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SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

(DIRECT RFP WITHOUT EOI)
(with use of e-procurement)
(value up to US$ 2M equivalent)

RFP No.: BRLPS/Proc/246/25

Consulting Services for: Hiring of Technical Support Agency for Implementation Support for BRTP project with regard to Health & Nutrition

Health and Nutrition Theme: Community Resilience Pilot in 200-CLFs

Client: **Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS)**

Country: **India**

Project: **Bihar Rural Transformation Project (BRTP)**

Issued on: **05-10-2026**

PART I

Section 1. Letter of Invitation

Letter of Invitation
Consulting Services

Name of Assignment: Hiring of Technical Support Agency for Implementation Support for BRTP project with regard to Health & Nutrition

RFP Reference No.: BRLPS/Proc/246/25
Loan No. P-512959

Location and Date: Patna, Bihar, dated – 05-10-2026

Dear Mr. /Ms.:

1. The Government of Bihar (GoB) (hereinafter called "Borrower") has applied for financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) (the "Bank") in the form of a loan (hereinafter called loan toward the cost of Bihar Rural Transformation Project - BRTP. The Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS), an implementing agency of the Client, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Proposals is issued.
2. The Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS) now invites online proposals to provide the following consulting services (hereinafter called "Services"): Hiring of Technical Support Agency for Implementation Support for BRTP project with regard to Health & Nutrition Society (BRLPS).
3. More details on the Services are provided in the Terms of Reference (Section 7).
4. A firm will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) procedures and in a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) format as described in this RFP, in accordance with the Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrower (Sixth Edition - February, 2025) ("Procurement Regulations"), which can be found at the following website: www.worldbank.org
5. The RFP includes the following documents:

   Section 1 – Request for Proposals Letter

   Section 2 - Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet

   Section 3 - Technical Proposal FTP) - Standard Forms

   Section 4 - Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

   Section 5 – Eligible Countries

Section 6 – Fraud and Corruption

Section 7 - Terms of Reference

Section 8 - Standard Forms of Contract (Time-Based)

6. Details on the proposal's submission date, time and address are provided in ITC 17.7 and ITC 17.9.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 2. Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet

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Instructions to Consultants

A. General Provisions

1. Definitions	(a) **"Affiliate(s)"** means an individual or an entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Consultant. (b) **"Applicable Law"** means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Client's country, or in such other country as may be specified in the **Data Sheet**, as they may be issued and in force from time to time. (c) **"Bank"** means the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) or the International Development Association (IDA). (d) **"Borrower"** means the Government, Government agency or other entity that signs the *[loan/financing/grant[1]]* agreement with the Bank. (e) **"Client"** means the implementing agency that signs the Contract for the Services with the selected Consultant. (f) **"Client's Personnel"** is as defined in Clause GCC 1.1 (e). (g) **"Consultant"** means a legally-established professional consulting firm or an entity that may provide or provides the Services to the Client under the Contract. (h) **"Contract"** means a legally binding written agreement signed between the Client and the Consultant and includes all the attached documents listed in its Clause 1 (the General Conditions of Contract (GCC), the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), and the Appendices). (i) **"Data Sheet"** means an integral part of the Instructions to Consultants (ITC) Section 2 that is used to reflect specific country and assignment conditions to supplement, but not to over-write, the provisions of the ITC. (j) **"Day"** means a calendar day, unless otherwise

	specified as **"Business Day".** A Business Day is any day that is an official working day of the Borrower. It excludes the Borrower's official public holidays. (k) **"Experts"** means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or Joint Venture member(s). (l) **"Government"** means the government of the Client's country. (m) **"in writing"** means communicated in written form (e.g. by mail, e-mail, fax, including, if specified in the Data Sheet, distributed or received through the electronic-procurement system used by the Client) with proof of receipt. (n) **"Joint Venture (JV)"** means an association with or without a legal personality distinct from that of its members, of more than one Consultant where one member has the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of any and all the members of the JV, and where the members of the JV are jointly and severally liable to the Client for the performance of the Contract. (o) **"Key Expert(s)"** means an individual professional whose skills, qualifications, knowledge and experience are critical to the performance of the Services under the Contract and whose CV is taken into account in the technical evaluation of the Consultant's proposal. (p) **"ITC"** (this Section 2 of the RFP) means the Instructions to Consultants that provide~~s~~ the Consultants with all information needed to prepare their Proposals. (q) **"Non-Key Expert(s)"** means an individual professional provided by the Consultant or its Sub-consultant and who is assigned to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract and whose CVs are not evaluated individually. (r) **"Proposal"** means the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal of the Consultant. (s) **"RFP"** means the Request for Proposals to be prepared by the Client for the selection of Consultants, based on the SPD - RFP. (t) **"Services"** means the work to be performed by the

	Consultant pursuant to the Contract. (u) **"SPD - RFP"** means the Standard Procurement Document - Request for Proposals, which must be used by the Client as the basis for the preparation of the RFP. (v) **"Sub-consultant"** means an entity to whom the Consultant intends to subcontract any part of the Services while the Consultant remains responsible to the Client during the whole performance of the Contract. (w) **"Terms of Reference (TORs)"** (this Section 7 of the RFP) means the Terms of Reference that explains the objectives, scope of work, activities, and tasks to be performed, respective responsibilities of the Client and the Consultant, and expected results and deliverables of the assignment.
2. Introduction	2.1 The Client named in the **Data Sheet** intends to select a Consultant from those listed in the Request for Proposals (RFP), in accordance with the method of selection specified in the **Data Sheet**. 2.2 The Consultants are invited to submit a Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal, or a Technical Proposal only, as specified in the **Data Sheet**, for consulting services required for the assignment named in the **Data Sheet**. The Proposal will be the basis for negotiating and ultimately signing the Contract with the selected Consultant. 2.3 The Consultants should familiarize themselves with the local conditions and take them into account in preparing their Proposals, including attending a pre-proposal conference if one is specified in the **Data Sheet**. Attending any such pre-proposal conference is optional and is at the Consultants' expense. 2.4 The Client will timely provide, at no cost to the Consultants, the inputs, relevant project data, and reports required for the preparation of the Consultant's Proposal as specified in the **Data Sheet**.
3. Conflict of Interest	3.1 The Consultant is required to provide professional, objective, and impartial advice, at all times holding the Client's interest's paramount, strictly avoiding conflicts with other assignments or its own corporate interests, and acting without any consideration for future work.

	3.2 The Consultant has an obligation to disclose to the Client any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts its capacity to serve the best interest of its Client. Failure to disclose such situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract and/or sanctions by the Bank. 3.2.1 Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, the Consultant shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:
a. Conflicting Activities	(i) <u>Conflict between consulting activities and procurement of goods, works or non-consulting services:</u> a firm that has been engaged by the Client to provide goods, works, or non-consulting services for a project, or any of its Affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services resulting from or directly related to those goods, works, or non-consulting services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, or any of its Affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or non-consulting services resulting from or directly related to the consulting services for such preparation or implementation.
b. Conflicting Assignments	(ii) <u>Conflict among consulting assignments:</u> a Consultant (including its Experts and Sub-consultants) or any of its Affiliates shall not be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the Consultant for the same or for another Client.
c. Conflicting Relationships	(iii) <u>Relationship with the Client's staff:</u> a Consultant (including its Experts and Sub-consultants) that has a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower (or of the Client, or of implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the Bank's financing) who are directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of the Terms of Reference for the assignment, (ii) the selection process for the Contract, or (iii) the supervision of the Contract, may not be awarded a Contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the Contract.

4. Unfair Competitive Advantage	4.1 Fairness and transparency in the selection process require that the Consultants or their Affiliates competing for a specific assignment do not derive a competitive advantage from having provided consulting services related to the assignment in question. To that end, the Client shall indicate in the **Data Sheet** and make available to all Consultants together with this RFP all information that would in that respect give such Consultant any unfair competitive advantage over competing Consultants.
5. Fraud and Corruption	5.1 The Bank requires compliance with the Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines and its prevailing sanctions policies and procedures as set forth in the WBG's Sanctions Framework, as set forth in Section 6. 5.2 In further pursuance of this policy, Consultants shall permit and shall cause their agents (where declared or not), subcontractors, subconsultants, service providers, suppliers, and personnel, to permit the Bank to inspect all accounts, records and other documents relating to any shortlisting process, Proposal submission, and contract performance (in the case of award), and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Bank.
6. Eligibility	6.1 The Bank permits consultants (individuals and firms, including Joint Ventures and their individual members) from all countries to offer consulting services for Bank-financed projects. 6.2 Furthermore, it is the Consultant's responsibility to ensure that its Experts, joint venture members, Sub-consultants, agents (declared or not), sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility requirements as established by the Bank in the applicable Procurement Regulations. 6.3 As an exception to the foregoing ITC 6.1 and ITC 6.2 above:
a. Sanctions	6.3.1 A Consultant that has been sanctioned by the Bank, pursuant to the Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines and in accordance with its prevailing sanctions policies and procedures as set forth in the WBG's Sanctions Framework as described in Section VI, Fraud and Corruption, paragraph 2.2 d., shall be ineligible to be shortlisted for, submit proposals for, or be awarded a Bank-financed contract or benefit from a Bank-financed contract, financially or

	otherwise, during such period of time as the Bank shall have determined. The list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the electronic address specified **in the Data Sheet**.
b. Prohibitions	6.3.2 Firms and individuals of a country or goods manufactured in a country may be ineligible if so indicated in Section 5 (Eligible Countries) and: (a) as a matter of law or official regulations, the Borrower's country prohibits commercial relations with that country, provided that the Bank is satisfied that such exclusion does not preclude effective competition for the provision of Services required; or (b) by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Borrower's Country prohibits any import of goods from that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country.
c. Restrictions for State-Owned Enterprises	6.3.3 State-owned enterprises or institutions in the Borrower's country may be eligible to compete and be awarded a contract only if they can establish, in a manner acceptable to the Bank, that they: (i) are legally and financially autonomous, (ii) operate under commercial law, and (iii) are not under supervision of the Client.
d. Restrictions for Public Employees	6.3.4 Government officials and civil servants of the Borrower's country are not eligible to be included as Experts, individuals, or members of a team of Experts in the Consultant's Proposal unless: (i) the services of the government official or civil servant are of a unique and exceptional nature, or their participation is critical to project implementation; and (ii) their hiring would not create a conflict of interest, including any conflict with employment or other laws, regulations, or policies of the Borrower.

B. Preparation of Proposals	
7. General Considerations	7.1 In preparing the Proposal, the Consultant is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.
8. Cost of Preparation of Proposal	8.1 The Consultant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Proposal, and the Client shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the selection process. The Client is not bound to accept any proposal, and reserves the right to annul the selection process at any time prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the Consultant.
9. Language	9.1 The Proposal, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Proposal exchanged between the Consultant and the Client, shall be written in the language(s) specified in the **Data Sheet**.
10. Documents Comprising the Proposal	10.1 The Proposal shall comprise the documents and forms listed in the **Data Sheet**. 10.2 If specified in the **Data Sheet**, the Consultant shall include a statement of an undertaking of the Consultant to observe, in competing for and executing a contract, the Client country's laws against fraud and corruption (including bribery). 10.3 The Consultant shall furnish information on commissions, gratuities, and fees, if any, paid or to be paid to agents or any other party relating to this Proposal and, if awarded, Contract execution, as requested in the Financial Proposal submission form (Section 4).
11. Only One Proposal	11.1 The Consultant (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture in another Proposal. If a Consultant, including any Joint Venture member, submits or participates in more than one proposal, all such proposals shall be disqualified and rejected. This does not, however, preclude a Sub-consultant, or the Consultant's staff from participating as Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal when circumstances justify and if stated in the **Data Sheet**.

12. Proposal Validity	12.1 Proposals shall remain valid until the date specified **in the Data Sheet** or any extended date if amended by the Client in accordance with ITC 13.1.1. 12.2 During this period, the Consultant shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Experts, the proposed rates and the total price. 12.3 If it is established that any Key Expert nominated in the Consultant's Proposal was not available at the time of Proposal submission or was included in the Proposal without his/her confirmation, such Proposal shall be disqualified and rejected for further evaluation, and may be subject to sanctions in accordance with ITC 5.
a. Extension of Proposal Validity	12.4 The Client will make its best effort to complete the negotiations and award the contract prior to the date of expiry of the Proposal validity. However, should the need arise, the Client may request, in writing, all Consultants who submitted Proposals prior to the submission deadline to extend the Proposals' validity. 12.5 If the Consultant agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal and with the confirmation of the availability of the Key Experts, except as provided in ITC 12.7. 12.6 The Consultant has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal in which case such Proposal will not be further evaluated.
b. Substitution of Key Experts at Validity Extension	12.7 If any of the Key Experts become unavailable for the extended validity period, the Consultant shall seek to substitute another Key Expert. The Consultant shall provide a written adequate justification and evidence satisfactory to the Client together with the substitution request. In such case, a substitute Key Expert shall have equal or better qualifications and experience than those of the originally proposed Key Expert. The technical evaluation score, however, will remain to be based on the evaluation of the CV of the original Key Expert. 12.8 If the Consultant fails to provide a substitute Key Expert with equal or better qualifications, or if the provided reasons for the replacement or justification are unacceptable to the Client, such Proposal will be rejected with the prior Bank's no objection.

c. Sub-Contracting	12.9 The Consultant shall not subcontract the whole of the Services.
13. Clarification and Amendment of RFP	13.1 The Consultant may request a clarification of any part of the RFP during the period indicated in the **Data Sheet** before the Proposals' submission deadline. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic means, to the Client's address indicated in the **Data Sheet**. The Client will respond in writing, or by standard electronic means, and will send written copies of the response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying its source) to all Consultants. Should the Client deem it necessary to amend the RFP as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure described below: 13.1.1 At any time before the proposal submission deadline, the Client may amend the RFP by issuing an amendment in writing or by standard electronic means. The amendment shall be sent to all Consultants and will be binding on them. The Consultants shall acknowledge receipt of all amendments in writing. 13.1.2 If the amendment is substantial, the Client may extend the proposal submission deadline to give the Consultants reasonable time to take an amendment into account in their Proposals. 13.2 The Consultant may submit a modified Proposal or a modification to any part of it at any time prior to the proposal submission deadline. No modifications to the Technical or Financial Proposal shall be accepted after the deadline.
14. Preparation of Proposals Specific Considerations	14.1 While preparing the Proposal, the Consultant must give particular attention to the following: 14.1.1 If a Consultant considers that it may enhance its expertise for the assignment by associating with other consultants in the form of a Joint Venture or as Sub-consultants, it may do so. 14.1.2 The Client may indicate in the **Data Sheet** the estimated Key Experts' time input (expressed in person-month) or the Client's estimated total cost of the assignment, but not both. This estimate is indicative and the Proposal shall be based on the Consultant's own estimates for the same.

	14.1.3 If stated in the **Data Sheet**, the Consultant shall include in its Proposal at least the same time input (in the same unit as indicated in the **Data Sheet**) of Key Experts, failing which the Financial Proposal will be adjusted for the purpose of comparison of proposals and decision for award in accordance with the procedure in the **Data Sheet**. 14.1.4 For assignments under the Fixed-Budget selection method, the estimated Key Experts' time input is not disclosed. Total available budget, with an indication whether it is inclusive or exclusive of taxes, is given in the **Data Sheet**, and the Financial Proposal shall not exceed this budget.
15. Technical Proposal Format and Content	15.1 The Technical Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Forms provided in Section 3 of the RFP and shall comprise the documents listed in the **Data Sheet.** The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial information. A Technical Proposal containing material financial information shall be declared non-responsive. 15.1.1 Consultant shall not propose alternative Key Experts. Only one CV shall be submitted for each Key Expert position. Failure to comply with this requirement will make the Proposal non-responsive. 15.2 Depending on the nature of the assignment, the Consultant is required to submit a Full Technical Proposal (FTP), or a Simplified Technical Proposal (STP) as indicated in the **Data Sheet** and using the Standard Forms provided in Section 3 of the RFP.
16. Financial Proposal	16.1 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Forms provided in Section 4 of the RFP. It shall list all costs associated with the assignment, including (a) remuneration for Key Experts and Non-Key Experts, (b) reimbursable expenses indicated in the **Data Sheet**.
a. Price Adjustment	16.2 For assignments with a duration exceeding 18 months, a price adjustment provision for foreign and/or local inflation for remuneration rates applies if so stated in the **Data Sheet**.
b. Taxes	16.3 The Consultant and its Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting all tax liabilities arising out of the

	Contract unless stated otherwise in the **Data Sheet**. Information on taxes in the Client's country is provided in the **Data Sheet**.
c. Currency of Proposal	16.4 The Consultant may express the price for its Services in the currency or currencies as stated in the **Data Sheet**. If indicated in the **Data Sheet**, the portion of the price representing local cost shall be stated in the national currency.
d. Currency of Payment	16.5 Payment under the Contract shall be made in the currency or currencies in which the payment is requested in the Proposal.
C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation	
17. Submission, Sealing, and Marking of Proposals	17.1 The Consultant shall submit a signed and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with ITC 10 (Documents Comprising Proposal). Consultants shall mark as "CONFIDENTIAL" information in their Proposals which is confidential to their business. This may include proprietary information, trade secrets or commercial or financially sensitive information. The submission can be done by mail or by hand. If specified in the **Data Sheet**, the Consultant has the option of submitting its Proposals electronically. 17.2 An authorized representative of the Consultant shall sign the original submission letters in the required format for both the Technical Proposal and, if applicable, the Financial Proposal and shall initial all pages of both. The authorization shall be in the form of a written power of attorney attached to the Technical Proposal. 17.2.1 A Proposal submitted by a Joint Venture shall be signed by all members so as to be legally binding on all members, or by an authorized representative who has a written power of attorney signed by each member's authorized representative. 17.3 Any modifications, revisions, interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the person signing the Proposal. 17.4 The signed Proposal shall be marked "ORIGINAL", and its copies marked "COPY" as appropriate. The number of copies is indicated in the **Data Sheet**. All copies shall be made from the signed original. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies, the original shall

	prevail. 17.5 The original and all the copies of the Technical Proposal shall be placed inside a sealed envelope clearly marked "**TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**", "[Name of the Assignment]", [reference number], [name and address of the Consultant], and with a warning "**DO NOT OPEN UNTIL [INSERT THE DATE AND THE TIME OF THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE]**." 17.6 Similarly, the original Financial Proposal (if required for the applicable selection method) and its copies shall be placed inside of a separate sealed envelope clearly marked "**FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**" "[Name of the Assignment], [reference number], [name and address of the Consultant]", and with a warning "**DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**." 17.7 The sealed envelopes containing the Technical and Financial Proposals shall be placed into one outer envelope and sealed. This outer envelope shall be addressed to the Client and bear the submission address, RFP reference number, the name of the assignment, the Consultant's name and the address, and shall be clearly marked "Do Not Open Before [insert the time and date of the submission deadline indicated in the **Data Sheet**]". 17.8 If the envelopes and packages with the Proposal are not sealed and marked as required, the Client will assume no responsibility for the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Proposal. 17.9 The Proposal or its modifications must be sent to the address indicated in the **Data Sheet** and received by the Client no later than the deadline indicated in the **Data Sheet**, or any extension to this deadline. Any Proposal or its modification received by the Client after the deadline shall be declared late and rejected, and promptly returned unopened.
18. Confidentiality	18.1 From the time the Proposals are opened to the time the Contract is awarded, the Consultant should not contact the Client on any matter related to its Technical and/or Financial Proposal. Information relating to the evaluation of Proposals and award recommendations shall not be disclosed to the Consultants who submitted the Proposals or to any other party not officially concerned with the process, until the Notification of Intention to Award the Contract. Exceptions to this ITC are where the Client

