliminary assessment report by the GoU and UN, total local population affected is recorded as 110,000, 4200 villages affected, 9200 cattle / livestock lost, 3320 houses fully damaged.

The Government of Uttarakhand was extremely proactive in relief operations in the immediate aftermath of the flood and also received support from GoI for this. The project will support the recovery of communities from the flood event in the priority affected districts of Uttarakhand.

Purpose of the Job:

The Officer (Environment/Resettlement), Environment Consultant / Environment Officer will be the part of the ADB assisted Uttarakhand Emergency Assistance Project. His/Her primary role will be to handle environmental issues related to The ADB assisted projects and documentation related to these issues as per the ADB guidelines/ Environment plans. He/She will be required to travel regularly to the project sites related to environmental screening and other related tasks. He/She will be collecting all the environmental and other related information required with the help of other project team members.

Person Specification:

- Minimum qualification should be post-graduate in Environmental Science.
- Experience of handling the environmental issues regarding restoration and reconstruction projects preferably for externally funded projects.
- Minimum experience of ***(number of years as mentioned against the post in the advertisement)*** years in similar works

- Experience of working in hilly regions
- Willingness to work in remote and hilly areas in difficult conditions
- Proficiency /experience/familiarity with the ADB safeguards/guidelines
- Can demonstrate IT skills including experience of MS Word, MS projects and Internet Explorer
- Proficient in English and Hindi and able to write reports in both languages

Scope of Work

- (a) Review Environmental reports of DPR consultants;
- (b) Review the preparation of the Environmental Assessments for the project and finalization in close coordination with the ADB.
- (c) Ensure that the project design and specification adequately reflect the ADB plans for the environment conservation;
- (d) Review and approve the contractor's Implementation plan with the Supervision Consultant for the environmental measures, as per the environment plan;
- (e) Liaise with the various central and state government agencies on environmental and other regulatory matters;
- (f) Continuously interact with the NGOs and community groups to be involved in the project (for the maintenance of additional plantations, if any, suggested for the project);
- (g) Assist the Supervision consultants in establishing dialogue with the affected communities and ensure that the environmental concerns and suggestions from such interactions are incorporated and implemented in the project;
- (h) Review the environmental performance of the project through site visits and assessment of the periodic environmental and social reports submitted by the DPR Consultants;
- (i) Provide support and assistance to the Government Agencies and the ADB to supervise the implementation of the Environment plans during the construction as well as operation stage of the project;
- (j) Report to the Project Manager on the Environmental aspects pertaining to the project;
- (k) Prepare periodic (monthly, quarterly, and annual) report and document good practices and lessons learnt for dissemination within the PMU/PIU, for the ADB etc.
- (l) Prepare Environmental due diligence report.
- (m) Participate in periodic training of the PMU/PIU staff on Environmental issues;
- (n) Ensure compliance with the ADB safeguards/guidelines.
- (o) Provide guidance and support in establishing efficient grievances redressal mechanism
- (p) Any other relevant work as and when required.