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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Reference No: NAG-VA-SR-089-2021

Consultancy services – Technical supporting in the implementation of Cash for Work Program in Magway Region

Project Title	Strengthening Social Safety Net through Agriculture cash transfer plus in the dry zone/ REAL DEV Project
Location	Minhla Township, Magway Region, Myanmar
Position	Consulting services
Duration	30 Days over the period of 3 months (October to December 2021)
Location	Min Hla Township, Magway Region
Applications closing date	As soon as possible
How to apply	Submit application together with “Consultancy services for Cash for Work” in subject line together with, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposal, both technical and financial• CV of experts proposed• Similar experiences to procurement@nagmyanmar.org , recruitment@nagmyanmar.org
Note	Only short-listed candidates will be invited for interview. Please, do not send original documents as they will not be returned.

Strengthening Social Safety Net through Agriculture cash+ transfer in the Dry Zone

Funded by LIFT and project implementation by Network Activities Group (NAG), Land Core Group (LCG), Centre for Development and Environment (CDE)

Implementation Period: 1 July to 31 December 2021

Executive Summary

As part of the REAL DEV closing plan, the recovery response package is developed to support poor and vulnerable farmers in the Minhla township of the Magway region for six months starting from July 1, 2021. The COVID19 pandemics and political crisis on 1st February brings a social safety hole and crisis, which needs an immediate response for poor and smallholder farmers. Within the larger framework of resilience-building as outlined in REAL DEV agreed project document, the response package will support poor and marginalized farmers to get back in their normalcy.



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Objectives

The recovery package aims to strengthen socio-economic safety nets of poor, vulnerable and smallholder farmers at the time of political and economic crisis in Myanmar. Agriculture cash transfer programme is intended to have coupled effects. While it serves an immediate need of poor and marginalized communities, it provides base for productive and sustainable livelihoods diversification. The agriculture cash transfer will be reinforced by the strengthening of the farmers' association capacity.

Specifically, the recovery package objectivizes,

- To provide agriculture cash transfer support to marginalized, poor and vulnerable farmers, farmer groups and the landless communities. This will have coupled effects. While it serves as an immediate need of poor and marginalized communities, it will also provide base for long term productive capacity and livelihoods diversifications.
- To strengthen the capacity of farmers' associations for their business plans and collective engagements. Strengthening the capacity of farmers' associations is key to sustain socio-economic safety nets of poor and marginalized communities while providing them access to the market for increased agriculture pricing.

Target Groups and Geographical Focus

The recovery package will be implemented in 12 villages of Minhla townships where REAL DEV project has been implemented. Besides, direct support to vulnerable, landless and smallholder farmers, the project will also support township and regional level farmers' association to strengthen their capacity and implementation of the business plan. The post-distribution monitoring and the impact of the programme of this cash grant will be organized through RFDA as part of the capacity-building processes.

Project Information

Project Goal: Contribute towards resilience building and sustainable livelihoods of poor and vulnerable communities in Myanmar (LIFT goal)

OUTCOME: Strengthen Socio-economical safety nets of poor and marginalized farmers and landless households

OUTPUT 1: Provide agriculture cash+ transfer for increased agriculture-based income

Activity 1.1: Support Cash for work to landless and Cash Grant for vulnerable families

Activity 1.2: Provide agriculture cash transfer to vulnerable and smallholders

Activity 1.3: Provide technical training and on-farm support

Activity 1.4: Village-level revolving funds for landless

OUTPUT 2: Strengthen the capacity of farmers' association for their business plans and collective engagements

Activity 2.1: Strengthen the capacity of township farmers' association (Minhla)

Activity 2.2: Strengthen the capacity of regional farmers' development association (RFDA)

Activity 2.3: Support association for implementation of their business plan and collective engagements



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Conflict sensitivity, Do No Harm and Stakeholders' Engagement

The recovery schemes will follow the principles of transparency, conflict sensitivity, Do no harm and stakeholders' engagement in the process.

Scope of Work

1. Major Focus of Consulting Assignment

The project aims to provide cash grant to support vulnerable, landless and land poor community to implement Cash for Work activity in 12 villages of Minhla township. The target beneficiaries are generally identified based on REAL DEV project's database and recommendations from Land Management and Development Committees (LDMCs).

The cash-for-work activities focus on, but are not limited to, maintenance of small water reservoirs/dams, maintenance of small irrigation canals, water harvesting ponds, the maintenance of rural agriculture access road, plantation around water source and catchment areas, rural sanitation, and public infrastructure maintenance. These activities should be linked with village development plans, and plans of local land management and development committees.

This consulting service aims:

- To build project team and community capacity to identify potential Cash-for-work activities
- To provide technical and coaching support in design & development of community's Cash-for-work proposal
- To train project team and community on planning, implementation and monitoring of Cash-for-work activities
- To develop and finalize manual and formats for Cash-for-work activities

2. Major Assignment and Activities

Under the direct supervision of the programme manager (Dry Zone), the consulting team will work closely with the Project coordinator and project team based on Minhla. The consulting services will cover below major assignments and activities.

- Develop simple assessment guidelines for staff and community to identify potential CfW activities based on the communities needs
- Support technical design, budget calculation, work plan and proposal for community's CfW
- Provide technical training to the project team, representatives of Land Management and Development Committees (LDMCs) on planning, implementation and monitoring of CfW
- Support project team and committees to train CfW labor to understand the CfW concept and implementation processes
- Develop required CfW formats such as daily beneficiaries record, labor time sheet, cash payment and receipt
- Develop and finalize CfW manual together with project team and community
- Prepare and submit detail CfW program report to the Project Manager-REAL DEV, focusing on challenges, lesson learned, success and gender-disaggregated data on beneficiaries



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3. Qualifications of Team Leader and Team Member

The consulting services require at least two experts with extensive experiences in working with local communities on design, training, planning, implementation and monitoring of CfW in the context of dry zone including.

Minimum Qualification

- Minimum 5 years of working experience in the development field
- Strong experiences in supporting CfW program in assessment, training, social mobilization
- Ability to work effectively under fluid and sensitive context
- Proficiency in Microsoft package including Words excel and PowerPoint, data analysis tools

4. Management/Collaboration

The consulting team will work under the overall supervision of Programme Manager – Dry Zone, and closely working with the Project Coordinator and project team based in Minhla

5. Service Period

- 30 days over time of 3 months (October to December 2021).

Background on the implementing organizations

Network Activities Group (NAG) works towards achieving a peaceful, prosperous and sustainably developed society that values equity and diversity. NAG facilitates social and economic development through collaborative, community-driven projects focused on empowering communities, strengthening civil society and promoting good governance. NAG works effectively across organizations, sectors and borders. Its strength is its ability to create inclusive networks and partnerships that ensure the self-determined needs of poor and vulnerable communities are met.

Land Core Group (LCG) is a not-for-profit organization promoting fair and equitable land governance in Myanmar. LCG works with civil society to reform policy, law and procedures that impact people's rights to their land - particularly women and men smallholders and indigenous communities – and promote the implementation of equitable aspects of the law.

The Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) is an interdisciplinary research center of the University of Bern, in Switzerland. CDE's overarching goal is to produce and share knowledge for sustainable development. CDE researches to develop innovative concepts and solutions for the sustainable use of land and water resources and offers a range of services for planners and decision-makers that are closely linked to research.