	notifies Consultants of the results of the evaluation of the Technical Proposals. 18.2 Any attempt by Consultants or anyone on behalf of the Consultant to influence improperly the Client in the evaluation of the Proposals or Contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its Proposal, and may be subject to the application of prevailing Bank's sanctions procedures. 18.3 Notwithstanding the above provisions, from the time of the Proposals' opening to the time of Contract award publication, if a Consultant wishes to contact the Client or the Bank on any matter related to the selection process, it shall do so only in writing.
19. Opening of Technical Proposals	19.1 The Client's evaluation committee shall conduct the opening of the Technical Proposals in the presence of the Consultants' authorized representatives who choose to attend (in person, or online if this option is offered in the **Data Sheet**). The opening date, time and the address are stated in the **Data Sheet**. The envelopes with the Financial Proposal shall remain sealed and shall be securely stored with a reputable public auditor or independent authority until they are opened in accordance with ITC 23. 19.2 At the opening of the Technical Proposals the following shall be read out: (i) the name and the country of the Consultant or, in case of a Joint Venture, the name of the Joint Venture, the name of the lead member and the names and the countries of all members; (ii) the presence or absence of a duly sealed envelope with the Financial Proposal; (iii) any modifications to the Proposal submitted prior to proposal submission deadline; and (iv) any other information deemed appropriate or as indicated in the **Data Sheet**.
20. Proposals Evaluation	20.1 Subject to provision of ITC 15.1, the evaluators of the Technical Proposals shall have no access to the Financial Proposals until the technical evaluation is concluded and the Bank issues its "no objection", if applicable. 20.2 The Consultant is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline except as permitted under ITC 12.7. While evaluating the Proposals, the Client will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical

	and Financial Proposals.
21. Evaluation of Technical Proposals	21.1 The Client's evaluation committee shall evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and the RFP, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the **Data Sheet**. Each responsive Proposal will be given a technical score. A Proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the RFP or if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the **Data Sheet**.
22. Financial Proposals for QBS	22.1 Following the ranking of the Technical Proposals, when the selection is based on quality only (QBS), the top-ranked Consultant is invited to negotiate the Contract. 22.2 If Financial Proposals were invited together with the Technical Proposals, only the Financial Proposal of the technically top-ranked Consultant is opened by the Client's evaluation committee. All other Financial Proposals are returned unopened after the Contract negotiations are successfully concluded and the Contract is signed.
23. Public Opening of Financial Proposals (for QCBS, FBS, and LCS methods)	23.1 After the technical evaluation is completed and the Bank has issued its no objection (if applicable), the Client shall notify those Consultants whose Proposals were considered non-responsive to the RFP and TOR or did not meet the minimum qualifying technical score, advising them the following: (i) their Proposal was not responsive to the RFP and TOR or did not meet the minimum qualifying technical score; (ii) provide information relating to the Consultant's overall technical score, as well as scores obtained for each criterion and sub-criterion; (iii) their Financial Proposals will be returned unopened after completing the selection process and Contract signing; and (iv) notify them of the date, time and location of the public opening of the Financial Proposals and invite them to attend. 23.2 The Client shall simultaneously notify in writing those Consultants whose Proposals were considered responsive to the RFP and TOR, and that have achieved the

	minimum qualifying technical score, advising them the following: (i) their Proposal was responsive to the RFP and TOR and met the minimum qualifying technical score; (ii) provide information relating to the Consultant's overall technical score, as well as scores obtained for each criterion and sub-criterion; (iii) their Financial Proposal will be opened at the public opening of Financial Proposals; and (iv) notify them of the date, time and location of the public opening and invite them for the opening of the Financial Proposals. 23.3 The opening date shall be no less than ten (10) Business Days from the date of notification of the results of the technical evaluation, described in ITC 23.1 and 23.2. However, if the Client receives a complaint on the results of the technical evaluation within the ten (10) Business Days, the opening date shall be subject to ITC 31.1. 23.4 The Consultant's attendance at the opening of the Financial Proposals (in person, or online if such option is indicated in the **Data Sheet**) is optional and is at the Consultant's choice. 23.5 The Financial Proposals shall be opened publicly by the Client's evaluation committee in the presence of the representatives of the Consultants and anyone else who chooses to attend. Any interested party who wishes to attend this public opening should contact the client as indicated in the **Data Sheet**. Alternatively, a notice of the public opening of Financial Proposals may be published on the Client's website, if available. At the opening, the names of the Consultants, and the overall technical scores, including the break-down by criterion, shall be read aloud. The Financial Proposals will then be inspected to confirm that they have remained sealed and unopened. These Financial Proposals shall be then opened, and the total prices read aloud and recorded. Copies of the record shall be sent to all Consultants who submitted Proposals and to the Bank.
24. Correction of Errors	24.1 Activities and items described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items,

	and no corrections are made to the Financial Proposal.
a. Time-Based Contracts	24.1.1 If a Time-Based contract form is included in the RFP, the Client's evaluation committee will (a) correct any computational or arithmetical errors, and (b) adjust the prices if they fail to reflect all inputs included for the respective activities or items included in the Technical Proposal. In case of discrepancy between (i) a partial amount (sub-total) and the total amount, or (ii) between the amount derived by multiplication of unit price with quantity and the total price, or (iii) between words and figures, the former will prevail. In case of discrepancy between the Technical and Financial Proposals in indicating quantities of input, the Technical Proposal prevails and the Client's evaluation committee shall correct the quantification indicated in the Financial Proposal so as to make it consistent with that indicated in the Technical Proposal, apply the relevant unit price included in the Financial Proposal to the corrected quantity, and correct the total Proposal cost.
b. Lump-Sum Contracts	24.1.2 If a Lump-Sum contract form is included in the RFP, the Consultant is deemed to have included all prices in the Financial Proposal, so neither arithmetical corrections nor price adjustments shall be made. The total price, net of taxes understood as per ITC 25, specified in the Financial Proposal (Form FIN-1) shall be considered as the offered price. Where there is a discrepancy between the amount in words and the amount figures, the amount in words shall prevail.
25. Taxes	25.1 The Client's evaluation of the Consultant's Financial Proposal shall exclude taxes and duties in the Client's country in accordance with the instructions in the **Data Sheet**.
26. Combined Quality and Cost Evaluation	
a. Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)	26.1 In the case of QCBS, the total score is calculated by weighting the technical and financial scores and adding them as per the formula and instructions in the **Data Sheet**. The Consultant with the Most Advantageous

	Proposal, which is the Proposal that achieves the highest combined technical and financial scores, will be invited for negotiations.
b. Fixed-Budget Selection (FBS)	26.2 In the case of FBS, those Proposals that exceed the budget indicated in ITC 14.1.4 of the **Data Sheet** shall be rejected. 26.3 The Client will select the Consultant with the Most Advantageous Proposal, which is the highest-ranked Technical Proposal that does not exceed the budget indicated in the RFP, and invite such Consultant to negotiate the Contract.
c. Least-Cost Selection	26.4 In the case of Least-Cost Selection (LCS), the Client will select the Consultant with the Most Advantageous Proposal, which is the Proposal with the lowest evaluated total price among those Proposals that achieved the minimum qualifying technical score, and invite such a Consultant to negotiate the Contract.
D. Negotiations and Award	
27. Negotiations	27.1 The negotiations will be held at the date and address indicated in the Data Sheet with the Consultant's representative(s) who must have written power of attorney to negotiate and sign a Contract on behalf of the Consultant. 27.2 The Client shall prepare minutes of negotiations that are signed by the Client and the Consultant's authorized representative.
a. Availability of Key Experts	27.3 The invited Consultant shall confirm the availability of all Key Experts included in the Proposal as a pre-requisite to the negotiations, or, if applicable, a replacement in accordance with ITC 12. Failure to confirm the Key Experts' availability may result in the rejection of the Consultant's Proposal and the Client proceeding to negotiate the Contract with the next-ranked Consultant. 27.4 Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts at the negotiations may be considered if due solely to circumstances outside the reasonable control of and not foreseeable by the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall offer a substitute Key Expert within the period of time specified in the letter of invitation to

	negotiate the Contract, who shall have equivalent or better qualifications and experience than the original candidate.
b. Technical Negotiations	27.5 The negotiations include discussions of the Terms of Reference (TORs), the proposed methodology, the Client's inputs, the special conditions of the Contract, and finalizing the "Description of Services" part of the Contract. These discussions shall not substantially alter the original scope of services under the TOR or the terms of the contract, lest the quality of the final product, its price, or the relevance of the initial evaluation be affected.
c. Financial Negotiations	27.6 The negotiations include the clarification of the Consultant's tax liability in the Client's country and how it should be reflected in the Contract. 27.7 If the selection method included cost as a factor in the evaluation, the total price stated in the Financial Proposal for a Lump-Sum contract shall not be negotiated. 27.8 In the case of a Time-Based contract, unit rates negotiations shall not take place, except when the offered Key Experts and Non-Key Experts' remuneration rates are much higher than the typically charged rates by consultants in similar contracts. In such case, the Client may ask for clarifications and, if the fees are very high, ask to change the rates after consultation with the Bank. The format for (i) providing information on remuneration rates in the case of Quality Based Selection; and (ii) clarifying remuneration rates' structure under this Clause, is provided in Appendix A to the Financial Form FIN-3: Financial Negotiations – Breakdown of Remuneration Rates.
28. Conclusion of Negotiations	28.1 The negotiations are concluded with a review of the finalized draft Contract, which then shall be initialed by the Client and the Consultant's authorized representative. 28.2 If the negotiations fail, the Client shall inform the Consultant in writing of all pending issues and disagreements and provide a final opportunity to the Consultant to respond. If disagreement persists, the Client shall terminate the negotiations informing the Consultant of the reasons for doing so. After having obtained the Bank's no objection, the Client will invite the next-ranked Consultant to negotiate a Contract. Once the Client commences negotiations with the next-ranked Consultant, the Client shall not reopen the earlier negotiations.

29. Notification of Award	29.1 Upon expiry of the Standstill Period, specified in ITC 30.1 or any extension thereof, and upon satisfactorily addressing any complaint that has been filed within the Standstill Period, the Client shall, send a notification of award to the successful Consultant, confirming the Client's intention to award the Contract to the successful Consultant and requesting the successful Consultant to sign and return the draft negotiated Contract within eight (8) Business Days from the date of receipt of such notification. If specified in the **Data Sheet**, the client shall simultaneously request the successful Consultant to submit, within eight (8) Business Days, the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form. <u>Contract Award Notice</u> Within ten (10) Business Days from the date of notification of award such request, the Client shall publish the Contract Award Notice which shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: (a) name and address of the Client; (b) name and reference number of the contract being awarded, and the selection method used; (c) names of the consultants that submitted proposals, and their proposal prices as read out at financial proposal opening, and as evaluated; (d) names of all Consultants whose Proposals were rejected or were not evaluated, with the reasons therefor; (e) the name of the successful consultant, the final total contract price, the contract duration and a summary of its scope; and (f) successful Consultant's Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form, if specified in Data Sheet ITC 32.1. 29.2 The Contract Award Notice shall be published on the Client's website with free access if available, or in at least one newspaper of national circulation in the Client's Country, or in the official gazette.
30. Signing of Contract	30.1 The Contract shall be signed prior to the expiry date of the Proposal validity and promptly after expiry of the Standstill Period, specified in ITC 30.1 or any extension thereof, and upon satisfactorily addressing any complaint

	that has been filed within the Standstill Period. 30.2 The Consultant is expected to commence the assignment on the date and at the location specified in the **Data Sheet**.
31. Procurement Related Complaint	31.1 The procedures for making a Procurement-related Complaint are as specified in the **Data Sheet**.

Section 2. Instructions to Consultants

E. Data Sheet

ITC Reference	A. General
1 (m)	**Electronic –Procurement System** The Client shall use the following electronic-procurement system to manage this Request for Proposal (RFP) process: **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in** The electronic-procurement system shall be used to manage the following part of the RFP process: 1. Issuance of RFP 2. Submission of RFP (Technical + Financial) *3.* Opening of Technical & Financial Proposals Joint venture or consortium is not allowed for this assignments
2.1	**Name of the Client:** Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS) **Method of selection**: Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS) as per the Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated July 2016 revised February, 2025 available on www.worldbank.org.
2.2	**Financial Proposal to be submitted together with Technical Proposal**: Yes. **The name of the assignment is**: Hiring of Technical Support Agency for Implementation Support for BRTP project with regard to Health & Nutrition.
2.3	**A pre-proposal conference will be held**: Yes **Date of pre-proposal conference offline : 12-10-2026 at BRLPS Office, Vidyut Bhawan, Patna, Bihar.** Time: 16.00 Hrs.

	Address: 3rd Floor, Annexe-II, Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna-800021 Telephone: 91-612-2504980 E-mail: proc.sp@brlps.in Contact person/conference coordinator: Dr. Santosh, Procurement Specialist
2.4	**The Client will provide the following inputs, project data, reports, etc. to facilitate the preparation of the Proposals**: 1. Terms of Reference (ToR) attached with the issued RFP
4.1	**Not Applicable.**
6.3.1	**A list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the Bank's external website**: www.worldbank.org/debarr
B. Preparation of Proposals	
9.1	**This RFP has been issued in the English language.** **Proposals shall be submitted in English language.** **All correspondence exchange shall be in English language.**
10.1	**The Proposal shall comprise the following. The Technical and Financial Proposals shall be submitted online in the e-procurement system in separate folders**: **For FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (FTP):** **The Technical Proposal comprising:** Power of Attorney to sign the Proposal TECH-1 TECH-2 TECH-3 TECH-4 TECH-5 TECH-6 TECH-6

	AND **The Financial Proposal comprising:** (1) FIN-1 (2) FIN-2 (3) FIN-3 (4) FIN-4 (5) Statement of Undertaking (if required under Data Sheet 10.2 below)
10.2	**Statement of Undertaking is required:** Yes. *[Make sure to include paragraph (f) in Form TECH-1]*
11.1	**Participation of Sub-consultants, Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal is permissible:** Yes.
12.1	Proposals shall be valid for 120 days calendar days i.e. until 26-02-2027
12.4	Replace second sentence of ITC 12.4 with the following: **"**However, should the need arise, any request for extension of validity will be hosted on e-procurement portal and an e-mail will be sent to each Consultant. The Consultants may send their response if any on the e-procurement portal and through e-mail at the e-mail id given in Data Sheet 2.3.
12.8	Add the following at the end of the existing clause: "If replacement of a key expert is permitted by the Client as above, a female key expert will be replaced by the Consultant with another female key expert only, failing which the Proposal is liable to be rejected."
13	Replace ITC 13 with the following: "13.1. The e-procurement system specified in ITC 1(m) provides for online clarifications. A Consultant may request an online clarification of any part of the RFP during the period indicated in the **Data Sheet** before the Proposals' submission deadline, or raise its inquiries during the pre-proposal conference, if provided for in accordance with ITC 2.3. Clarifications requested through any other mode shall not be considered by the Client. The Client will respond online by uploading the response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying its source) for information of all Consultants. Should the

	Client deem it necessary to amend the RFP as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure described in ITC 13.1.1 and ITC 13.1.2 below. It is the consultant's responsibility to check on the e-procurement system, for any addendum/ amendment/ corrigendum to the RFP document. 13.1.1 At any time before the proposal submission deadline, the Client may amend the RFP by issuing an amendment online in accordance with the procedure described in the **Data Sheet**. The amendment shall be binding on all Consultants. The Client shall not be liable for any information not received by the Consultants. It is the Consultants' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the RFP. 13.1.2 If the amendment is substantial, the Client may extend the proposal submission deadline to give the Consultants reasonable time to take an amendment into account in their Proposals, by amending the RFP in accordance with ITC 13.1.1. 13.2 A Consultant may modify its Proposal in the following manner, by using the appropriate option for proposal modification on e-procurement portal, before the deadline for submission of proposals. No modifications to the Technical or Financial Proposal shall be accepted after the proposal submission deadline. (a) For proposal modification and consequential re-submission, the Consultant is not required to withdraw the proposal submitted earlier. The last modified proposal submitted by the consultant within the proposal submission time shall be considered as the 'Proposal'. (b) For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. (c) The modification and consequential re-submission of proposals is allowed any number of times. (d) A consultant may withdraw its proposal by using the appropriate option for proposal withdrawal, before the deadline for submission of proposals. However, if the proposal is withdrawn, re-submission is allowed, as applicable to the e-procurement system.
13.1	**Clarifications may be requested online no later than** 11-10-2026 at proc.sp@brlps.in and spm.hn@brlps.in The query and response will be upload on e-procurement system. Consultants who have started working on the RFP, shall remain responsible to view query and response thereto.
13.1.1	The Client will host the amendment to RFP, if any on the e-procurement portal at

	any time prior to the submission deadline. The amendment to RFP will be upload on e-procurement system. Consultants who have started working on the RFP, shall remain responsible to view amendments, if any.
13.2 (d)	Re-submission of the proposal is allowed, if withdrawn.
14.1.2 (do not use for Fixed Budget method)	**Estimated input of Key Experts' time-input: 411 person-months.**
14.1.3 for time-based contracts only	**The Consultant's Proposal must include <u>the minimum</u> Key Experts' time-input of 411 person-months.** **For the evaluation and comparison of Proposals only:** if a Proposal includes less than the required minimum time-input, the missing time-input (expressed in person-month) is calculated as follows: The missing time-input is multiplied by the highest remuneration rate for a Key Expert in the Consultant's Proposal and added to the total remuneration amount. Proposals that quoted higher than the required minimum of time-input will not be adjusted. Joint venture or consortium is not allowed for this assignments
14.1.4 and 26.2 use for Fixed Budget method	**Not Applicable**
15.1	Delete from the first sentence of ITC 15.1, the following: 'and shall comprise the documents listed in the **Data Sheet**'.
15.2	**The format of the Technical Proposal to be submitted is**: FTP. Submission of the Technical Proposal in a wrong format may lead to the

	Proposal being deemed non-responsive to the RFP requirements.
16.1	*[A sample list is provided below for guidance. Items that are not applicable should be deleted, others may be added. If the Client wants to set up maximum ceilings for unit rates of certain type of expenses, such ceilings should be indicated in the FIN forms.* *(1) a per diem allowance, including hotel, for experts for every day of absence from the home office for the purposes of the Services;* *(2) cost of travel by the most appropriate means of transport and the most direct practicable route;* *(3) cost of office accommodation, including overheads and back-stop support;* *(4) communications costs;* *(5) cost of purchase or rent or freight of any equipment required to be provided by the Consultants;* *(6) cost of reports production (including printing) and delivering to the Client;* *(7) other allowances where applicable and provisional or fixed sums (if any)]*
16.2	Delete from ITC 16.2, the following: 'foreign and/or'. **A price adjustment provision applies to remuneration rates:** No.
16.3	**Information on the Consultant's tax obligations in India can be found from the Ministry of Finance, Government of India website http://finmin.nic.in** *[modify reference to the appropriate official source, as appropriate]* Consultants and their Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for payment of all taxes as applicable in India. The Client will, however reimburse on proof of submission with relevant Government Authority, the Goods & Services Tax (GST) payable on the contract value by the consultant, as per Applicable Law in India. Statutory deductions of taxes at source (TDS), however, shall be made as applicable. The above only are to be shown separately in the financial proposal.
16.4	**The Financial Proposal shall be submitted in** Indian Rupees.

