



REUTERS, Washington

"The likelihood of a recession occurring over the next year has fallen noticeably in recent months," the Fed said, basing its conclusion

While a White House official on Friday said the likely impact on the United States will be “minimal,” the disease has introduced an unexpected and unpredictable problem into an economic outlook that the Fed

The new document repeats the Fed's assessment that the current level of the federal funds rate, in a range of between 1.5 per cent and 1.75 per cent was "appropriate" to keep the recovery on track.

AFP, Paris

The new coronavirus that appeared in late December has claimed more than 630 lives and infected at least 31,000 people in mainland China, with more than 240 cases spreading to two dozen countries.

"Due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus Ericsson has taken the decision to withdraw from the industry event GSMA Mobile World Congress Barcelona 2020 as the health and safety of employees and customers cannot be ensured," it said in a statement.

REUTERS, *Kuala Lumpur*

The Southeast Asian nation on Jan. 27 imposed a temporary ban on travellers arriving from the city of Wuhan, the epicentre of the outbreak, and the surrounding province of Hubei. Deputy Prime Minister Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said the decision follows China's move to extend its lockdown to five cities in Zhejiang and two in Jiangsu. China's Hubei province, where Wuhan is the capital, has been on lockdown since Jan. 23. "[The] travel restrictions will be enforced in accordance with the lock-down region imposed by the Chinese Government," Wan Azizah said in a statement on Sunday.

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Request for Expressions of Interest (Consulting Services - Non Profit Organizations Selection)

Country: Bangladesh

Name of the Project: Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project

Credit No: 6325-BD

Assignment Title: Selection of NGO for Collaborative Forest Management Group formation, data entry, training etc. (Hill Chattogram North & South)

Reference No. Package No: SD-56A

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include identify forest dependent communities following Community Identification of Poor's (CIP) from forest conservation village, generate baseline information for preparing community profiling by feeding into the database, mobilize and organize participants in collaborative forest management. The Consulting Firm will support to scale up through formation of new Co-management Committees (CMCs) in selected Protected Areas (PAs) and support in the formation of Collaborative Forest Management Committee (CFMC), arrange capacity building training for sub-committee members of CFMC and make key members capable for running institutional functions and identify appropriate Alternative Income Generation Activities (AIGAs) following terms and conditions of Community Operation Manual (COM) in jurisdiction of Chattogram North Forest Division and Chattogram South Forest Division.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment and soft copy of Prescribed Format for Submission of Expression of Interest can be found at the following website: www.bforest.gov.bd or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD) now invites eligible Non Profit Organizations i.e. NGOs ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information on prescribed Format issued with this REOI demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- A registered NGO (not for profit) with at least 15 years' general experience out of which 10 years' experience in the working location mentioned in the TOR;
- Proven working experience and ability to work with natural resources dependent communities, including poor and marginalized forests dependent communities in Bangladesh;
- Experience in community mobilization and the promotion of resource-independent alternative income generating activities;
- Experience of working under donor funded projects will be added advantage;
- Experience on social norms, collaborative forest management, social forestry, Protected Area Management; and
- NGO will have sufficient and relevant managerial, financial and organizational capabilities and logistics for the assignment.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 (Revised November 2017) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other NGOs or firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. To form a joint venture with firm(s) lead partner must be a registered NGO. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. It is preferable to limit the maximum number of joint venture partners in 03 (three) including the Lead partner who is an NGO. Although the lead firm in the joint venture will provide the core expertise, each partner of the JV has to be reasonably qualified to take over the responsibilities and role of any of the partners that may fail to perform or withdraws.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 9:00 to 17:00 hours (GMT+06:00).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (In person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **March 05, 2020**.

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