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## Position Vacancy Announcement

## Position: Human Resources Assistant, FSN-8

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh is seeking applications from qualified Bangladeshi nationals for the position of **Human Resources Assistant, FSN-8** in the Executive Office, EXO.

Location: USAID/Bangladesh, Deadline for application submission: February 10, 2025.

For a complete job description, required qualifications and detailed information on how to apply please visit USAID/Bangladesh website: <http://www.usaid.gov/bangladesh/work-with-us/careers> and [www.bdjobs.com](http://www.bdjobs.com)

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সিরাজুল ইসলাম চৌধুরী  
সম্পাদিত  
সাহিত্য-সংস্কৃতির তৈরামিক

## ২৩ বর্ষের দ্বিতীয় সংখ্যা

প্রকাশিত হয়েছে

স্টলে খোজ নিন/গ্রাহক হোন

প্রতি কপি ৮০ টাকা

বার্ষিক টাকা (সভাক) ৮০০ টাকা

এজেন্সী ও পুরাতন সংখ্যার  
জন্ম যোগাযোগ করুন

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উত্তর পদব্যৱস্থা কেন্দ্ৰ

কক্ষ ২০৪ (টিএসি সংস্কৃত)  
ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০

ফোন: ০১২১৭০৫৯৮০  
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## Conduct impartial probe

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perpetrators filmed during the recent attacks remain free.

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Alik Mri, an organiser of Aggrieved Indigenous Students and Masses, accused the government of attempting to silence indigenous voices through violence. "The state is intentionally attacking us. They are creating a situation where indigenous people are neither acknowledged nor allowed to stay in this country."

Karim Sikdar, joint general secretary of JASAD, said, "While the head of government presents the graffiti to the world, the NCTB removes it. What message is the government trying to send?"

He said the recent attacks were tightening the grip of discrimination in the country.

Shamsul Huda, executive director of ALRD, pointed out that the constitution does not prohibit the use of the term "indigenous" and called for a directive to ensure its respectful use across state systems.

Prof Jobaida Nasreen of Dhaka University's Anthropology Department demanded an investigation into the organisations influencing the decision-making of the government.

"We need to investigate who these organisations are, what their intentions are, and why the government made changes based on a single demand [to remove graffiti with the word *adivasi*] from them."

She warned against empowering such

groups and called for the restoration of the graffiti within three days.

Prof Khairel Islam of DU's Sociology Department suggested forming a commission to address indigenous issues and prevent future attacks.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, strongly condemned the attacks, saying, "There are no words strong enough to protest this. The same graffiti we proudly display globally is being targeted and attacked here - this is utterly unacceptable."

She criticised the lack of dialogue and transparency behind such decisions affecting marginalised communities. "Simply saying we are all Bangladeshis is not enough. Minorities live in constant fear, and that is a shame for us as a nation. Why should anyone live in fear in their own country?"

Shaheen Anam also highlighted the government's failure to restore trust among minority communities and its broader inaction on women's rights and ongoing oppression. "An incident occurs, we protest, and then go silent. Is this the new Bangladesh?" she asked.

Ruhin Hossain Prince, general secretary of the Communist Party of Bangladesh, condemned the removal of graffiti, calling it an insult to the July uprising.

"The graffiti was removed based on the demands of a few individuals. What kind of decision is that? We do

not want to witness any incident based on mob mentality," he said.

Meanwhile, Naripokkho, a women's rights organisation, in a statement yesterday, demanded that the government conduct an impartial probe into the attack on the indigenous group and reinstate the graffiti along with the term *adivasi* (indigenous) in the textbooks.

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Regarding drives against polythene, Rizwana said the government will

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During the talks, the two sides discussed issues of mutual interest and cooperation between Bangladesh and Russia in the international arena.

He also talked about other areas of cooperation - food security, agriculture, shipbuilding - in addition to the Rohingya issue.

On December 30, 2024, Khuzin presented his credentials to President Mohammed Shahabuddin.

## Save the Children

## Save the Children is the world's leading, independent organisation for children

## Invitation for Tender

Save the Children International (SCI) is hereby inviting requests for proposal from the interested experienced bona fide vendors for construction work in Rohingya camp.