16.5	**Payments under the Contract shall be made in** Indian Rupees.
C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation	
17	Replace ITC 17 with the following: "17.1 The Consultant shall submit a digitally signed, encrypted, and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with ITC 10 (Documents Comprising Proposal). Consultants shall mark as "CONFIDENTIAL" information in their Proposals which is confidential to their business. This may include proprietary information, trade secrets or commercial or financially sensitive information. The submission shall be done electronically on the e-procurement system and in accordance with procedure specified in the **Data Sheet**. Proposals submitted by any other means will be rejected. Detailed guidelines for viewing proposals, and for online submission of proposals are given on the website. 17.2 An authorized representative of the Consultant shall digitally sign the original submission letters in the required format for both the Technical Proposal and, if applicable, the Financial Proposal and shall initial all pages of both. The authorization shall be in the form of a written power of attorney to be scanned and uploaded together with the Technical Proposal. 17.2.1 A Proposal submitted by a Joint Venture shall be signed by all members so as to be legally binding on all members, or by an authorized representative who has a written power of attorney signed by each member's authorized representative. The submission letters and the power of attorney shall then be scanned and uploaded together with the Technical Proposal. 17.3 Any modifications, revisions, interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the person signing the Proposal. 17.4 The Proposal or its modifications must be uploaded on the e-procurement portal specified in ITC 1(m), no later than the deadline indicated in the **Data Sheet**, or any extension to this deadline. The electronic system will not accept any Proposal or its modification for uploading after the deadline, as per server time. 17.5 Once the Proposal is uploaded on the portal, the system will generate a unique identification number with the stamped submission time. The unique identification number with the time stamp represents an acknowledgement of the Proposal submission. Any other system's functionality requirements are specified in the **Data Sheet**."
17.1	**The electronic submission procedures shall be as follows:**

	The Consultants shall submit their Proposals (both Technical and Financial) electronically on the e-procurement portal specified in ITC 1(m), following the procedure given below. Detailed guidelines for viewing proposals and for online submission are given on the website: a. The bidder is required to get themselves registered with Bihar Government Centralized e-Procurement portal, i.e., https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in. For support related to e-tendering process, bidders may contact at following address during working hours: 10.00 AM to 6 PM. (All days in week except Sunday and few selected state holidays on "eProc 2.0 Help Desk Address: m-junction services limited RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar. Tollfree No: 18005726571" or may contact on Email Id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in b. Tender Processing Fee (TPF) amount for the sum of Rs. 11,800/ - (Rupees One Thousand, one hundred eighty) to be paid by the bidder through e-Payment mode through payment gateway available on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in. c. BRLPS doesn't take any responsibility for the delay/ Non-Submission of Tender/ Non-Reconciliation of online payment caused due to non-availability of Internet Connection, Network Traffic/ Holidays or any other reason. *[Note for Consultants: For online submission of proposals, the Consultants shall fill up online, the forms that are available for online filling on the e-portal. The rest of the forms shall be download by the Consultants and filled up. The filled-up pages shall then be digitally signed, scanned and uploaded on the e-procurement portal along with the scanned copies of the supporting documents.]*
17.4	**The Proposals must be uploaded on the e-procurement portal specified in ITC 1(m) no later than:** **Date:** 29th October, 2026 **Time:** 16.00 IST
17.5	None
19	Replace ITC 19 with the following: "19.1 The Client's evaluation committee shall conduct the opening of the Technical Proposals online following the procedure described in the **Data Sheet** and this could be viewed online by the Consultants. The consultants or

	their authorized representatives may attend the online opening in person if this option is offered in the **Data Sheet**. The opening date, time and the address are stated in the **Data Sheet**. The folder with the Financial Proposal shall remain unopened, encrypted, in the e-procurement system until the subsequent public opening in accordance with ITC 23. 19.2 At the opening of the Technical Proposals the following shall be read out and recorded online simultaneously: (i) the name and the country of the Consultant; (ii) the presence or absence of the folder with the Financial Proposal in the portal; and (iii) any other information deemed appropriate or as indicated in the **Data Sheet**."
19.1	**The procedure for online opening of technical proposals shall be:** *Technical proposal will be opened on the e-procurement portal by the Client's Evaluation Committee at the date and time indicated below.* **Date:** 29th October, 2026 **Time:** 16.30 IST **Consultants have an option to attend the opening of the Technical Proposals in person. The opening shall take place at:** Street Address: Bailey Road Floor, room number: 3rd Floor, Annexe-II, Vidyut Bhawan City: PATNA, BIHAR Country: INDIA In the event of the specified date of proposal opening being declared a holiday for the Client, the proposals will be opened at the appointed time and location on the next working day
19.2	**In addition, the following information will be read aloud at the opening of the Technical Proposals:** N/A
21.1 [for FTP]	Consultants' technical proposal shall be evaluated in two parts. Part A (as mentioned below) shall be the mandatory criteria that the consultants must meet. Technical Proposals of Consultants who do not meet the criteria in Part A, shall not be further evaluated, and the proposal shall be rejected. Technical Proposal of Consultants, who meet the criteria in Part A, shall be evaluated further using the scoring scheme contained in Part B below. **Part A: Mandatory Criteria:** S. No: | Criteria | Documents Required

1.	The bidder should be a legally registered entity in India (company, society, trust, or partnership firm) with at least 7 years of organisational existence as on 01-01-2026 and have demonstrated experience of at least 5 years in providing technical support – SBCC/IEC strategy, capacity building, MEL systems, or convergence support – to government or donor-funded rural livelihoods, health, nutrition, or community program (SHGs/VOs/ Federations) or social development programmes.	Certificate of Registration issued by Registrar of Companies. Supporting contract agreement (complete copy) in support of experience.
2.	The minimum annual Turnover of the bidder should not be less than 10.0 crore/each year in the last three financial years i.e., 2024-25, 2023-24 & 2022-23.	CA certificate in this regarding having UDIN Number.

Part B: Evaluation Criteria:

Criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation of the Full Technical Proposals:

Points

(i) **Specific experience of the Consultant (as a firm) relevant to the Assignment i.e.,** Should have successfully completed/be currently implementing at least two assignments of comparable nature and scale (preferably involving World Bank or other multilateral/bilateral-funded projects) in the last 7 years as on last date of submission of RFP - [Maximum marks-30]

15 points for each assignment
[*Extension of assignment will be considered as one assignment*]
[*Assignments for a period of any months / years considered as single Assignments]*

ii) **Adequacy and quality of the proposed methodology, and work plan in responding to the Terms of Reference (TORs):**
[Maximum Marks- 20]

Bifurcation of 20 marks under this evaluation criteria are as under:-

	• Proposed methodology – 10 marks. • Work plan – 05 marks • Overall team composition – 05 marks [Notes to Consultant: the Client will assess whether the proposed methodology is clear, responds to the TORs, work plan is realistic and implementable; overall team composition is balanced and has an appropriate skills mix; and the work plan has right input of Experts] (iii) **Key Experts' qualifications and competence for the Assignment:** {Notes to Consultant: each position number corresponds to the same for the Key Experts in Form TECH-6 to be prepared by the Consultant} a) Position K-1: [Team Lead / Project Coordinator 01 No.] [08] b) Position K-2: [SBCC Specialist – 01 No.] [07] c) Position K-3: [MEL Expert – 01 No.] [07] d) Position K-4: [Enterprise Development Specialist - 01 No.] [07] e) Position K-5: [Audio, Audio-Visual Developer – 01 No.] [07] f) Position K-6: [Digital Content Creator – 01 No.] [07] g) Position K-7 [Capacity Building Specialist – 01 No._ [07] **Total points for criterion (iii): [50]** The number of points to be assigned to each of the above positions shall be determined considering the following three sub-criteria and relevant percentage weights: 1) General qualifications (General education): _____[10 %] 2) Adequacy for the Assignment (Experience in the sector/similar assignments): [80%] 3) [If relevant to the task, add the 3d sub-criterion: Relevant experience in the region (working level fluency in local language(s)/knowledge of local culture or administrative system, government organization, etc.): [10 %] Total weight: 100% (iv) **Transfer of knowledge (training) program** (relevance of approach and methodology): [normally, not to exceed 10 points] **Total points for criterion (iv)**: [0] (v) **Participation by women among proposed Key Experts**: [normally, not to exceed 10 points, to be calculated as the ratio of the women Key Experts' time-input (in person-months) to the total number

	of Key Experts' time-input (in person-months) in the Consultant's Technical Proposal.] **Total points for criterion (v)**: [0] **Total points for the five criteria: 100** **The minimum technical score (St) required to pass is:70 (seventy)**
21.1 [for STP]	Not Applicable
22.2	Not Applicable
	Public Opening of Financial Proposals
23	Replace ITC 23.1 with the following: "23.1 After the technical evaluation is completed and the Bank has issued its no objection (if applicable), the Client shall notify online through e-procurement portal those Consultants whose Proposals were considered non-responsive to the RFP and TOR or did not meet the minimum qualifying technical score, advising them the following: (i) their Proposal was not responsive to the RFP and TOR or did not meet the minimum qualifying technical score; (ii) provide information relating to the Consultant's overall technical score, as well as scores obtained for each criterion and sub-criterion; (iii) their Financial Proposals will not be opened; and (iv) notify them of the date, time and location of the online public opening of the Financial Proposals and invite them to attend." In ITC 23.2 first sentence, after the words 'in writing', add the following: 'online through e-procurement portal' In ITC 23.2 (iv), after the words 'location of the' add the following: 'online' Replace ITC 23.4 with the following: "23.4 The Consultant's attendance at the opening of the Financial Proposals (in person, or online) is optional and is at the Consultant's choice"

	Replace ITC 23.5 with the following: "The Financial Proposals shall be publicly opened online by the Client's evaluation committee in the presence of the representatives of the Consultants and anyone else who chooses to attend. Any interested party who wishes to attend this public opening should contact the client as indicated in the **Data Sheet**. Alternatively, a notice of the public opening of Financial Proposals may be published on the Client's website, if available. At the opening, the names of the Consultants, and the overall technical scores, including the break-down by criterion, shall be read aloud and recorded online simultaneously. The Financial Proposals shall be then opened, and the total prices read aloud and recorded online simultaneously. The records of the opening shall remain on the e-procurement portal for the information of all Consultants who submitted Proposals and the Bank, unless the **Data Sheet** provides for other means of sending notifications and the results of the financial opening."
23.5	Following the completion of the evaluation of the Technical Proposals, the Client will notify online through e-procurement portal, all Consultants of the location, date and time of the public opening of Financial Proposals. Any interested party who wishes to attend this public opening should contact Dr. Santosh, Procurement Specialist, Email: proc.sp@brlps.in and request to be notified of the location, date and time of the public opening of Financial Proposals. The request should be made before the deadline for submission of Proposals, stated above. Alternatively, a notice of the public opening of Financial Proposals may be published on the Client's website, if available. In the event of the specified date of proposal opening being declared a holiday for the Client, the proposals will be opened at the appointed time and location on the next working day.
25.1	For the purpose of the evaluation, the Client will exclude: all local identifiable indirect taxes such as GST or similar taxes levied on the contract's invoices. If a Contract is awarded, at Contract negotiations, all such taxes will be discussed, finalized (using the itemized list as a guidance but not limiting to it) and added to the Contract amount as a separate line, also indicating which taxes shall be paid by the Consultant and which taxes are withheld and paid by the Client on behalf of the Consultant.

26.1 **(QCBS only)**	**The lowest evaluated Financial Proposal (Fm) is given the maximum financial score (Sf) of 100.** **The formula for determining the financial scores (Sf) of all other Proposals is calculated as following:** Sf = 100 x Fm/ F, in which "Sf" is the financial score, "Fm" is the lowest price, and "F" the price of the proposal under consideration. *[or replace with another inversely proportional formula acceptable to the Bank]* **The weights given to the Technical (T) and Financial (P) Proposals are**: **T** = 80% **P** = 20% Proposals are ranked according to their combined technical (St) and financial (Sf) scores using the weights (T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; P = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; T + P = 1) as following: S = St x T% + Sf x P%.
	D. Negotiations and Award
27.1	**Expected date and address for contract negotiations:** **Date**: 10th January, 2027 **Address:** BRLPS Office at Vidyut Bhawan, Patna, Bihar, India
27.4	Add the following at the end of the existing clause: "Substitution of a key expert may not be considered by the Client, if a female key expert is not offered to be replaced by the Consultant with another female key expert."
29	Replace ITC 29 with the following: "29.1 After completing the negotiations, and obtaining the Bank's no objection to the negotiated draft Contract, if applicable, the Client shall, send a notification of award to the successful Consultant, confirming the Client's intention to award the Contract to the successful Consultant and requesting the successful Consultant to sign and return the draft negotiated Contract within eight (8) Business Days from the date of receipt of such notification. Contract Award Notice Within ten (10) Business Days from the date of notification of award

	such request, the Client shall publish the Contract Award Notice which shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: (a) name and address of the Client; (b) name and reference number of the contract being awarded, and the selection method used; (c) names of the consultants that submitted proposals, and their proposal prices as read out at financial proposal opening, and as evaluated; (d) names of all Consultants whose Proposals were rejected or were not evaluated, with the reasons therefor; and (e) the name of the successful consultant, the final total contract price, the contract duration and a summary of its scope. 29.2 The Contract Award Notice shall be published on the Client's website with free access if available, or in at least one newspaper of national circulation in the Client's Country, or in the official gazette and on e-procurement portal."
30.1	Replace ITC 30 with the following: **"**The Contract shall be signed prior to the expiry date of the Proposal validity, specified in ITC 12.1 or any extension thereof."
30.2	**Expected date for the commencement of the Services:** **Date**: 15st January, 2027 at SPMU Office, Patna.
31.1	The procedures for making a Procurement-related Complaint are detailed in the "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Annex III)." If a Consultant wishes to make a Procurement-related Complaint, the Consultant shall submit its complaint following these procedures, In Writing (by the quickest means available, such as by email or fax), to: **For the attention**: Shri Himanshu Sharma **Title/position**: Chief Executive Officer cum Mission Director **Client**: Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS) **Email address**: ceo@brlps.in cc to proc.sp@brlps.in In summary, a Procurement-related Complaint may challenge any of the following:

	1. the terms of this Request for Proposal; **2.** the Client's decision to exclude a consultant from the procurement process prior to the award of contract; and **3.** the Client's decision to award the contract.

Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms

{Notes to Consultant shown in brackets { } throughout Section 3 provide guidance to the Consultant to prepare the Technical Proposal; they should not appear on the Proposals to be submitted.}

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED FORMS

Required for FTP or STP ✓		FORM	DESCRIPTION	*Page Limit*
FTP	**STP**			
✓	✓	TECH-1	Technical Proposal Submission Form.	
✓ If applicable		TECH-1 Attachment	If the Proposal is submitted by a joint venture, attach a letter of intent or a copy of an existing agreement.	
✓ If applicable		Power of Attorney	No pre-set format/form. In the case of a Joint Venture, several are required: a power of attorney for the authorized representative of each JV member, and a power of attorney for the representative of the lead member to represent all JV members	
✓		TECH-2	Consultant's Organization and Experience.	
✓		TECH-2A	A. Consultant's Organization	
✓		TECH-2B	B. Consultant's Experience	
✓		TECH-3	Comments or Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on Counterpart Staff and Facilities to be provided by the Client.	
✓		TECH-3A	A. On the Terms of Reference	
✓		TECH-3B	B. On the Counterpart Staff and Facilities	
✓	✓	TECH-4	Description of the Approach, Methodology, and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment	
✓	✓	TECH-5	Work Schedule and Planning for Deliverables	
✓	✓	TECH-6	Team Composition, Key Experts Inputs, and attached Curriculum Vitae (CV)	

All pages of the original Technical and Financial Proposal shall be initialed by the same authorized representative of the Consultant who signs the Proposal.

FORM TECH-1

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

{Location, Date}

To: *[Name and address of Client]*

Dear Sirs:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for *[Insert title of assignment]* in accordance with your Request for Proposals (RFP) dated *[Insert Date]* and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal.

{If the Consultant is a joint venture, insert the following: We are submitting our Proposal a joint venture with: {Insert a list with full name and the legal address of each member, and indicate the lead member}. We have attached a copy {insert: "of our letter of intent to form a joint venture" or, if a JV is already formed, "of the JV agreement"} signed by every participating member, which details the likely legal structure of and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said joint venture.

{OR

If the Consultant's Proposal includes Sub-consultants, insert the following: We are submitting our Proposal with the following firms as Sub-consultants: {Insert a list with full name and address of each Sub-consultant.}

We hereby declare that:

a) All the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Proposal may lead to our disqualification by the Client and/or may be sanctioned by the Bank.

(b) Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us until *[insert day, month and year in accordance with ITC 12.1]*.

(c) We have no conflict of interest in accordance with ITC 3.

(d) We meet the eligibility requirements as stated in ITC 6, and we confirm our understanding of our obligation to abide by the Bank's policy in regard to Fraud and Corruption as per ITC 5.

(e) We, along with any of our sub-consultants, subcontractors, suppliers, or service providers for any part of the contract, are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity

or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by the World Bank Group or a debarment imposed by the World Bank Group in accordance with the Agreement for Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions between the World Bank and other development banks. Further, we are not ineligible under the Client's country laws or official regulations or pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council.

(f) In competing for (and, if the award is made to us, in executing) the Contract, we undertake to observe the laws against fraud and corruption, including bribery, in force in India.

(g) Except as stated in the Data Sheet, ITC 12.7, we undertake to negotiate a Contract on the basis of the proposed Key Experts. We accept that the substitution of Key Experts for reasons other than those stated in ITC 12 and ITC 27.4 may lead to the termination of Contract negotiations.

(h) Our Proposal is binding upon us and subject to any modifications resulting from the Contract negotiations.

We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted and the Contract is signed, to initiate the Services related to the assignment no later than the date indicated in ITC 30.2 of the Data Sheet.

We understand that the Client is not bound to accept any Proposal that the Client receives.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Signature (of Consultant's authorized representative) {In full and initials}:

Full name: {insert full name of authorized representative}
Title: {insert title/position of authorized representative}
Name of Consultant (company's name or JV's name):
Capacity: {insert the person's capacity to sign for the Consultant}
Address: {insert the authorized representative's address}
Phone/fax: {insert the authorized representative's phone and fax number, if applicable}
Email: {insert the authorized representative's email address}_____

{For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached}

FORM TECH-2 (FOR FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL ONLY)

CONSULTANT'S ORGANIZATION AND EXPERIENCE

Form TECH-2: a brief description of the Consultant's organization and an outline of the recent experience of the Consultant that is most relevant to the assignment. In the case of a joint venture, information on similar assignments shall be provided for each partner. For each assignment, the outline should indicate the names of the Consultant's Key Experts and Sub-consultants who participated, the duration of the assignment, the contract amount (total and, if it was done in a form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy, the amount paid to the Consultant), and the Consultant's role/involvement.

A - Consultant's Organization

1. Provide here a brief description of the background and organization of your company, and – in case of a joint venture – of each member for this assignment.

2. Include organizational chart, a list of Board of Directors, and beneficial ownership.

B - Consultant's Experience

1. List only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last *[.....]* years.

2. List only those assignments for which the Consultant was legally contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the joint venture members. Assignments completed by the Consultant's individual experts working privately or through other consulting firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Consultant, or that of the Consultant's partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Consultant should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested by the Client.

