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**Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts**  
(CRLIWM-CHT) Sector Project

**Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council, Rangamati**

**Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)(Firm/NGO) (National)**  
**for**

**Consulting Services for Agriculture Implementation NGOs (A-NGOs) (Package No: CRLIWM/SD-48, ADB Package No: CHT/NGO-Agri/SD-01)**

- The Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council (CHTRC) under the Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs (MoCHTA), has been allocated public fund from Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the "Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CRLIWM-CHT) Sector Project". A portion of the GoB and ADB fund is intended to be used for payments under the contract for Recruitment of Consulting Firm(s) for which this Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) is being issued.
- The overall objective of the services is to support the implementation of the project's Output 3: Agriculture production, storage, processing and marketing improved, an Implementing Agriculture NGO (A-NGO, which can be a consortium) will be contracted to support men and women farmers in the upazilas where the project will operate. Details are included in the Terms of Reference (ToR)
- The main scope of services is the A-NGO consortium will be responsible for planning, coordinating, and managing all project interventions related to agriculture production, storage, processing, and marketing across the CHT region and selected upazilas. Key tasks include establishing operational protocols, identifying high-potential produce, mobilizing and training farmers, forming producer groups, and facilitating market linkages with buyers in CHT, Chittagong, and Dhaka. Additionally, the consortium will collaborate with government and private sector stakeholders, conduct technical studies, ensure capacity building, and provide regular reporting to PMO/DPMO while adhering to project guidelines for monitoring and evaluation.
- The Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council (CHTRC) now invites national eligible consulting firms (NGOs) to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) for providing the required services.
- The consulting firm(s) should be nationally reputed and may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications. No firm should form more than one association or joint venture (JV). If a firm submits more than one EOI forming more than one JV/association, all EOIs submitted by forming JV/association with that firm and also EOI submitted by that firm will be rejected.
- The Consultant will be selected under Consultant Qualitative selection (CQS) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the ADB Procurement Policy 2017 ("Policy") and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers 2017 ("Regulations"):  
<https://www.adb.org/documents/adb-procurement-policy>  
<https://www.adb.org/documents/procurement-regulations-adb-borrowers>

'Short-listing' of the Consulting Firms submitting Expression of Interest (EOI) will be done by Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council (CHTRC) based on the complete information submitted in the Standard EOI form by the intending Consulting Firms through the Consultant Management System (CMS) as mentioned in sl. 8. Intending Consulting Firms shall have, but not limited to the following competences-

- Management competence: Firm's management and organizational strength, financial strength, number and capabilities of permanent employees and key staff, etc.
- Technical Competence:
  - Firm's specialization compared with the sectoral focus of the assignment;
  - Firm's specific experience the NGO consortium must include at least one representative from each hill district with proven experience in CHT's agricultural sector, along with staff fluent in local ethnic languages to cover all priority upazilas. The partnership should feature at least one women's NGO (if not a specialized women's organization) and demonstrate 10+ years of CHT development experience, including 5+ years in agricultural capacity-building projects. Additionally, the consortium must show the ability to recruit technical experts in agriculture, livestock, and fisheries, with at least 70% of project staff from CHT ethnic communities, ensuring balanced representation;
  - Firm's experience in ADB/World Bank funded similar projects will be given priority.
- Geographic Competence: Experience in similar geographic area (i.e. country experience, regional experience).

- In addition to the above, the list of the experts along with their CVs are required for the Consultants' Qualifications Selection evaluation. For CQS selections, proposed experts during the EOI stage will be evaluated using the Personal Evaluation Sheet template, like (i) General Qualifications, (ii) Project-Related Experience, and (iii) Experiences with international/development partners organizations or in their projects.
- Only EOIs submitted electronically through ADB's CMS using ADB template will be evaluated. EOI submitted using other than ADB templates will not be evaluated.
- Interested consulting firms are requested to submit the Expression of Interest (EOI) electronically, using standard EOI template available through ADB's CMS by 11:59 PM (Manila Local Time) and by 09:59 PM (Dhaka Local Time) on or before 28 July, 2025 through the link of <http://csrm.adb.org> [Project Name: Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts Sector Project, Package Name: Consultancy Service regarding "Agriculture Implementation NGO" (Package No: Package No: CRLIWM/SD-48, ADB Package No: CRLIWM/CI/Agri/NGO/SD-4). Please note that only online submission of EOIs in ADB's CMS is allowed. Any offline or manual EOI submission is not permissible and will not be considered.
- Only the first ranked short-listed firm will be invited to submit a "Request for Proposal (RFP) for Technical & Financial Proposals which will be evaluated by the Proposal Evaluation Committee (PEC) of CHTRC.
- Under no circumstances will ADB or CHTRC, be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the firm(s) in connection with the preparation or submission of the EOI. Interested consulting firm(s) is/are requested to submit relevant documentary evidences in support of their competence in EOI submission.
- Interested consulting firm(s) may obtain further information including Scope of Works and Terms of Reference (ToR) from the Consultant Management System on the ADB website at <http://csrm.adb.org> or from the office of the undersigned during regular office hours on all working days before deadline of submission. The EOI notice will also be available at the following websites [www.cptu.gov.bd](http://www.cptu.gov.bd).
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs received without assigning any reason thereof.

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