For details, please see the IFT schedules, which are available on <http://procurement.scibd.info/> under tender notification for free of cost. Downloaded copy is acceptable for tender participation.

## Description, Pre-Proposal Meeting, submission time &amp; date:

SL	Name of IFT	Reference No.	Pre-Bid Meeting schedule	Last date of RFP Submission
I	Construction of Composite Bamboo Shelters in Rohingya camp	IFT/SCI/CXB/FY-25/(Manual)/01	Zoom Meeting: 26/01/2025 <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95610590413?pwd=MYGEoUqk0LbPUsejTjaKln4HMWo.I">https://zoom.us/j/95610590413?pwd=MYGEoUqk0LbPUsejTjaKln4HMWo.I</a>	February 10, 2025, on or before 03:00 pm.

## Special Instruction:

a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of services will be guided as per the SCI's Procurement Policies.  
b) SCI reserves the right to accept or reject part/whole of any or all the application without assigning any reason.

Director - Procurement &amp; Supply Chain

## Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)

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Date: 19-01-2025

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REoI)

## (CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS SELECTION)

Country: Bangladesh

Name of Project: Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE)

Credit No: 6841-BD

Assignment Title: Selection of Consulting Firm for Communication, Documentation and Publication of the RAISE Project.

Reference No: PKSF/RAISE/S-11

1. The Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) undertook the 'Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE)' Project jointly financed by the World Bank and PKSF. A substantial portion of the project's tenure has already passed and the impacts of various activities implemented at the field level are currently being observed. To capture these achievements and insights and ensure their optimal utilization, PKSF intends to procure services related to developing video documentaries, reels videos, different publications like printing of modules, photo album, photo storybook, posters etc. from a competent consultancy firm.
2. The assignment will require an estimated of 17 professional staffs and also non-key experts as mentioned in the Terms of Reference (ToR). The implementation period will be approximately 6 months. The expected start date of the assignment is 1 June 2025 to ensure full consistency with the TOR.
3. The Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to show their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The **shortlisting criteria** are: General Experience, Experience in similar assignments, Experience of working in similar assignments with international development partners (The World Bank/UN Agencies) funded projects, Organizational Capability, and Financial strength of the firm as mentioned in the detailed ToR.

**Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:**

- a. The firm's up-to-date relevant legal papers including Trade License, TIN, VAT, and Certificate of Incorporation (in case of Joint Stock);
- b. JV Agreement/Letter of Intent (if applicable) along with the proposed JV agreement [maximum two (2)];
- c. Documentary evidence of general and relevant experience mentioned under section 8.1 of the attached ToR;
- d. Firm's brochure including information related to staffing and logistics as per attached ToR;
- e. Documentary evidence of financial strength as mentioned in the attached ToR;
- f. All other items necessary to substantiate satisfaction of the shortlisting criteria listed above and/or included in the ToR; However, key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

4. The attention of interested Consulting firms is drawn to Section III, paragraphs-3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth with the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
5. Consultants may associate with other 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. 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. In the case of an Association, all members of such "Association" should have real and well-defined inputs to the assignment, and in such "Association" it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including the Associates to a maximum of two (2). Notably, the qualifications of sub-consultants will not be considered in the EoI evaluation and shortlisting process.
6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Selection Based on Fixed Budget (SFB)** method set out in the procurement regulations.
7. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, 09:00 to 16:00 hours. The detailed Term of Reference (ToR) for the assignment can be downloaded from [www.pksf.org.bd](http://www.pksf.org.bd) website or can be obtained upon request from the address below or either by e-mail or in person during office hours (Local Time: 09:00 to 16:00 hours).
8. Expression of Interest (EoI) must be delivered in a written form (2 copies) to the address below (in-person/by courier/by mail) by **4th February, 2025 on or before 15:00 hours** Bangladesh Standard Time (BST).
9. The Procuring Entity (PE) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EoI's without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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## PRAYER TIMING

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AZAN 5-30 12-45 4-15 5-43 7-15

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