Duration	Assignment name/& brief description of main deliverables/outputs	Name of Client & Country of Assignment	Approx. Contract value (in Rs.)/ Amount paid to your firm	Role on the Assignment
{e.g., Jan.2009–Apr.2010}	{e.g., "Improvement quality of.....": designed master plan for rationalization of .....; }	{e.g., Ministry of ....., country}	{e.g., Rs.1 mill/Rs. 0.5 mill}	{e.g., Lead partner in a JV A&B&C}
{e.g., Jan-May 2008}	{e.g., "Support to sub-national government.....": drafted secondary level regulations on.....}	{e.g., municipality of....., country}	{e.g., Rs. 0.2 mil/Rs. 0.2 mil}	{e.g., sole Consultant}

FORM TECH-3 (FOR FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL)

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE, COUNTERPART STAFF, AND FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT

Form TECH-3: comments and suggestions on the Terms of Reference that could improve the quality/effectiveness of the assignment; and on requirements for counterpart staff and facilities, which are provided by the Client, including: administrative support, office space, local transportation, equipment, data, etc.

A - On the Terms of Reference

{improvements to the Terms of Reference, if any}

B - On Counterpart Staff and Facilities

{comments on counterpart staff and facilities to be provided by the Client. For example, administrative support, office space, local transportation, equipment, data, background reports, etc., if any}

FORM TECH-4 (FOR FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL ONLY)

DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH, METHODOLOGY, AND WORK PLAN IN RESPONDING TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Form TECH-4: a description of the approach, methodology and work plan for performing the assignment, including a detailed description of the proposed methodology and staffing for training, if the Terms of Reference specify training as a specific component of the assignment.

{Suggested structure of your Technical Proposal (in FTP format):

a) Technical Approach and Methodology
b) Work Plan
c) Organization and Staffing}

a) ***Technical Approach and Methodology.*** {Please explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the Terms of Reference (TORs), the technical approach, and the methodology you would adopt for implementing the tasks to deliver the expected output(s), and the degree of detail of such output. Please do not repeat/copy the TORs in here.}

b) ***Work Plan.*** {Please outline the plan for the implementation of the main activities/tasks of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing your understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents (including reports) to be delivered as final output(s) should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule Form.}

c) ***Organization and Staffing.*** {Please describe the structure and composition of your team, including the list of the Key Experts, Non-Key Experts and relevant technical and administrative support staff.}

FORM TECH-4 (FOR SIMPLIFIED TECHNICAL PROPOSAL ONLY)

DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH, METHODOLOGY, AND WORK PLAN FOR PERFORMING THE ASSIGNMENT

Form TECH-4: a description of the approach, methodology, and work plan for performing the assignment, including a detailed description of the proposed methodology and staffing for training, if the Terms of Reference specify training as a specific component of the assignment.

{Suggested structure of your Technical Proposal}

a) ***Technical Approach, Methodology, and Organization of the Consultant's team***. {Please explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the Terms of Reference (TOR), the technical approach, and the methodology you would adopt for implementing the tasks to deliver the expected output(s); the degree of detail of such output; and describe the structure and composition of your team. Please do not repeat/copy the TORs in here.}

b) ***Work Plan and Staffing***. {Please outline the plan for the implementation of the main activities/tasks of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan and work schedule showing the assigned tasks for each expert. A list of the final documents (including reports) to be delivered as final output(s) should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule Form.}

c) ***Comments (on the TOR and on counterpart staff and facilities)***

{Your suggestions should be concise and to the point, and incorporated in your Proposal. Please also include comments, if any, on counterpart staff and facilities to be provided by the Client. For example, administrative support, office space, local transportation, equipment, data, background reports, etc.}

FORM TECH-5 (FOR FTP AND STP)

WORK SCHEDULE AND PLANNING FOR DELIVERABLES

N°	Deliverables [1] (D-..)	Months											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	.....	n	TOTAL
D-1	{e.g., Deliverable #1: Report A												
	1) data collection												
	2) drafting												
	3) inception report												
	4) incorporating comments												
	5) delivery of final report to Client}												
D-2	{e.g., Deliverable #2:.....}												

1 List the deliverables with the breakdown for activities required to produce them and other benchmarks such as the Client's approvals. For phased assignments, indicate the activities, delivery of reports, and benchmarks separately for each phase.
2 Duration of activities shall be indicated in a form of a bar chart.
3. Include a legend, if necessary, to help read the chart.

FORM TECH-6 (FOR FTP AND STP)

TEAM COMPOSITION, ASSIGNMENT, AND KEY EXPERTS' INPUTS

N°	Name	Expert's input (in person/month) per each Deliverable (listed in TECH-5)											Total time-input (in Months)		
		Position		D-1		D-2		D-3	.....		D-...			Home	Field	Total
KEY EXPERTS																
K-1	{e.g., Mr. Abbbb}	[Team Leader]	[*Home*]	[2 month]		[1.0]		[1.0]								
			[*Field*]	[0.5 m]		[2.5]		[0]								
K-2																
K-3																
n																
											Subtotal					
NON-KEY EXPERTS																
N-1			[*Home*]													
			[*Field*]													
N-2																
n																
											Subtotal					
											Total					

1 For Key Experts, the input should be indicated individually for the same positions as required under the Data Sheet ITC21.1.

2 Months are counted from the start of the assignment/mobilization. One (1) month equals twenty two (22) working (billable) days. One working (billable) day shall be not less than eight (8) working (billable) hours.

3 “Home” means work in the office in the expert’s country of residence. “Field” work means work carried out in the Client’s country or any other country outside the expert’s country of residence.

Full time input
Part time input

FORM TECH-6
(CONTINUED)

CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Position Title and No.	{e.g., K-1, TEAM LEADER}
Name of Expert:	{Insert full name}
Sex (Male/Female)[1]	{insert Male or Female}
Date of Birth:	{day/month/year}
Country of Citizenship/Residence	

Education: {List college/university or other specialized education, giving names of educational institutions, dates attended, degree(s)/diploma(s) obtained}

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Employment record relevant to the assignment: {Starting with present position, list in reverse order. Please provide dates, name of employing organization, titles of positions held, types of activities performed and location of the assignment, and contact information of previous clients and employing organization(s) who can be contacted for references. Past employment that is not relevant to the assignment does not need to be included.}

Period	**Employing organization and your title/position. Contact information for references**	**Country**	**Summary of activities performed relevant to the Assignment**
[e.g., May 2005-present]	[e.g., Ministry of ……, advisor/consultant to… For references: Tel……/e-mail……; Mr. Hbbbbb, deputy minister]		

Membership in Professional Associations and Publications:

_____

Language Skills (indicate only languages in which you can work): _____

[1] Failure to correctly provide this information may result in rejection of the Proposal.

Adequacy for the Assignment:

Detailed Tasks Assigned on Consultant's Team of Experts:	Reference to Prior Work/Assignments that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Assigned Tasks
{List all deliverables/tasks as in TECH- 5 in which the Expert will be involved}	

Expert's contact information: (e-mail ……., phone……)

Certification:
I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience, and I am available, as and when necessary, to undertake the assignment in case of an award. I understand that any misstatement or misrepresentation described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal by the Client, and/or sanctions by the Bank.

{day/month/year}

Name of Expert Signature Date

{day/month/year}

Name of authorized Representative of the Consultant (the same who signs the Proposal) Signature Date

Section 4. Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

{*Notes to Consultant* shown in brackets { } provide guidance to the Consultant to prepare the Financial Proposals; they should not appear on the Financial Proposals to be submitted.}

Financial Proposal Standard Forms shall be used for the preparation of the Financial Proposal according to the instructions provided in Section 2.

FIN-1 Financial Proposal Submission Form

FIN-2 Summary of Costs

FIN-3 Breakdown of Remuneration, including Appendix A "Financial Negotiations - Breakdown of Remuneration Rates" in the case of QBS method

FIN-4 Reimbursable expenses

FORM FIN-1
FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

[PLEASE DO NOT QUOTE RATES HERE – A SEPARATE SHEET ~~IN MS WORD~~ IS AVAILABLE ON E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL]

{Location, Date}

To: [Name and address of Client]

Dear Sirs:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for [Insert title of assignment] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Insert Date] and our Technical Proposal.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the amount of Rs._____{Insert amount in words and figures}, *[Insert "including" or "excluding"] of all indirect local taxes in accordance with ITC 25.1 in the Data Sheet.* The estimated amount of local indirect taxes is Rs._____{Insert amount in words and figures} which shall be confirmed or adjusted, if needed, during negotiations. {Please note that all amounts shall be the same as in Form FIN-2}.

Our Financial Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us, subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations, for the period of time specified in the Data Sheet, ITC 12.1.

Commissions and gratuities paid or to be paid by us to an agent or any third party relating to preparation or submission of this Proposal and Contract execution, paid if we are awarded the Contract, are listed below:

Name and Address of Agents	Amount and Currency	Purpose of Commission or Gratuity

{If no payments are made or promised, add the following statement: "No commissions or gratuities have been or are to be paid by us to agents or any third party relating to this Proposal and Contract execution."}

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

_____

Signature (of Consultant's authorized representative) {In full and initials}:

Full name: {insert full name of authorized representative}
Title: {insert title/position of authorized representative}
Name of Consultant (company's name or JV's name):
Capacity: {insert the person's capacity to sign for the Consultant}
Address: {insert the authorized representative's address}
Phone/fax: {insert the authorized representative's phone and fax number, if applicable}
Email: {insert the authorized representative's email address}_____

{For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member/consultant, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached}

FORM FIN-2 SUMMARY OF COSTS

[PLEASE DO NOT QUOTE RATES HERE – A SEPARATE SHEET IN ~~MS WORD~~ IS AVAILABLE ON E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL]

Item	Cost
	{Consultant must state the proposed Costs in accordance with ITC **16.4 of the Data Sheet**}
	In Indian Rupees (Rs.)
Cost of the Financial Proposal	
Including:	
(1) **Remuneration**	
(2) **Reimbursables**	
Total Cost of the Financial Proposal: {Should match the amount in Form FIN-1}	
Indirect Local Tax Estimates – to be discussed and finalized at the negotiations if the Contract is awarded	
Total Estimate for GST:	

FORM FIN-3 BREAKDOWN OF REMUNERATION

[PLEASE DO NOT QUOTE RATES HERE – A SEPARATE SHEET ~~IN MS WORD~~ IS AVAILABLE ON E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL]

When used for Lump-Sum contract assignment, information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to demonstrate the basis for the calculation of the Contract's ceiling amount; to calculate applicable taxes at contract negotiations; and, if needed, to establish payments to the Consultant for possible additional services requested by the Client. This Form shall not be used as a basis for payments under Lump-Sum contracts

A. Remuneration _____					
No.	**Name**	**Position (as in TECH-6)**	**Person-month Remuneration Rate**	**Time Input in Person/Month** (from TECH-6)	**Total in Rs.**
____	**Key Experts**	_____	_____	_____	_____
K-1	_____		[*Home*]	_____	
			[*Field*]	_____	
K-2	_____		_____	_____	
____			_____	_____	
____				_____	
____	_____		_____	_____	
____			_____	_____	
____				_____	
____	**Non-Key Experts**	_____	_____		
N-1	_____	_____	[*Home*]	_____	
N-2			[*Field*]	_____	
____	_____		_____	_____	
____			_____	_____	
____				_____	
				Total Costs (Rs.)	

Appendix A. Financial Negotiations - Breakdown of Remuneration Rates

1. **Review of Remuneration Rates**

1.1. The remuneration rates are made up of salary or a base fee, social costs, overheads, profit, and any premium or allowance that may be paid for assignments away from headquarters or a home office. An attached Sample Form can be used to provide a breakdown of rates.

1.2. If the RFP requests submission of a technical proposal only, the Sample Form is used by the selected Consultant to prepare for the negotiations of the Contract. If the RFP requests submission of the financial proposal, the Sample Form shall be completed and attached to the Financial Form-3. Agreed (at the negotiations) breakdown sheets shall form part of the negotiated Contract and included in its Appendix D or C.

1.3. At the negotiations the firm shall be prepared to disclose its audited financial statements for the last three years, to substantiate its rates, and accept that its proposed rates and other financial matters are subject to scrutiny. The Client is charged with the custody of government funds and is expected to exercise prudence in the expenditure of these funds.

1.4. Rate details are discussed below:

(i) Salary is the gross regular cash salary or fee paid to the individual in the firm's home office. It shall not contain any premium for work away from headquarters or bonus (except where these are included by law or government regulations).

(ii) Bonuses are normally paid out of profits. To avoid double counting, any bonuses shall not normally be included in the "Salary" and should be shown separately. Where the Consultant's accounting system is such that the percentages of social costs and overheads are based on total revenue, including bonuses, those percentages shall be adjusted downward accordingly. Where national policy requires that 13 months' pay be given for 12 months' work, the profit element need not be adjusted downward. Any discussions on bonuses shall be supported by audited documentation, which shall be treated as confidential.

(iii) Social Charges are the costs of non-monetary benefits and may include, inter alia, social security (including pension, medical, and life insurance costs) and the cost of a paid sick and/or annual leave. In this regard, a paid leave during public holidays or an annual leave taken during an assignment if no Expert's replacement has been provided is not considered social charges.

(iv) Cost of Leave. The principles of calculating the cost of total days leave per annum as a percentage of basic salary is normally calculated as follows:

$$\text{Leave cost as percentage of salary} = \frac{\text{total days leave x 100}}{[365 - w - ph - v - s]}$$

Where w = weekends, ph = public holidays, v = vacation, and s = sick leave.

Please note that leave can be considered as a social cost only if the Client is not charged for the leave taken.

(v) Overheads are the Consultant's business costs that are not directly related to the execution of the assignment and shall not be reimbursed as separate items under the Contract. Typical items are home office costs (non-billable time, time of senior Consultant's staff monitoring the project, rent of headquarters' office, support staff, research, staff training, marketing, etc.), the cost of Consultant's personnel not currently employed on revenue-earning projects, taxes on business activities, and business promotion costs. During negotiations, audited financial statements, certified as correct by an independent auditor and supporting the last three years' overheads, shall be available for discussion, together with detailed lists of items making up the overheads and the percentage by which each relates to basic salary. The Client does not accept an add-on margin for social charges, overhead expenses, etc. for Experts who are not permanent employees of the Consultant. In such case, the Consultant shall be entitled only to administrative costs and a fee on the monthly payments charged for sub-contracted Experts.

(vi) Profit is normally based on the sum of the Salary, Social costs, and Overheads. If any bonuses paid on a regular basis are listed, a corresponding reduction shall be made in the profit amount. Profit shall not be allowed on travel or any other reimbursable expenses.

(vii) Away from Home Office Allowance or Premium or Subsistence Allowances. Some Consultants pay allowances to Experts working away from headquarters or outside of the home office. Such allowances are calculated as a percentage of salary (or a fee) and shall not draw overheads or profit. Sometimes, by law, such allowances may draw social costs. In this case, the amount of this social cost shall still be shown under social costs, with the net allowance shown separately.

Sample Form

[PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE INFORMATIONS HERE – A SEPARATE SHEET ~~IN MS WORD~~ IS AVAILABLE ON E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL]

Consultant: Country:
Assignment: Date:

Consultant's Representations Regarding Costs and Charges

We hereby confirm that:

(a) the basic fees indicated in the attached table are taken from the firm's payroll records and reflect the current rates of the Experts listed which have not been raised other than within the normal annual pay increase policy as applied to all the Consultant's Experts;

(b) attached are true copies of the latest pay slips of the Experts listed;

(c) the away- from- home office allowances indicated below are those that the Consultant has agreed to pay for this assignment to the Experts listed;

(d) the factors listed in the attached table for social charges and overhead are based on the firm's average cost experiences for the latest three years as represented by the firm's financial statements; and

(e) said factors for overhead and social charges do not include any bonuses or other means of profit-sharing.

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[Name of Consultant]

_____ _____
Signature of Authorized Representative Date

Name: _____

Title: _____

Consultant's Representations Regarding Costs and Charges
(Model Form I)

(Expressed in Rs.)

Personnel		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name	Position	Basic Remuneration Rate per Working Month/Day/Year	Social Charges[1]	Overhead[1]	Subtotal	Profit[2]	Away from Home Office Allowance	Proposed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour	Proposed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour[1]
Home Office									
Client's Country									
				_____					
				_____					

1. Expressed as percentage of 1
2. Expressed as percentage of 4

FORM FIN-4 BREAKDOWN OF REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

When used for Lump-Sum contract assignment, information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to demonstrate the basis for calculation of the Contract ceiling amount, to calculate applicable taxes at contract negotiations and, if needed, to establish payments to the Consultant for possible additional services requested by the Client. This form shall not be used as a basis for payments under Lump-Sum contracts

B. Reimbursable Expenses					
N°	**Type of Reimbursable Expenses**	**Unit**	**Unit Cost**	**Quantity**	In Indian Rupees (Rs.)
__	{e.g., Per diem allowances**}	{Day}		_____	
__	{e.g., International flights}	{Ticket}		_____	
__	{e.g., In/out airport transportation}	{Trip}			
	{e.g., Communication costs between Insert place and Insert place}				
	{e.g., reproduction of reports}				
	{e.g., Office rent}				
	.....				
	{Training of the Client's personnel – if required in TOR}				
				Total Costs	

Legend:
"Per diem allowance" is paid for each night the expert is required by the Contract to be away from his/her usual place of residence. Client can set up a ceiling.

Section 5. Eligible Countries

In reference to ITC 6.3.2, for the information of consultants, at the present time firms, goods and services from the following countries are excluded from this selection:

Under the ITC 6.3.2 (a): None

Under the ITC 6.3.2 (b): None

Section 6. Fraud and Corruption

(This Section 6, Fraud and Corruption shall not be modified)

1. Purpose

1.1 The Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines and this annex apply with respect to procurement under Bank Investment Project Financing operations.

2. Requirements

2.1 The Bank requires that Borrowers (including beneficiaries of Bank financing); bidders (applicants/proposers), consultants, contractors and suppliers; any sub-contractors, sub-consultants, service providers or suppliers; any agents (whether declared or not); and any of their personnel, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process, selection and contract execution of Bank-financed contracts, and refrain from Fraud and Corruption.

2.2 To this end, the Bank:

a. Defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

i. "corrupt practice" is the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;

ii. "fraudulent practice" is any act or omission, including misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;

iii. "collusive practice" is an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;

iv. "coercive practice" is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;

v. "obstructive practice" is:

(a) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering, or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Bank investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing, or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or

(b) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank's inspection and audit rights provided for under paragraph 2.2 e. below.

b. Rejects a proposal for award if the Bank determines that the firm or individual recommended for award, any of its personnel, or its agents, or its sub-consultants, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/ or their employees, has, directly or indirectly, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;

c. In addition to the legal remedies set out in the relevant Legal Agreement, may take other appropriate actions, including declaring misprocurement, if the Bank determines at any time that representatives of the Borrower or of a recipient of any part of the proceeds of the loan engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices during the procurement process, selection and/or execution of the contract in question, without the Borrower having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Bank to address such practices when they occur, including by failing to inform the Bank in a timely manner at the time they knew of the practices;

d. Pursuant to the Bank's Anti- Corruption Guidelines and in accordance with the Bank's prevailing sanctions policies and procedures, may sanction a firm or individual, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, including by publicly declaring such firm or individual ineligible (i) to be awarded or otherwise benefit from a Bank-financed contract, financially or in any other manner;[1] (ii) to be a nominated[2] sub-contractor, consultant, manufacturer or supplier, or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a Bank-financed contract; and (iii) to receive the proceeds of any loan made by the Bank or otherwise to participate further in the preparation or implementation of any Bank-financed project;

e. Requires that a clause be included in bidding/request for proposals documents and in contracts financed by a Bank loan, requiring (i) bidders (applicants/proposers), consultants, contractors, and suppliers, and their sub-contractors, sub-consultants, service providers, suppliers, agents personnel, permit the Bank to inspect[3] all accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process, selection and/or contract execution, and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Bank.

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[1] For the avoidance of doubt, a sanctioned party's ineligibility to be awarded a contract shall include, without limitation, (i) applying for pre-qualification, expressing interest in a consultancy, and bidding, either directly or as a nominated sub-contractor, nominated consultant, nominated manufacturer or supplier, or nominated service provider, in respect of such contract, and (ii) entering into an addendum or amendment introducing a material modification to any existing contract.

[2] A nominated sub-contractor, nominated consultant, nominated manufacturer or supplier, or nominated service provider (different names are used depending on the particular bidding document) is one which has been: (i) included by the bidder in its pre-qualification application or bid because it brings specific and critical experience and know-how that allow the bidder to meet the qualification requirements for the particular bid; or (ii) appointed by the Borrower.

[3] Inspections in this context usually are investigative (i.e., forensic) in nature. They involve fact-finding activities undertaken by the Bank or persons appointed by the Bank to address specific matters related to investigations/audits, such as evaluating the veracity of an allegation of possible Fraud and Corruption, through the appropriate mechanisms. Such activity includes but is not limited to: accessing and examining a firm's or individual's financial records and information, and making copies thereof as relevant; accessing and examining any other documents, data and information (whether in hard copy or electronic format) deemed relevant for the investigation/audit, and making copies thereof as relevant; interviewing staff and other relevant individuals; performing physical inspections and site visits; and obtaining third party verification of information.

Section 7. Terms of Reference

Hiring of Technical Support Agency for Implementation Support for BRTP project with regard to Health & Nutrition Bihar Rural Transformation Project (BRTP)

Health and nutrition theme- Community Resilence in 200-CLFs

1. Background

Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS/JEEViKA) is implementing the Bihar Rural Transformation Project (BRTP) with a strong focus on improving community resilience for health and nutrition, especially for 1,000-day households (pregnant women, lactating mothers and children 0–23 months). JEEViKA's Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Village Organisations (VOs) and Cluster Level Federations (CLFs) are the primary community platforms for mobilisation, peer support and convergence with government health & nutrition services.

Community Nutrition Resource Persons (CNRPs) and Master Resource Persons (MRPs – Nutrition) are critical cadres for behaviour change communication, household practices, convergence support and last-mile service linkage. JEEViKA also seeks to ensure that every 1,000-day household has simple, trusted, low-literacy-friendly sources of stage-specific information on maternal diet, IFA/calcium use, breastfeeding, complementary feeding, danger signs and WASH accessible at home and through community platforms.

In BRTP, the focus shifts from a purely system-driven convergence of services to a Community Resilient Convergence approach, placing households and communities at the centre of change. Households play a critical role in adopting and sustaining desired health, nutrition practices. The approach is built on four pillars: Household Practices, Government Service Delivery, Community-Based Organisations, and Food Enterprises. Line departments will continue providing quality services to households and communities in accessing services and making better health, nutrition, choices. Community Resilient Convergence will, therefore, aim to:

- Make available of all required digital information, IEC and IPC services at the household to enable them to take appropriate decision to adopt appropriate behaviours.
- Strengthen community institutions (JEEViKA CLFs) to promote, support and monitor and anchor the project.
- Access the services from line departments during 1000days period of time for better health and nutrition outcome.
- Develop Nutrition Enterprise at CLF for production and supply of nutri-product to the targeted households

In this approach, JEEViKA's community organisations and AI enabled digital tools, IEC and IPC will act as an enablers. This household-centred framing of convergence is expected to create stronger, more sustainable improvements in children's dietary diversity, service uptake and overall nutrition outcomes in the 1,000-day window.

To achieve these goals, JEEViKA intends to engage a specialised Technical Support Agency to develop strategies, operational guidance and tools, and to support their implementation across the project area.

2. Objectives of the Assignment

The primary objective of this assignment is to engage a competent Technical Support Agency ("the Agency") to provide comprehensive technical assistance for planning, implementation, capacity building, monitoring, and course correction of the community resilience convergence related activities in accordance with the approved Project Implementation Plan (PIP) and Operational Guidelines, ensuring achievement of the project development objectives and its indicators.

The objectives of the assignment includes:

- Develop comprehensive Operational Strategies and Guidelines for the Community Resilience Convergence aligned with the PIP.
- Create standard operating procedures (SOPs), formats, templates and checklists to ensure operational readiness for the rollout.
- Provide ongoing technical support to implement the model, including roll-out of strategies and operating processes, capacity building, programme monitoring, documentation, and management/supervision of agri-nutri enterprises under the Health and Nutrition theme of JEEViKA, and production of periodic reports.
- Strengthen CLF for conducting the review & monitoring of project, performance review of cadres, VO- OB members, coordinate with line department, developed the individual entrepreneurs, campaign, reward and recognition and scorecards-based dashboard monitoring.

3. Scope of Work

The assignment is structured in two phases: (i) Preparatory Phase, during which the Agency will develop the strategies, frameworks, guidelines and tools needed to operationalise the community resilience pilot; and (ii) an Implementation Support Phase, during which the Agency will provide end-to-end technical support for rollout, monitoring and course correction across the project lifecycle in the selected 200-CLFs across 12 districts of the state throughout the project period.

3.1 Phase I – Preparatory Phase: Strategy, Framework and Tools Development

3.1.1 Development of Operational Guidelines, SOPs for the Community Resilience and Convergence Intervention

The Agency will develop comprehensive Operational Guidelines for implementation of the Community Resilience Intervention across 200 CLFs. The guidelines should provide a clear framework for implementing the multi-sectoral convergence, community-led action, household-level behaviour change, and improved access to health, nutrition, care, and related services. The Agency will design a multi-sectoral framework that clearly defines the role of community institutions, JEEViKA cadres, and relevant line departments in strengthening household and community resilience. The Operational Guidelines will include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. Convergence strategy with line department

The Agency will develop the convergence strategy with line department for each administrative level. This will include mechanisms for joint planning, coordination, implementation, monitoring, and review at: (i) State level, including review and strategic guidance mechanisms; (ii) District level, including district coordination and review platforms; (iii) Block level, including block-level convergence and implementation review forums; (iv) Village and community level, including convergence between Health (HWC), ICDS, CLFs. This will include the access the dashboard and participation in events, campaign & reward and recognition.

b. CLF led Community Resilience Package

The Agency will develop comprehensive Programme Implementation, Review and Monitoring Guidelines for CLFs to support systematic planning, implementation, supervision, and periodic performance review of Community Resilience interventions. The guidelines shall include implementation of four package of services including processes, review mechanisms, supervision tools, community events and campaigns, convergence meetings, performance review systems, and a structured rewards and recognition framework for community cadres and frontline workers to promote motivation, accountability, and quality service delivery.

c. Household self-tracking and community scorecards

The Agency will develop tools for household self-monitoring and community-level tracking of progress. This will include:

- A self-tracking tool for target households to monitor key behaviours and service uptake related to maternal, child, nutrition, health and care practices. Clear identification of target groups, users, formats, and usage of Sanskar Diary.
- Paper-based and digital-ready formats, with provisions for integration into community processes and the JEEViKA MIS.

- Scorecards at household and CLF levels including functionaries & entrepreneurs for continuous tracking of priority interventions, service uptake, behavior change, and convergence performance.

d. Preparation of financial guideline

The Agency will develop comprehensive financial guidelines for CLFs to support planning, budgeting, fund management, accounting, procurement, financial reporting, internal controls, and audit compliance for Community Resilience interventions. The guidelines shall also cover financial management of community-based activities and ensure transparency, accountability, efficient utilization of funds, and compliance with BRLPS/JEEViKA financial norms.

e. Entrepreneurship promotion guideline

The Agency will develop an Entrepreneurship Promotion Guideline for CLF-supported group and individual enterprises with a focus on food and nutrition enterprises. The guideline shall include enterprise and entrepreneur identification, selection criteria, business planning, access to finance, financial literacy, market and value chain linkages, mentoring, risk management, business performance monitoring to promote sustainable nutrition-sensitive enterprises.

f. Preparation of scorecards

The Agency will develop simple, standardized, and digital-ready scorecards for households, Community-Based Organizations (CLFs), community cadres, frontline workers & entrepreneurs to assess key health, nutrition, convergence, service delivery, and institutional performance indicators. The scorecards shall facilitate self-assessment, supportive supervision, periodic review, performance tracking, and evidence-based decision-making at all levels.

g. Role of functionaries

The Agency will define the roles, responsibilities, competencies, reporting relationships, and accountability mechanisms of all community cadres engaged in the intervention. The guideline shall clearly specify cadre responsibilities for household counselling, behaviour change communication, community mobilization, service convergence, referral and follow-up, enterprise promotion, data collection, reporting, and facilitation of community institutions to ensure effective implementation.

h. Digital interventions Strategy to enhance digital uptake

The Agency will develop a Digital Intervention Strategy to promote adoption and effective use of AI base digital solutions (audio & audio-visual) by households, community institutions, cadres, and frontline workers. This will serve as the core intervention strategy, through which households will receive timely alerts, IVR messages, prompts, application-based notifications, and clear next-action guidance. The messages will emphasize the in-depth benefits of

adopting specific recommended behaviours among target women and children. AI-enabled digital tools will serve as the key enablers for delivering personalized, targeted, and actionable support to caregivers. The strategy shall include digital literacy, capacity building, digital behaviour change approaches, use of mobile applications, MIS and dashboards, digital learning platforms, implementation roadmap, user support mechanisms, and monitoring of digital adoption to strengthen programme implementation, service delivery, and data-driven decision-making.

3.1.2 Planning and Implementation Framework

The Agency will develop a detailed planning and implementation framework to guide annual, quarterly, and planning for the intervention. This framework will ensure alignment between project objectives, project targets, available resources, implementation timelines, and community-level action.

The framework will include:

- Annual Action Planning guidelines, including step-by-step processes, templates, and tools for preparation of state, district, block, and CLF-level annual action plans aligned with approved project targets and budgets.
- Quarterly operational planning formats to translate annual plans into actionable calendars, including activity schedules, resource allocation, responsibility matrices, and review timelines.
- Village and CLF-level planning tools to enable community institutions to prepare village health and nutrition action plans in convergence with government services.
- Activity-based budgeting and templates for costing interventions and preparing realistic budgets.
- Standard formats for implementation timelines, workplans, and Gantt charts to support tracking of activity progress.
- A community mobilization strategy outlining approaches, tools, campaigns, platforms, timelines, and resource requirements. This may include Poshan Maah, food demonstrations, male engagement sessions, community pledges, and other relevant community platform.

3.1.3 Social and Behaviour Change Communication Strategy

The Agency will design a comprehensive Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) Strategy to guide behaviour change efforts across the intervention period. The strategy should be evidence-informed, audience-specific, culturally appropriate, and aligned with the 1,000-day continuum of care.

The Agency will undertake the following:

- Conduct a rapid formative assessment and review of existing SBCC materials, communication channels, practices, and platforms used by JEEViKA, Health/NHM, ICDS, and other relevant government programmes.

- Define primary and secondary audiences, including pregnant women, lactating mothers, caregivers of children aged 0–5 months and 6–23 months, husbands, mothers-in-law, adolescent girls, community leaders, SHG members, JEEViKA cadres, and frontline workers.
- Prioritize key behaviours and social norms to be addressed across pregnancy, birth, the first six months, and the complementary feeding period from 6–23 months.
- Develop a multi-year SBCC strategy covering behavioural objectives, audience segmentation, message frameworks, narratives, channel mix, touchpoints, phasing, and intensity of activities over a 4–5 year period.
- The Agency will also prepare an integrated IEC and media plan to operationalize the SBCC strategy. The plan will include:
    - Household-level tools such as pictorial calendars, wall charts, self-tracking cards, counselling aids, IVR messages, and voice-based reminders.
    - Group and community platforms such as SHG, VO and CLF meetings, food demonstrations, campaigns, Poshan events, male engagement sessions, and community mobilization campaigns including Sankar Diary.
- Development of the Sanskar Diary which would be attractive pictorial, expected standard behavior (Sanskar), easy to understand and follow the practices by the households.

3.1.4 Capacity Building Strategy and Training Modules

The Agency will develop a capacity-building strategy and training package to support effective implementation of the Community Resilience and Convergence Intervention. This will include:

- A multi-year capacity-building roadmap for the different level of functionaries including budget requirement.
- Training needs assessment on related area of interventions for stakeholders and field functionaries.
- Training modules, participant handbooks, and job aids on the Community Resilience and Convergence Intervention.
- Modules on priority health and nutrition behaviours, first 1,000 days, household counselling, service uptake, convergence, and use of Sanskar Diary.
- The training modules and roll out plan for individual HN entrepreneurs will also be included.

3.1.5 Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework

The Agency will develop a comprehensive Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Framework for tracking implementation progress and outcome-level results. The MEL Framework will include:

- A theory of change and results framework articulating project inputs, activities, outputs, outcomes, and intended impact, with clear causal pathways.

- Data collection tools and reporting formats, including household and beneficiary registration formats, digital tracking formats, activity monitoring checklists, community institutional performance scorecards, referral tracking formats, and beneficiary feedback or satisfaction survey tools.
- Paper-based and digital-ready tools for field-level use and eventual integration with JEEViKA MIS and project dashboards.
- Technical inputs to the MIS and dashboard design team for updating on data flow architecture, digital data collection requirements, dashboard layouts, real-time indicators, and reporting templates.
- To increase the uptake of digital interface at Individual, Cadre, CBO, Front line worker training is required for which strategy and implementation plan framework needs to be developed including its strategy note.

3.1.6 Stakeholder Consultations and Finalization of Tools

The Agency will facilitate consultations with relevant stakeholders to validate and finalize the proposed guidelines, frameworks, tools, and strategies. This will include:

- Organizing state, district, and block-level stakeholder orientation and consultation meeting to present draft operational guidelines, service package, planning tools, SBCC strategy, capacity-building materials, monitoring framework, and scorecards.
- Engaging relevant project staff, government departments, frontline systems, JEEViKA community institutions, community representatives, and technical experts in the review process.
- Documenting comments, feedback, and recommendations received during consultations.
- Revising and finalizing all documents, tools, templates, and guidelines based on feedback.
- Conducting pre-implementation orientation sessions for DPCU, BPIU staff, CLF representatives, key JEEViKA cadres, and relevant government functionaries on the approved operational guidelines, implementation framework, monitoring systems, and use of tools.
- Documentation and sharing of letter with government counterpart on mutually agreed action.

3.2 Phase II – Implementation Support

Following finalisation of the strategies, frameworks and tools, the Technical Support Agency shall provide end-to-end implementation support across the project lifecycle in the following areas.

3.2.1 Planning Support

- Support preparation of annual action plans (AAP), quarterly operational plans and CLF/ block/district-level plans aligned to project targets and timelines.

- Assist in implementing convergence frameworks and protocols for integration of health, nutrition, livelihoods and individual entrepreneurs.
- Support activity-based such as budgeting and resource allocation planning at state, district, block and CLF levels.
- Assist in refining community institutional strengthening strategies, including roles and responsibilities of CLF cadres (MRP, CNRP, CMs) in service delivery convergence.

3.2.2 Implementation Support

- Provide on-ground technical assistance to SPMU, DPCUs, BPIUs and CLFs for timely and quality implementation of planned activities.
- Support capacity building and training of project staff, CLF cadres, community mobilisers, SHG members and government functionaries on: health & nutrition behaviour change communication; convergence mechanisms and joint planning protocols; health and nutrition interventions; market-led value chain development and women's enterprise promotion; financial inclusion and MEL systems.
- Facilitate convergence meetings, joint planning sessions and review forums at village, block, district and state levels with government departments and stakeholders.
- Develop a mechanism for regular registration of new members in the MIS so that the maximum beneficiary can be reached.
- Developed the system for increase the usage of AI Enabled application and Sanskar Diary by the Households
- Support in updating the video, audio & audio visual after testing and feedback from the community and stakeholders.
- Support in increasement the access of dashboard by the health functionary (based on the login) in the project area.
- Support roll-out of community mobilization campaigns (Poshan Maah, etc.).
- Implementation support to increase the HN MIS Apps Usage & Sanskar Diary
- Develop/refine SOPs, implementation manuals and training modules for various project components.
- Support to the CLF to become the anchor of community resilience project and data driven decision based on the dashboard by the CLF on monthly basis
- Support in increasement Effectiveness and efficiency of programme implementation focussing on the adoption of behaviour
- Provide technical handholding for establishing and operationalizing community institutions, enterprises, producer groups and market linkages.
- Assist in grievance redressal, troubleshooting implementation bottlenecks and adaptive management based on field realities.

- Nurturing the individual HN entrepreneurs to grow and sustain through maximum reach to the targeted households.

3.2.3 Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)

- Operationalize a comprehensive MEL framework with process, outcome and impact indicators aligned to the project results framework.
- Deploy digital or paper-based MIS/data collection tools, dashboards, scorecards and reporting templates for tracking physical and financial progress.
- Support in conducting periodic monitoring visits (monthly, quarterly) at state, district, block and village levels to assess implementation quality, coverage and adherence to operational guidelines.
- Support data validation, quality assurance and triangulation of reported data with ground realities.
- Support in Preparing monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports (narrative and analytical) for SPMU, donors and government, highlighting achievements, challenges, lessons learned and recommendations.
- Support in establishing and maintaining a knowledge management system to document best practices, case studies, learning briefs and innovations for replication and scaling.
- Support in Organizing learning events, review workshops and cross-learning visits to facilitate peer learning and adaptive management.

3.2.4 Documentation and Knowledge Management

- Develop case studies, success stories, photo stories and video documentaries showcasing project impact and innovations.
- Develop AI based audio, video, audio- visual products including contents on maternal and child health and nutrition, Genito urinary infection, anemia, postpartum and post-menopausal depression, NCD and geriatric care in large numbers and required periodical updating.
- Prepare policy briefs, technical notes and research papers on effective convergence models, health and nutrition outcomes, women's enterprise development and community-driven approaches.
- Support preparation of annual reports and communication materials (newsletters, infographics, presentations).
- Maintain a digital repository of all project documents, data, reports and knowledge products.

3.2.5 Coordination and Representation

- Represent the project in relevant state and district-level coordination forums, committees and working groups (e.g., State Nutrition Mission, District Health Societies).

- Facilitate partnerships and MOUs with technical institutions, research organizations, CSOs and private sector entities where relevant.
- Support advocacy and policy dialogue for institutionalization of successful project models within government systems.

4. Duration of the Assignment

Five (5) years from the date of contract signing, with annual performance review will be conducted.

The assignment shall comprise a

1.**Preparatory Phase: - This is preparatory phase will be for 9 months from the date of contract signing**, which is deliverable based related to finalization of the strategies, frameworks, guidelines and tools set out in Section 3.1 shall be developed, validated and finalised.

2. Implementation Support Phase: It will be for 51 months which is time-based TSA support.

5. Preparatory & Implementation phase Timelines

5.1 Deliverables of Preparatory Phase

Deliverable	Timeline
Inception report with detailed work plan, methodology, and team deployment plan	Within 30 days of contract signing
Development of Operational Guidelines / SOPs for the Community Resilience and Convergence Intervention • Convergence strategy with line department, • CLF led Community Resilience Package, • Household self-tracking and community scorecards, • Preparation of financial guideline, • Entrepreneurship promotion guideline, • Preparation of scorecards, • Role of functionaries, • Digital interventions Strategy to enhance digital uptake	Within 3monhs
Submission of Draft planning and implementation framework (Community mobilization strategy, format for annual action, budget)	Within 6monhs
Submission of Social and Behavioural Communication Strategy (SBCC) note: Develop a multi-year SBCC strategy covering behavioural objectives, audience segmentation, message	6 months

frameworks, narratives, channel mix, touchpoints, phasing, and intensity of activities over a 4–5 year period.	
Submission of Capacity Building Strategy including Training Modules and training package to support effective implementation of the Community Resilience and Convergence Intervention.	Within 9 months
Develop the content, message, alert message, IVR messages for initial requirement of AI enabled HN MIS	9 months
Develop a comprehensive Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Framework for tracking implementation progress and outcome-level results.	Within 9 months
Facilitate consultations with relevant stakeholders to validate and finalize the proposed guidelines, frameworks, tools, and strategies	Within 9 months
Final Consolidated Preparatory Phase Report (summary of all frameworks, guidelines, tools developed; implementation readiness assessment; recommendations for rollout)	Within 9 months of contract signing

Note: Continuation from preparatory phase to implementation phase will be automatic, if there is no any written objection form BRLPS.

5.2 Implementation Support Phase Time Based (Ongoing deliverable)

Deliverable	Frequency	Timeline
Annual action plans and activity-based budgets	Annually	By end of Q4 of preceding year
Quarterly operational plans and monitoring plans	Quarterly	15 days before start of each quarter
Training modules, SOPs, and operational guidelines (updates/refinements)	As per need	Within agreed timelines
Monthly progress reports (narrative + data dashboards)	Monthly	By 14th of following month
Quarterly progress reports (analytical, with field insights)	Quarterly	Within 15 days of quarter-end
Annual progress reports (comprehensive with case studies)	Annually	Within 30 days of financial year-end
Monitoring visit reports and field assessments	Monthly/Quarterly	Within 21 days of visit completion
Knowledge products (case studies, briefs, videos, audios etc.)	Ongoing	Minimum 50 products per year
Regular registration of new members in the project area	Ongoing	During the project period
Usage of AI Enabled application and Sanskar Diary by the Households	Ongoing	During the project period
Data driven decision based on the dashboard by the CLF on monthly basis	Ongoing	During the project period
Increase the access of dashboard by the health functionary (based on the login)	Ongoing	During the project period
Final project completion report and learning	One-time	Before 30 days of project

document		closure

All deliverables shall be submitted in editable electronic format together with a print-ready PDF, and shall be subject to review and written approval by JEEViKA/SPMU before being treated as accepted for payment purposes.

6. Team Composition and Minimum Qualifications for TSA

The Agency shall deploy a multi-disciplinary core team at the state level, supported by field-level coordinators at district level, commensurate with the scale and geographic spread of BRTP. Indicative key personnel and minimum qualification/experience criteria are given below; JEEViKA may revise team size and seniority levels at finalisation based on budget and geographic coverage.

6.1 Key Personnel (State-level Core Team)

Position Key Personnel	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Experience	Required Man Months
Team Leader / Project Coordinator	Post-graduate degree in Public Health / Nutrition/ Social Work / Rural Development / Management	15 years experience in multi-disciplinary teams on health/nutrition/livelihoods programmes	60
SBCC Specialist	Post-graduate in Communication / Rural Development / Public Health / Social Sciences	10 years experience in Social Behaviural Change Communication (SBCC)/Information Education Communication (IEC) strategy design for health / nutrition or development programmes.	60
MEL Expert	Post-graduate in Statistics / Economics / Public Health / Social Work	8 years experience in designing the evaluation and analysis of data for development programmes in Health & Nutrition	60
Enterprise Development Specialist	Post-graduate in / Rural Management /Economics /Social Work	10 years experience in managing rural enterprise initiatives/ experience of preparing business plan/managing supply chain / value chain development/ women's enterprise promotion/ SHG-based livelihoods/financial inclusion.	60
Audio, Audio-Visual Developer	Post Graduate/ in Mass Communication / Journalism/ Multimedia /	**8 years** of experience in audio / video production/ scripting /recording /editing, animation	**60**

	Film/Video Production	and Information Education Communication materials.	
Digital Content Creator	Post Graduate/ in Graphic Design / Visual Communication /Multimedia / Mass Communication	Minimum 8 years of experience in developing digital communication and learning materials on health/ nutrition/ livelihoods including digital flip-books / illustrations /posters / infographics / Information Education communication materials/ digital messages/ presentations / social media creatives / and other visual content.	60
Capacity Building Specialist (to be deployed implementation phase)	Post-graduate in Communication / Rural Development / Public Health / / Social Sciences	10 years experience in capacity building and training design for health& nutrition	51
Non-Key Position Support Personnel	**Minimum Qualification**	**Minimum Experience**	**Required Man Months**
District-level Coordinators [22 persons average 10 per CLF)] to be deployed in the implementation phase	Graduate in /Social work/Social science/Public health/rural development	8 years field experience in health or nutrition programmes including facilitation / training and monitoring at the block/district / or higher level.	1122

Note:- Post graduate courses means 02 year course and graduate course means 03 years course.

Medical/Subject Experts: Graduate (MBBS) with specialist in Psychiatric / Paediatrics / Gynaecologist / Community medicine with minimum 7 years of experience in the above field. The medical/subject expert will be hired on need based and day basis services will be taken. **The Man days basis payment will be as per the quoted rate for key experts SBCC Specialist** Their expertise will be utilised as per the need of BRLPS. **This will not be the part of evaluation process of the vendor**. At the time of requirement, successful agency may be asked to submit the CV of concerned Medical /subject Expert for evaluation before deployment.

6.3 General Requirements

- All key personnel must possess working proficiency in Hindi; familiarity with the socio-cultural context of rural Bihar is desirable.
- CVs of proposed key personnel, along with their availability and commitment for the assignment duration, must be submitted with the technical proposal.
- Any change in key personnel during the assignment (if accepted by the BRLPS) shall require prior written approval from JEEViKA, and replacements must have equal or superior qualifications and experience.

7. Institutional Arrangement and Reporting

- The Agency shall work under the overall guidance and supervision of the State Project Management Unit (SPMU), JEEViKA, and shall report functionally to the designated Nodal Officer (Health and Nutrition) at SPMU.
- At the district level, the Agency's district coordinators shall coordinate closely with the District Project Coordination Units (DPCUs) and Block Project Implementation Units (BPIUs).
- The Agency shall submit all deliverables and periodic reports as per Section 5 to SPMU for review and approval; JEEViKA shall communicate feedback / comments within 14 working days of receipt, and the Agency shall incorporate the same within 7 working days thereafter.
- A Project Steering/Review Committee constituted by JEEViKA shall periodically review the Agency's progress, deliverables and overall performance against the agreed work plan and indicators.
- The Agency shall participate in periodic coordination meetings (at least monthly) with SPMU, and quarterly review meetings involving DPCU/BPIU representatives, as scheduled by JEEViKA.

8. Eligibility / Qualification Criteria for the Agency

Interested agencies/firms/organisations must satisfy the following minimum eligibility criteria to be considered for this assignment:

- Should be a legally registered entity in India (company, society, trust, or partnership firm) with at least 7 years of organisational existence as on the date of application.
- Should have demonstrated experience of at least 5 years in providing technical support – nutrition, SBCC/IEC strategy, capacity building, MEL systems, or convergence support – to government or donor-funded rural livelihoods, health, nutrition, or community program (SHGs/VOs/Federations) or social development programmes.

- Should have successfully completed/be currently implementing at least two assignments of comparable nature and scale (preferably involving World Bank or other multilateral/bilateral/CSR-funded projects) in the last 7 years.
- Should have a minimum average annual turnover of [INR — to be specified by JEEViKA] over the last three financial years, and should not be under any bankruptcy or blacklisting by any State/Central Government department, PSU, or donor agency.

9. Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria

The Agency shall be selected following a Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method, in accordance with the World Bank's applicable procurement guidelines (consistent with World Bank consultant selection procedures, given BRTP is a Bank-supported project). Technical and financial proposals shall be invited and evaluated as follows:

- Technical proposal: 80% weightage; Financial proposal: 20% weightage.
- Only agencies scoring a minimum of 70% in the technical evaluation shall be considered for opening of financial proposals.
- The financial proposals of technically qualified agencies shall be opened publicly, and the contract shall be awarded to the agency obtaining the highest combined technical and financial score.

9.1 Indicative Technical Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Weightage
Organisational experience and track record in similar assignments (SBC, capacity building, health and nutrition, convergence support)	30%
Proposed methodology, work plan and understanding of the assignment	20%
Qualification and experience of proposed key personnel	50%
Total	**100%**

10. **Facilities and Support to be Provided by JEEViKA**

- Access to relevant project documents, the approved PIP, prior assessments/studies, and existing data systems necessary for the assignment.
- Facilitation of introductions and coordination with relevant government departments, DPCUs, BPIUs and community institutions.
- The Agency will arrange the furnished office space near by the SPMU & JEEVIKA will reimburse the Office setup cost (Including Table, Chair, Printer, Water filter, Internet, etc.). Bidder has to quote this rate in the "REIMBURSABLE FORMAT" available in the RFP. In case, JEEVIKA provides the space for the TSA at the SPMU the above

office rent and maintenance cost will not be claimed by the TSA. The proprietary right of the total office set-up materials will be finalized at the time of contract negotiation. The contract manager can invite to the office as per the need to work in the SPMU office.

- The field staff will be given the workspace at DPCU or BPIU nearby the assigned CLFs.
- TA & DA provision and norms for key personal will be applicable as per the BRLPS category -II employee as per HR manual of JEEVIKA. The TA & DA provision and norms of field staff for the TSA will be applicable as per the BRLPS category -III employee as per HR manual of JEEVIKA.
- The total 12 CL annually to all staff and for female additional 2 days special leave per month will be given and holiday will be availed as per the holidays of Bihar Government/BRLPS. Working days will be applicable as per the BRLPS and place of work. They should avail the compensatory leave against worked on holidays. The application of leave for the field staff will be approved by the Lead / Project Coordinator TSA. The leave of Key staff / TSA core team's will be approved by the Contract Manager.
- Support in organizing stakeholder workshops and orientation sessions, including venue coordination with government counterparts where applicable.
- Timely review and feedback on deliverables as per the timelines specified in Section 7.

12. Monitoring and Performance Review of the Agency

- JEEViKA shall monitor the Agency's performance against the agreed work plan, deliverable timelines, and quality standards on an ongoing basis.
- Persistent underperformance, non-submission of deliverables, or deployment of personnel materially different from those proposed, may result in withholding of payments, performance improvement notices, or termination of the contract as per Section 14.

13. Confidentiality, Data Ownership and Intellectual Property

- All data, reports, strategies, tools, training materials, IEC content, MIS/LMS designs and other outputs developed under this assignment shall be the exclusive property of JEEViKA/BRLPS, and the Agency shall have no right to use, publish or share such material with third parties without prior written consent of JEEViKA.
- The Agency shall maintain strict confidentiality of all project data, beneficiary information and internal documents shared by JEEViKA, both during and after the assignment period.

- The Agency shall comply with all applicable data protection and privacy norms while collecting, storing and processing beneficiary-level data.
- Upon completion or termination of the contract, the Agency shall hand over all project-related data, documents and electronic files to JEEViKA in agreed formats.

14. Termination of Contract

- JEEViKA may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, by giving the Agency written notice (indicatively 30 days prior) in the event of: persistent failure to perform contractual obligations; breach of material terms of the contract; submission of false information; or for convenience, with due notice, as per the terms of the signed contract.
- The Agency may seek termination by giving written notice as specified in the contract, citing valid reasons, subject to completion of handover obligations under Section 13.
- In the event of termination, payment shall be made based on the deliverables/ days of services provided and accepted by JEEViKA up to the date of termination.

15. Payment Schedule

The payment to the Technical Support Agency (TSA) shall be made on a quarterly basis, against the submission and satisfactory acceptance of the agreed deliverables and/or services for the respective quarter. The Preparatory Phase (9 months) shall be primarily deliverable-based, while the Implementation Support Phase (51 months) shall be primarily time/man-month based, with payments linked to the actual deployment of approved personnel, monthly attendance, quarterly progress reporting, and other agreed outputs, as specified in the payment schedule below.

- Preparatory Phase – 25% of the total contract amount: The first 9 months will be a deliverable-based phase. Payment will be released against the submission and acceptance of key outputs as indicated in the table below: ,

Overall, 25% of the contract amount will be paid during the 9-month deliverable-based Preparatory Phase and 75% during the 51-month time/man-month-based Implementation Support Phase, with payments made on a quarterly basis. Payments will be made only after satisfactory review and written acceptance by JEEViKA/SPMU. The payment schedule is as below:

Payment Schedule			
S.No.	**Description of Deliverables**	**Proposed Timeline**	**Payment (% of Contract Amount)**
1	**Phase 1 Deliverables (9 months)**		**25%**
1.1	Inception report	Within 4 Weeks of Contract Signature	**5%**

1.2	Development of Operational Guidelines / SOPs for the Community Resilience and Convergence Intervention	Within 3monhs	**5%**
1.3	Submission of Draft planning and implementation framework (Community mobilization strategy, format for annual action, budget)	Within 6monhs	**2%**
1.4	Submission of Social and Behavioural Communication Strategy (SBCC) note	6 months	**2%**
1.5	Submission of Capacity Building Strategy including Training Modules and training package to support effective implementation of the Community Resilience and Convergence Intervention.	9 months	**2%**
1.6	Develop the content, message, alert message, IVR messages for initial requirement of AI enabled HN MIS	9 months	**2%**
1.7	Develop a comprehensive Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Framework for tracking implementation progress and outcome-level results.	Within 9 months	**2%**
1.8	Facilitate consultations with relevant stakeholders to validate and finalize the proposed guidelines, frameworks, tools and strategies	Within 9 months	**2%**
1.9	Final Consolidated Preparatory Phase Report (summary of all frameworks, guidelines, tools developed; implementation readiness assessment; recommendations for rollout)	Within 9 months	**3%**
2	**Phase 2: Time-based or Man months Based Billing & quarterly reporting**	**10th Month to 60th Month**	**75%**
2.1	The quarterly payment will be based on the acceptable deliverable within the scope of work, monthly attendance & quarterly report.	1533 Man months	**70%**
2.2	Submission of acceptable final completion report	Before 30 days of project closure	**5%**
	Total		**100%**

Note:

Preparatory Phase (up to 9monhs): Payments for the preparatory phase will be based on the completion of key deliverables on a quarterly basis. However, any funds withheld due to incomplete deliverables will be released in the subsequent quarter or within 9 months after submission of completion of report. The soft copy of documents accordingly to the deliverables along with the attendance sheet & salary payment confirmation letter of key personnel for every quarter is required in the preparatory phase.

Implementation Phase (from 10 to 60 months): The quarterly payment will be based on the acceptable deliverable within the scope of work, monthly attendance & quarterly report.

PART II

Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms

[Notes: *Part II includes two types of standard Contract forms for Consulting Services a Time-Based Contract and a Lump-Sum Contract]*.

(i) ***Time-Based Contract****. This type of contract is appropriate when it is difficult to define or fix the scope and the duration of the services, either because they are related to activities carried out by others for which the completion period may vary, or because the input of the consultants required for attaining the objectives of the assignment is difficult to assess. In time-based contracts the Consultant provides services on a timed basis according to quality specifications, and Consultant's remuneration is determined on the basis of the time actually spent by the Consultant in carrying out the Services and is based on (i) agreed upon unit rates for the Consultant's experts multiplied by the actual time spent by the experts in executing the assignment, and (ii) reimbursable expenses using actual expenses and/or agreed unit prices. This type of contract requires the Client to closely supervise the Consultant and to be involved in the daily execution of the assignment.*

(ii) ***Lump-Sum Contract [Not Used].*** *This type of contract is used mainly for assignments in which the scope and the duration of the Services and the required output of the Consultant are clearly defined. Payments are linked to outputs (deliverables) such as reports, drawings, bill of quantities, bidding documents, or software programs. Lump-sum contracts are easier to administer because they operate on the principle of a fixed price for a fixed scope, and payments are due on clearly specified outputs and milestones. Nevertheless, quality control of the Consultant's outputs by the Client is paramount.*

(iii) The templates are designed for use in assignments ***with consulting firms and shall not be used for contracting of individual experts****.]*

TIME-BASED FORM OF CONTRACT

STANDARD FORM OF CONTRACT

Consultant's Services

Time-Based

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CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT'S SERVICES
Time-Based

Project Name _____

***[Loan/Credit/Grant]* No.**_____

Assignment Title: _____

Contract No. _____

between

_____
[Name of the Client]

and

_____
[Name of the Consultant]

Dated: _____

I. Form of Contract

TIME-BASED

(Text in brackets [ ] is optional; all notes should be deleted in the final text)

This CONTRACT (hereinafter called the "Contract") is made the *[number]* day of the month of *[month]*, *[year]*, between, on the one hand, *[name of Client or Recipient]* (hereinafter called the "Client") and, on the other hand, *[name of Consultant]* (hereinafter called the "Consultant").

[If the Consultant consist of more than one entity, the above should be partially amended to read as follows: "…(hereinafter called the "Client") and, on the other hand, a Joint Venture (name of the JV) consisting of the following entities, each member of which will be jointly and severally liable to the Client for all the Consultant's obligations under this Contract, namely, *[name of member]* and *[name of member]* (hereinafter called the "Consultant").*]*

WHEREAS

(a) the Client has requested the Consultant to provide certain consulting services as defined in this Contract (hereinafter called the "Services");

(b) the Consultant, having represented to the Client that it has the required professional skills, expertise and technical resources, has agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract;

(c) the Client has received [*or* has applied for] a loan [*or* credit *or* grant] from the *[Insert as appropriate: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)* or *International Development Association (IDA)]* toward the cost of the Services and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this [loan/credit/grant] to eligible payments under this Contract, it being understood that (i) payments by the Bank will be made only at the request of the Client and upon approval by the Bank; (ii) such payments will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the [loan/financing/grant] agreement, including prohibitions of withdrawal from the [loan/credit/grant] account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of the Bank, is prohibited by the decision of the United Nations Security council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations; and (iii) no party other than the Client shall derive any rights from the [loan/financing/grant] agreement or have any claim to the [loan/credit/grant] proceeds;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. The following documents attached hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Contract:

   (a) The General Conditions of Contract (including Attachment 1 "Fraud and Corruption";
   (b) The Special Conditions of Contract;
   (c) Appendices:

   Appendix A: Terms of Reference
   Appendix B: Key Experts
   Appendix C: Remuneration Cost Estimates
   Appendix D: Reimbursables Cost Estimates
   Appendix E: Form of Advance Payments Guarantee

   In the event of any inconsistency between the documents, the following order of precedence shall prevail: the Special Conditions of Contract; the General Conditions of Contract, including Attachment 1; Appendix A; Appendix B; Appendix C and Appendix D; Appendix E; and Appendix F. Any reference to this Contract shall include, where the context permits, a reference to its Appendices.

2. The mutual rights and obligations of the Client and the Consultant shall be as set forth in the Contract, in particular:

   (a) the Consultant shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract; and
   (b) the Client shall make payments to the Consultant in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of *[Name of Client]*

_____

[Authorized Representative of the Client – name, title and signature]

For and on behalf of *[Name of Consultant or Name of a Joint Venture]*

_____

[Authorized Representative of the Consultant – name and signature]

[For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached.]

For and on behalf of each of the members of the Consultant [insert the name of the Joint Venture]

[Name of the lead member]

_____

[Authorized Representative on behalf of a Joint Venture]

[add signature blocks for each member if all are signing]

II. General Conditions of Contract

A. General Provisions

1. Definitions

1.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:

(a) **"Applicable Law"** means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Client's country, or in such other country as may be specified in the **Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)**, as they may be issued and in force from time to time.

(b) **"Bank"** means the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) or the International Development Association (IDA).

(c) **"Borrower"** means the Government, Government agency or other entity that signs the financing agreement with the Bank.

(d) **"Client"** means the implementing agency that signs the Contract for the Services with the Selected Consultant.

(e) **"Client's Personnel"** refers to the staff, labor and other employees (if any) of the Client engaged in fulfilling the Client's obligations under the Contract; and any other personnel identified as Client's Personnel, by a notice from the Client to the Consultant.

(f) **"Consultant"** means a legally-established professional consulting firm or entity selected by the Client to provide the Services under the signed Contract.

(g) **"Contract"** means the legally binding written agreement signed between the Client and the Consultant and which includes all the attached documents listed in its paragraph 1 of the Form of Contract (the General Conditions (GCC), the Special Conditions (SCC), and the Appendices).

(h) **"Day"** means a working day unless indicated otherwise.

(i) **"Effective Date"** means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GCC 11.

(j) **"Experts"** means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or JV member(s) assigned by the Consultant to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract.

(k) **"Foreign Currency"** means any currency other than the currency of the Client's country.

(l) **"GCC"** means these General Conditions of Contract.

(m) **"Government"** means the government of the Client's country.

(n) **"Joint Venture (JV)"** means an association with or without a legal personality distinct from that of its members, of more than one entity where one member has the authority to conduct all businesses for and on behalf of any and all the members of the JV, and where the members of the JV are jointly and severally liable to the Client for the performance of the Contract.

(o) **"Key Expert(s)"** means an individual professional whose skills, qualifications, knowledge and experience are critical to the performance of the Services under the Contract and whose Curricula Vitae (CV) was taken into account in the technical evaluation of the Consultant's proposal.

(p) **"Local Currency"** means the currency of the Client's country.

(q) **"Non-Key Expert(s)"** means an individual professional provided by the Consultant or its Sub-consultant to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract.

(r) **"Party"** means the Client or the Consultant, as the case may be, and "Parties" means both of them.

(s) **"SCC"** means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented but not over-written.

(t) **"Services"** means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A hereto.

(u) "**Sub-consultants"** means an entity to whom/which the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services while remaining solely liable for the execution of the Contract.

(v) **"Third Party"** means any person or entity other than the Government, the Client, the Consultant or a Sub-consultant.

2. Relationship between the Parties

2.1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relationship of master and servant or of principal and agent as between the Client and the Consultant. The Consultant, subject to this Contract, has complete charge of the Experts and Sub-consultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

3. Law Governing Contract

3.1. This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by the Applicable Law.

4. Language

4.1. This Contract has been executed in the language specified in the SCC, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this

		Contract.
5. Headings	5.1.	The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.
6. Communications	6.1.	Any communication required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing in the language specified in Clause GCC 4. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person to an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent to such Party at the address specified in the SCC.
	6.2.	A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party any communication of such change to the address specified in the **SCC**.
7. Location	7.1.	The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in Appendix **A** hereto and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in the Government's country or elsewhere, as the Client may approve.
8. Authority of Member in Charge	8.1.	In case the Consultant is a Joint Venture, the members hereby authorize the member specified in the **SCC** to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Client under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Client.
9. Authorized Representatives	9.1.	Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract by the Client or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the **SCC.**
10. Fraud and Corruption	10.1.	The Bank requires compliance with the Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines and its prevailing sanctions policies and procedures as set forth in the Bank's Sanctions Framework, as set forth in Attachment 1 to the GCC.
a. Commissions and Fees	10.2.	The Client requires the Consultant to disclose any commissions or fees that may have been paid or are to be paid to agents or any other party with respect to the selection process or execution of the Contract. The information disclosed must include at least the name and address of the agent or other party, the amount and currency, and the purpose of the commission, gratuity or fee. Failure to disclose such commissions, gratuities or fees may result in termination of the Contract and/or

sanctions by the Bank.

B. COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

11. Effectiveness of Contract	11.1.	This Contract shall come into force and effect on the date (the "Effective Date") of the Client's notice to the Consultant instructing the Consultant to begin carrying out the Services. This notice shall confirm that the effectiveness conditions, if any, listed in the **SCC** have been met.
12. Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective	12.1.	If this Contract has not become effective within such time period after the date of Contract signature as specified in the SCC, either Party may, by not less than twenty two (22) days written notice to the other Party, declare this Contract to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration by either Party, neither Party shall have any claim against the other Party with respect hereto.
13. Commencement of Services	13.1.	The Consultant shall confirm availability of Key Experts and begin carrying out the Services not later than the number of days after the Effective Date specified in the **SCC**.
14. Expiration of Contract	14.1.	Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause GCC 19 hereof, this Contract shall expire at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as specified in the **SCC**.
15. Entire Agreement	15.1.	This Contract contains all covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the Parties. No agent or representative of either Party has authority to make, and the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for, any statement, representation, promise or agreement not set forth herein.
16. Modifications or Variations	16.1.	Any modification or variation of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification or variation of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties. However, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for modification or variation made by the other Party.
	16.2.	In cases of substantial modifications or variations, the prior written consent of the Bank is required.
17. Force Majeure		
a. Definition	17.1.	For the purposes of this Contract, "Force Majeure" means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and makes a Party's

performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible under the circumstances, and subject to those requirements, includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action confiscation or any other action by Government agencies.

17.2. Force Majeure shall not include (i) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party's Experts, Sub-consultants or agents or employees, nor (ii) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Contract, and avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.

17.3. Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder.

b. No Breach of Contract

17.4. The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Contract.

c. Measures to be Taken

17.5. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

17.6. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any case not later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give written notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.

17.7. Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.

17.8. During the period of their inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Consultant,

upon instructions by the Client, shall either:

(a) demobilize, in which case the Consultant shall be reimbursed for additional costs they reasonably and necessarily incurred, and, if required by the Client, in reactivating the Services; or

(b) continue with the Services to the extent reasonably possible, in which case the Consultant shall continue to be paid under the terms of this Contract and be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred.

17.9. In the case of disagreement between the Parties as to the existence or extent of Force Majeure, the matter shall be settled according to Clauses GCC 53 & 54.

18. Suspension

18.1. The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the failure, and (ii) shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) calendar days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.

19. Termination

19.1. This Contract may be terminated by either Party as per provisions set up below:

a. By the Client

19.1.1 The Client may terminate this Contract in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this Clause. In such an occurrence the Client shall give at least thirty (30) calendar days' written notice of termination to the Consultant in case of the events referred to in (a) through (d); at least sixty (60) calendar days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (e); and at least five (5) calendar days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (f):

(a) If the Consultant fails to remedy a failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clause GCC 18;

(b) If the Consultant becomes (or, if the Consultant consists of more than one entity, if any of its members becomes) insolvent or bankrupt or enter into any agreements with their creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or go into liquidation or receivership whether

compulsory or voluntary;

(c) If the Consultant fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to Clause GCC 54.1;

(d) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days;

(e) If the Client, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Contract;

(f) If the Consultant fails to confirm availability of Key Experts as required in Clause GCC 13.

19.1.2 if the Consultant, in the judgment of the Client has engaged in Fraud and Corruption, as defined in paragraph 2.2 a of the Attachement 1 to the GCC, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Client may, after giving fourteen (14) calendar days written notice to the Consultant, terminate the Consultant's employment under the Contract.

b. By the Consultant

19.1.3 The Consultant may terminate this Contract, by not less than thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to the Client, in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Clause.

(a) If the Client fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clauses GCC 54.1 within forty-five (45) calendar days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.

(b) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days.

(c) If the Client fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause GCC 54.1.

(d) If the Client is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within forty-five (45) days (or such longer period as the Consultant may have subsequently approved in writing) following the receipt by the Client of the Consultant's notice specifying such breach.

c. Cessation of

19.1.4 Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses GCC

Rights and Obligations

12 or GCC 19 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to Clause GCC 14, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause GCC 22, (iii) the Consultant's obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in Clause GCC 25 and to cooperate and assist in any inspection or investigation, and (iv) any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

d. Cessation of Services

19.1.5 Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to Clauses GCC 19a or GCC 19b, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and equipment and materials furnished by the Client, the Consultant shall proceed as provided, respectively, by Clauses GCC 27 or GCC 28.

e. Payment upon Termination

19.1.6 Upon termination of this Contract, the Client shall make the following payments to the Consultant:

(a) remuneration for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination, and reimbursable expenditures for expenditures actually incurred prior to the effective date of termination; and pursuant to Clause GCC 47;

(b) in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) of Clause GCC 19.1.1, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incidental to the prompt and orderly termination of this Contract, including the cost of the return travel of the Experts.

C. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT

20. General

a. Standard of Performance

20.1. The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out the Services with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. The

Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as a faithful adviser to the Client, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Client's legitimate interests in any dealings with the third parties.

20.2. The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Experts and Sub-consultants as are required to carry out the Services.

20.3. The Consultant may subcontract part of the Services to an extent and with such Key Experts and Sub-consultants as may be approved in advance by the Client. Notwithstanding such approval, the Consultant shall retain full responsibility for the Services.

b. Law Applicable to Services

20.4. The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Contract and the Applicable Law and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any of its Experts and Sub-consultants, comply with the Applicable Law.

20.5. Throughout the execution of the Contract, the Consultant shall comply with the import of goods and services prohibitions in the Client's country when

(a) as a matter of law or official regulations, the Borrower's country prohibits commercial relations with that country; or

(b) by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Borrower's Country prohibits any import of goods from that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country.

20.6. The Client shall notify the Consultant in writing of relevant local customs, and the Consultant shall, after such notification, respect such customs.

21. Conflict of Interest

21.1. The Consultant shall hold the Client's interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflict with other assignments or their own corporate interests.

a. Consultant Not to Benefit from Commissions, Discounts, etc.

21.1.1 The payment of the Consultant pursuant to GCC F (Clauses GCC 46 through 51) shall constitute the Consultant's only payment in connection with this Contract and, subject to Clause GCC 21.1.3, the Consultant shall not accept for its own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar

payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or in the discharge of its obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that any Sub-consultants, as well as the Experts and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional payment.

21.1.2 Furthermore, if the Consultant, as part of the Services, has the responsibility of advising the Client on the procurement of goods, works or services, the Consultant shall comply with the Bank's Applicable Regulations, and shall at all times exercise such responsibility in the best interest of the Client. Any discounts or commissions obtained by the Consultant in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall be for the account of the Client.

b. Consultant and Affiliates Not to Engage in Certain Activities

21.1.3 The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, as well as any Sub-consultants and any entity affiliated with such Sub-consultants, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or non-consulting services resulting from or directly related to the Consultant's Services for the preparation or implementation of the project.

c. Prohibition of Conflicting Activities

21.1.4 The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause its Experts as well as its Sub-consultants not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any business or professional activities that would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract.

d. Strict Duty to Disclose Conflicting Activities

21.1.5 The Consultant has an obligation and shall ensure that its Experts and Sub-consultants shall have an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts their capacity to serve the best interest of their Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract.

22. Confidentiality

22.1. Except with the prior written consent of the Client, the Consultant and the Experts shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any confidential information acquired in the course of the Services, nor shall the Consultant and the Experts make public the recommendations formulated in the course of, or as a result of, the Services.

23. Liability of the Consultant	23.1.	Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the **SCC**, the Consultant's liability under this Contract shall be as determined under the Applicable Law.
24. Insurance to be taken out by the Consultant	24.1.	The Consultant (i) shall take out and maintain, and shall cause any Sub-consultants to take out and maintain, at its (or the Sub-consultants', as the case may be) own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the Client, insurance against the risks, and for the coverage specified in the **SCC,** and (ii) at the Client's request, shall provide evidence to the Client showing that such insurance has been taken out and maintained and that the current premiums therefore have been paid. The Consultant shall ensure that such insurance is in place prior to commencing the Services as stated in Clause GCC 13.
25. Accounting, Inspection and Auditing	25.1.	The Consultant shall keep, and shall make all reasonable efforts to cause its Sub-consultants to keep, accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services in such form and detail as will clearly identify relevant time changes and costs.
	25.2.	Pursuant to paragraph 2.2 e. of Attachment 1 to the General Conditions, the Consultant shall permit and shall cause its agents (where declared or not), subcontractors, subconsultants, service providers, suppliers, and personnel, to permit, the Bank and/or persons appointed by the Bank to inspect the site and/or the accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process, selection and/or contract execution, and to have such accounts, records and other documents audited by auditors appointed by the Bank. The Consultant's and its Subcontractors' and subconsultants' attention is drawn to Clause GCC 10.1 (Fraud and Corruption) which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank's inspection and audit rights constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as to a determination of ineligibility pursuant to the Bank's prevailing sanctions procedures).
26. Reporting Obligations	26.1.	The Consultant shall submit to the Client the reports and documents specified in **Appendix A**, in the form, in the numbers and within the time periods set forth in the said Appendix.
27. Proprietary Rights of the Client in	27.1.	Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, all reports and relevant data and information such as maps, diagrams, plans,

Reports and Records		databases, other documents and software, supporting records or material compiled or prepared by the Consultant for the Client in the course of the Services shall be confidential and become and remain the absolute property of the Client. The Consultant shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Client, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents, data and/or software but shall not use the same for purposes unrelated to this Contract without prior written approval of the Client.
	27.2.	If license agreements are necessary or appropriate between the Consultant and third parties for purposes of development of the plans, drawings, specifications, designs, databases, other documents and software, the Consultant shall obtain the Client's prior written approval to such agreements, and the Client shall be entitled at its discretion to require recovering the expenses related to the development of the program(s) concerned. Other restrictions about the future use of these documents and software, if any, shall be specified in the **SCC**.
28. Equipment, Vehicles and Materials	28.1.	Equipment, vehicles and materials made available to the Consultant by the Client, or purchased by the Consultant wholly or partly with funds provided by the Client, shall be the property of the Client and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Consultant shall make available to the Client an inventory of such equipment, vehicles and materials and shall dispose of such equipment, vehicles and materials in accordance with the Client's instructions. While in possession of such equipment, vehicles and materials, the Consultant, unless otherwise instructed by the Client in writing, shall insure them at the expense of the Client in an amount equal to their full replacement value.
	28.2.	Any equipment or materials brought by the Consultant or its Experts into the Client's country for the use either for the project or personal use shall remain the property of the Consultant or the Experts concerned, as applicable.
29. Code of Conduct		Not used
30. Forced Labor	30.1.	The Consultant, including its Subconsultants, shall not employ or engage forced labor. Forced labor consists of any work or service, not voluntarily performed, that is exacted from an individual under threat of force or penalty, and includes any kind of involuntary or compulsory labor, such

as indentured labor, bonded labor or similar labor-contracting arrangements.

No persons shall be employed or engaged who have been subject to trafficking. Trafficking in persons is defined as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power, or of a position of vulnerability, or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purposes of exploitation.

31. Child Labor

31.1. The Consultant, including its Subconsultants, shall not employ or engage a child under the age of 14 unless the national law specifies a higher age (the minimum age).

The Consultant, including its Subconsultants, shall not employ or engage a child between the minimum age and the age of 18 in a manner that is likely to be hazardous, or to interfere with, the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development.

The Consultant, including its Subconsultants, shall only employ or engage children between the minimum age and the age of 18 after an appropriate risk assessment has been conducted by the Client. The Consultant shall be subject to regular monitoring by the Client that includes monitoring of health, working conditions and hours of work.

Work considered hazardous for children is work that, by its nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is likely to jeopardize the health, safety, or morals of children. Such work activities prohibited for children include work:

(a) with exposure to physical, psychological or sexual abuse;

(b) underground, underwater, working at heights or in confined spaces;

(c) with dangerous machinery, equipment or tools, or involving handling or transport of heavy loads;

(d) in unhealthy environments exposing children to hazardous substances, agents, or processes, or to temperatures, noise or vibration damaging to health; or

(e) under difficult conditions such as work for long hours, during the night or in confinement on the premises of

the employer.

32. Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity	32.1.	The Consultant shall not make decisions relating to the employment or treatment of Experts on the basis of personal characteristics unrelated to inherent job requirements. The Consultant shall base the employment of Experts on the principle of equal opportunity and fair treatment, and shall not discriminate with respect to any aspects of the employment relationship, including recruitment and hiring, compensation (including wages and benefits), working conditions and terms of employment, access to training, job assignment, promotion, termination of employment or retirement, and disciplinary practices. Special measures of protection or assistance to remedy past discrimination or selection for a particular job based on the inherent requirements of the job shall not be deemed discrimination. The Consultant shall provide protection and assistance as necessary to ensure non-discrimination and equal opportunity, including for specific groups such as women, people with disabilities, migrant workers and children (of working age in accordance with Clause GCC 31).
33. Training of Experts	33.1.	The Consultant shall provide appropriate training/sensitization to the Experts on social aspects of the Contract, including on prohibition of SEA and SH. The Consultant shall provide training on SEA and SH, including its prevention, to any of its Experts who has a role to supervise other Experts.

D. CONSULTANT'S EXPERTS AND SUB-CONSULTANTS

34. Description of Key Experts	34.1.	The title, agreed job description, minimum qualification and time-input estimates to carry out the Services of each of the Consultant's Key Experts are described in **Appendix B.**
	34.2.	If required to comply with the provisions of Clause GCC 20a, adjustments with respect to the estimated time-input of Key Experts set forth in **Appendix B** may be made by the Consultant by a written notice to the Client, provided (i) that such adjustments shall not alter the original time-input estimates for any individual by more than 10% or one week, whichever is larger; and (ii) that the aggregate of such adjustments shall not cause payments under this Contract to exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 46.2.

34.3. If additional work is required beyond the scope of the Services specified in **Appendix A**, the estimated time-input for the Key Experts may be increased by agreement in writing between the Client and the Consultant. In case where payments under this Contract exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 46.2, the Parties shall sign a Contract amendment.

35. Replacement of Key Experts

35.1. Except as the Client may otherwise agree in writing, no changes shall be made in the Key Experts.

35.2. Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts during Contract execution may be considered only based on the Consultant's written request and due to circumstances outside the reasonable control of the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall forthwith provide as a replacement, a person of equivalent or better qualifications and experience, meet eligibility requirements, and at the same rate of remuneration.

36. Approval of Additional Key Experts

36.1. If during execution of the Contract, additional Key Experts are required to carry out the Services, the Consultant shall submit to the Client for review and approval a copy of their Curricula Vitae (CVs). If the Client does not object in writing (stating the reasons for the objection) within twenty two (22) days from the date of receipt of such CVs, such additional Key Experts shall be deemed to have been approved by the Client.

The rate of remuneration payable to such new additional Key Experts shall be based on the rates for other Key Experts position which require similar qualifications and experience.

37. Removal of Experts or Sub-consultants

37.1. If the Client finds that any of the Experts or Sub-consultant:

(a) persists in any misconduct or lack of care;

(b) carries out duties incompetently or negligently;

(c) fails to comply with any provision of the Contract;

(d) based on reasonable evidence, is determined to have engaged in Fraud and Corruption during the execution of the Services;

the Consultant shall, at the Client's written request, provide a replacement.

37.2. In the event that any of Key Experts, Non-Key Experts or Sub-consultants is found by the Client to be incompetent or incapable in discharging assigned duties, the Client, specifying the grounds therefore, may request the Consultant to provide a replacement.

37.3. Any replacement of the removed Experts or Sub-consultants shall possess better qualifications and experience and shall be acceptable to the Client.

37.4. Subject to the requirements in Clause GCC 37.3, and notwithstanding any requirement from the Client to request a replacement, the Consultant shall take immediate action as appropriate in response to any violation of (a) through (e) above. Such immediate action shall include removing (or causing to be removed) from carrying out Services, any Expert who engages in (a) to (e) above.

38. Replacement/ Removal of Experts – Impact on Payments

38.1. Except as the Client may otherwise agree, (i) the Consultant shall bear all additional travel and other costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement, and (ii) the remuneration to be paid for any of the Experts provided as a replacement shall not exceed the remuneration which would have been payable to the Experts replaced or removed.

39. Working Hours, Overtime, Leave, etc.

39.1. Working hours and holidays for Experts are set forth in **Appendix B**. To account for travel time to/from the Client's country, experts carrying out Services inside the Client's country shall be deemed to have commenced or finished work in respect of the Services such number of days before their arrival in, or after their departure from, the Client's

country as is specified in **Appendix B**.

39.2. The Experts shall not be entitled to be paid for overtime nor to take paid sick leave or vacation leave except as specified in **Appendix B**, and the Consultant's remuneration shall be deemed to cover these items.

39.3. Any taking of leave by Key Experts shall be subject to the prior approval by the Consultant who shall ensure that absence for leave purposes will not delay the progress and or impact adequate supervision of the Services.

E. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CLIENT

40. Assistance and Exemptions

40.1. Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, the Client shall use its best efforts to:

(a) Assist the Consultant with obtaining work permits and such other documents as shall be necessary to enable the Consultant to perform the Services.

(b) Assist the Consultant with promptly obtaining, for the Experts and, if appropriate, their eligible dependents, all necessary entry and exit visas, residence permits, exchange permits and any other documents required for their stay in the Client's country while carrying out the Services under the Contract.

(c) Facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services and of the personal effects of the Experts and their eligible dependents.

(d) Issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions and information as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.

(e) Assist the Consultant and the Experts and any Sub-consultants employed by the Consultant for the Services with obtaining exemption from any requirement to register or obtain any permit to practice their profession or to establish themselves either individually or as a corporate entity in the Client's country according to the applicable law in the Client's country.

(f) Assist the Consultant, any Sub-consultants and the Experts of either of them with obtaining the privilege, pursuant to the applicable law in the Client's country, of bringing into the Client's country reasonable

amounts of foreign currency for the purposes of the Services or for the personal use of the Experts and of withdrawing any such amounts as may be earned therein by the Experts in the execution of the Services.

(g) Provide to the Consultant any such other assistance as may be specified in the **SCC**.

41. Access to Project Site

41.1. The Client warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to the project site in respect of which access is required for the performance of the Services. The Client will be responsible for any damage to the project site or any property thereon resulting from such access and will indemnify the Consultant and each of the experts in respect of liability for any such damage, unless such damage is caused by the willful default or negligence of the Consultant or any Sub-consultants or the Experts of either of them.

42. Change in the Applicable Law Related to Taxes and Duties

42.1. If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the applicable law in the Client's country with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the ceiling amounts specified in Clause GCC 46.2.

43. Services, Facilities and Property of the Client

43.1. The Client shall make available to the Consultant and the Experts, for the purposes of the Services and free of any charge, the services, facilities and property described in the Terms of Reference (**Appendix A)** at the times and in the manner specified in said **Appendix A.**

43.2. In case that such services, facilities and property shall not be made available to the Consultant as and when specified in Appendix **A**, the Parties shall agree on (i) any time extension that it may be appropriate to grant to the Consultant for the performance of the Services, (ii) the manner in which the Consultant shall procure any such services, facilities and property from other sources, and (iii) the additional payments, if any, to be made to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 46.3.

44. Counterpart Personnel

44.1. The Client shall make available to the Consultant free of charge such professional and support counterpart personnel, to be nominated by the Client with the Consultant's advice,

if specified in **Appendix A**.

44.2. If counterpart personnel are not provided by the Client to the Consultant as and when specified in **Appendix A**, the Client and the Consultant shall agree on (i) how the affected part of the Services shall be carried out, and (ii) the additional payments, if any, to be made by the Client to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 46.3.

44.3. Professional and support counterpart personnel, excluding Client's liaison personnel, shall work under the exclusive direction of the Consultant. If any member of the counterpart personnel fails to perform adequately any work assigned to such member by the Consultant that is consistent with the position occupied by such member, the Consultant may request the replacement of such member, and the Client shall not unreasonably refuse to act upon such request.

45. Payment Obligation

45.1. In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Client shall make such payments to the Consultant and in such manner as is provided by GCC F below.

F. PAYMENTS TO THE CONSULTANT

46. Ceiling Amount

46.1. An estimate of the cost of the Services is set forth in **Appendix C** (Remuneration) and **Appendix D** (Reimbursable expenses).

46.2. Payments under this Contract shall not exceed the ceilings in foreign currency and in local currency specified in the **SCC**.

46.3. For any payments in excess of the ceilings specified in GCC 46.2, an amendment to the Contract shall be signed by the Parties referring to the provision of this Contract that evokes such amendment.

47. Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenses

47.1. The Client shall pay to the Consultant (i) remuneration that shall be determined on the basis of time actually spent by each Expert in the performance of the Services after the date of commencing of Services or such other date as the Parties shall agree in writing; and (ii) reimbursable expenses that are actually and reasonably incurred by the Consultant in the performance of the Services.

47.2. All payments shall be at the rates set forth in **Appendix C** and Appendix **D**.

47.3. Unless the **SCC** provides for the price adjustment of the remuneration rates, said remuneration shall be fixed for the duration of the Contract.

47.4. The remuneration rates shall cover: (i) such salaries and allowances as the Consultant shall have agreed to pay to the Experts as well as factors for social charges and overheads (bonuses or other means of profit-sharing shall not be allowed as an element of overheads), (ii) the cost of backstopping by home office staff not included in the Experts' list in **Appendix B**, (iii) the Consultant's profit, and (iv) any other items as specified in the **SCC**.

47.5. Any rates specified for Experts not yet appointed shall be provisional and shall be subject to revision, with the written approval of the Client, once the applicable remuneration rates and allowances are known.

48. Taxes and Duties

48.1. The Consultant, Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting any and all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless it is stated otherwise in the **SCC**.

48.2. As an exception to the above and as stated in the **SCC**, all local identifiable indirect taxes (itemized and finalized at Contract negotiations) are reimbursed to the Consultant or are paid by the Client on behalf of the Consultant.

49. Currency of Payment

49.1. Any payment under this Contract shall be made in the currency(ies) specified in the **SCC.**

50. Mode of Billing and Payment

50.1. Billings and payments in respect of the Services shall be made as follows:

(a) *Advance payment*. Within the number of days after the Effective Date, the Client *shall* pay to the Consultant an advance payment as specified in the **SCC**. Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, an advance payment shall be made against an advance payment bank guarantee acceptable to the Client in an amount (or amounts) and in a currency (or currencies) specified in the **SCC**. Such guarantee (i) is to remain effective until the advance payment has been fully set off, and (ii) is to be in the form set forth in **Appendix E**, or in such other form as the Client shall have approved in writing. The advance payments will be set off by the Client in equal installments against the statements for the number of months of the Services specified in the **SCC** until said advance payments have been fully set off.

(b) *The Itemized Invoices.* As soon as practicable and not later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar month during the period of the Services, or after the end of each time interval otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, the Consultant shall submit to the Client, in duplicate, itemized invoices, accompanied by the receipts or other appropriate supporting documents, of the amounts payable pursuant to Clauses GCC 49 and GCC 50 for such interval, or any other period indicated in the **SCC**. Separate invoices shall be submitted for expenses incurred in foreign currency and in local currency. Each invoice shall show remuneration and reimbursable expenses separately.

(c) The Client shall pay the Consultant's invoices within sixty (60) days after the receipt *by* the Client of such itemized invoices with supporting documents. Only such portion of an invoice that is not satisfactorily supported may be withheld from payment. Should any discrepancy be found to exist between actual payment and costs authorized to be incurred by the Consultant, the Client may add or subtract the difference from any subsequent payments.

(d) *The Final Payment*. The final payment under this Clause shall be made only after the final report and a final invoice, identified as such, shall have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as *satisfactory* by the Client. The Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Client and the final report and final invoice shall be deemed approved by the Client as satisfactory ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the final report and final invoice by the Client unless the Client, within such ninety (90) calendar day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services, the final report or final invoice. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated. Any amount that the Client has paid or has caused to be paid in accordance with this Clause in excess of the amounts payable in accordance with the provisions of this Contract shall be reimbursed by the Consultant to the Client within thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of notice thereof. Any such claim by the Client for reimbursement must be made within twelve (12) calendar months after receipt by the Client of a final report and a final invoice approved by the Client in

accordance with the above.

(e) All payments under this Contract shall be made to the accounts of the *Consultant* specified in the **SCC**.

(f) With the exception of the final payment under (d) above, payments do not constitute acceptance of the Services nor relieve the Consultant of any obligations hereunder.

51. Interest on Delayed Payments

51.1. If the Client had delayed payments beyond fifteen (15) days after the due date stated in Clause GCC 50.1 (c), interest shall be paid to the Consultant on any amount due by, not paid on, such due date for each day of delay at the annual rate stated in the **SCC.**

G. Fairness and Good Faith

52. Good Faith

52.1. The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract.

H. Settlement of Disputes

53. Amicable Settlement

53.1. The Parties shall seek to resolve any dispute amicably by mutual consultation.

53.2. If either Party objects to any action or inaction of the other Party, the objecting Party may file a written Notice of Dispute to the other Party providing in detail the basis of the dispute. The Party receiving the Notice of Dispute will consider it and respond in writing within fourteen (14) days after receipt. If that Party fails to respond within fourteen (14) days, or the dispute cannot be amicably settled within fourteen (14) days following the response of that Party, Clause GCC 54.1 shall apply.

54. Dispute Resolution

54.1. Any dispute between the Parties arising under or related to this Contract that cannot be settled amicably may be referred to by either Party to the adjudication/arbitration in accordance with the provisions specified in the **SCC**.

II. General Conditions
Attachment 1

Fraud and Corruption

(Text in this Attachment shall not be modified)

1. Purpose

1.1 The Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines and this annex apply with respect to procurement under Bank Investment Project Financing operations.

2. Requirements

2.1 The Bank requires that Borrowers (including beneficiaries of Bank financing); bidders (applicants/proposers), consultants, contractors and suppliers; any sub-contractors, sub-consultants, service providers or suppliers; any agents (whether declared or not); and any of their personnel, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process, selection and contract execution of Bank-financed contracts, and refrain from Fraud and Corruption.

2.2 To this end, the Bank:

a. Defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

i. "corrupt practice" is the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;

ii. "fraudulent practice" is any act or omission, including misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;

iii. "collusive practice" is an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;

iv. "coercive practice" is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;

v. "obstructive practice" is:

(a) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering, or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Bank investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing, or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or

(b) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank's inspection and audit rights provided for under paragraph 2.2 e. below.

b. Rejects a proposal for award if the Bank determines that the firm or individual recommended for award, any of its personnel, or its agents, or its sub-consultants, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/ or their employees, has, directly or indirectly, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;

c. In addition to the legal remedies set out in the relevant Legal Agreement, may take other appropriate actions, including declaring misprocurement, if the Bank determines at any time that representatives of the Borrower or of a recipient of any part of the proceeds of the loan engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices during the procurement process, selection and/or execution of the contract in question, without the Borrower having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Bank to address such practices when they occur, including by failing to inform the Bank in a timely manner at the time they knew of the practices;

d. Pursuant to the Bank's Anti- Corruption Guidelines and in accordance with the Bank's prevailing sanctions policies and procedures, may sanction a firm or individual, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, including by publicly declaring such firm or individual ineligible (i) to be awarded or otherwise benefit from a Bank-financed contract, financially or in any other manner;[1] (ii) to be a nominated[2] sub-contractor, consultant, manufacturer or supplier, or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a Bank-financed contract; and (iii) to receive the proceeds of any loan made by the Bank or otherwise to participate further in the preparation or implementation of any Bank-financed project;

e. Requires that a clause be included in bidding/request for proposals documents and in contracts financed by a Bank loan, requiring (i) bidders (applicants/proposers), consultants, contractors, and suppliers, and their sub-contractors, sub-consultants, service providers, suppliers, agents personnel, permit the Bank to inspect[3] all accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process, selection

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[1] For the avoidance of doubt, a sanctioned party's ineligibility to be awarded a contract shall include, without limitation, (i) applying for pre-qualification, expressing interest in a consultancy, and bidding, either directly or as a nominated sub-contractor, nominated consultant, nominated manufacturer or supplier, or nominated service provider, in respect of such contract, and (ii) entering into an addendum or amendment introducing a material modification to any existing contract.

[2] A nominated sub-contractor, nominated consultant, nominated manufacturer or supplier, or nominated service provider (different names are used depending on the particular bidding document) is one which has been: (i) included by the bidder in its pre-qualification application or bid because it brings specific and critical experience and know-how that allow the bidder to meet the qualification requirements for the particular bid; or (ii) appointed by the Borrower.

[3] Inspections in this context usually are investigative (i.e., forensic) in nature. They involve fact-finding activities undertaken by the Bank or persons appointed by the Bank to address specific matters related to investigations/audits, such as evaluating the veracity of an allegation of possible Fraud and Corruption, through the appropriate mechanisms. Such activity includes but is not limited to: accessing and examining a firm's or individual's financial records and information, and making copies thereof as relevant; accessing and examining any other documents, data and information (whether in hard copy or electronic format) deemed relevant for the investigation/audit, and making copies thereof as relevant; interviewing staff and other relevant individuals; performing physical inspections and site visits; and obtaining third party verification of information.

and/or contract execution, and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Bank.

III. Special Conditions of Contract

[Notes in brackets are for guidance purposes only and should be deleted in the final text of the signed contract]

Number of GC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract
1.1(a)	**The Contract shall be construed in accordance with the law of** India.
4.1	**The language is:** English.
6.1 and 6.2	**The addresses are** *[fill in at negotiations with the selected firm]***:** Client : _____ _____ Attention : _____ Facsimile : _____ E-mail (where permitted):_____ Consultant : _____ _____ Attention : _____ Facsimile : _____ E-mail (where permitted) :_____
8.1	*[Note: If the Consultant consists only of one entity, state "N/A";* *OR* *If the Consultant is a Joint Venture consisting of more than one entity, the name of the JV member whose address is specified in Clause SCC 6.1 should be inserted here.]* **The Lead Member on behalf of the JV is** _____ _____ *[insert name of the member]*
9.1	**The Authorized Representatives are:** **For the Client:** *[name, title]*_____ **For the Consultant:** *[name, title]*_____
11.1	**The effectiveness conditions are the following**: Signing of Contract by both the parties, after due approvals. *[modify, if required e,g. to include effectiveness of the Bank [loan/credit/grant]; receipt by the Consultant of an advance payment,*

	and by the Client of an advance payment guarantee (see Clause SCC 50.1(a)); etc.]
12.1	**Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective:** **The time period shall be 45 days.** *[modify, if necessary]*
13.1	**Commencement of Services:** **The number of days shall be 30 days.** Confirmation of Key Experts' availability to start the Assignment shall be submitted to the Client in writing as a written statement signed by each Key Expert.
14.1	**Expiration of Contract:** **The time period shall be** _____ *[insert time period, e.g.: twelve months]*.

23.1	**No additional provisions.** *[OR:* The following limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client can be subject to the Contract's negotiations: **"Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client:** **(a) Except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or a firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused by the Consultant to the Client's property, shall not be liable to the Client:** **(i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and** **(ii) for any direct loss or damage that exceeds [insert a multiplier, e.g.: one, two, three] times the total value of the Contract;** **(b) This limitation of liability shall not** **(i) affect the Consultant's liability, if any, for damage to Third Parties caused by the Consultant or any person or**

	firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services; **(ii) be construed as providing the Consultant with any limitation or exclusion from liability which is prohibited by the Applicable Law in India***".*
24.1	**The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows:** *[Note: Delete what is not applicable except (a)].* **(a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of** _____ *[insert amount and currency which should be not less than the total ceiling amount of the Contract]*; (b) Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance in respect of motor vehicles operated in the Client's country by the Consultant or its Experts or Sub-consultants, with a minimum coverage as per the latest Amended Motor Vehicles Act, India; (c) Third Party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of *[insert amount and currency or state "in accordance with the applicable law in India"]*; (d) employer's liability and workers' compensation insurance in respect of the experts and Sub-consultants in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable law in the Client's country, as well as, with respect to such Experts, any such life, health, accident, travel or other insurance as may be appropriate; and (e) insurance against loss of or damage to (i) equipment purchased in whole or in part with funds provided under this Contract, (ii) the Consultant's property used in the performance of the Services, and (iii) any documents prepared by the Consultant in the performance of the Services.
27.1	*[If applicable, insert any exceptions to proprietary rights provision_____]*
27.2	**The Consultant shall not use these** *[insert what applies……* ***data, documents and software……..]*** **for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Client**.
35.2	**Add the following at the end of the existing clause:** "The substitution of a Key Expert may not be considered by the Client, if the Consultant does not provide substitution of a female key expert

	by another female key expert."
40.1 (a) through (f)	*[List here any changes or additions to Clause GCC 40.1. If there are no such changes or additions, delete this Clause SCC 40.1.]*
40.1(g)	*[List here any other assistance to be provided by the Client. If there is no such other assistance, delete this Clause SCC 40.1(g).]*
46.2	**The ceiling in local currency is**: Rs. _____ *[insert amount] [indicate:* **inclusive** *or* **exclusive***]* **of local indirect taxes.** **Any indirect local taxes chargeable in respect of this Contract for the Services provided by the Consultant shall be paid by the Consultant.** The Client shall only reimburse Goods & Services Tax (GST) payable on the contract value by the consultants, as per Applicable Law in India subject to the Client, performing such duties in regard to the deduction of taxes as may be lawfully imposed. However, Consultant shall have to produce to the Client, all relevant documents establishing the proof of payment/ filing of return to the tax authority etc. The consultant shall register itself for GST with appropriate authority in India & shall provide the Registration Number to the Client. **The amount of such taxes is** _____ *[insert the amount as finalized at the Contract's negotiations on the basis of the estimates provided by the Consultant in Form FIN-2 of the Consultant's Financial Proposal.]*
47.3	**Price adjustment on the remuneration does not apply.**
47.1	Payment will be made in the following manner:

Payment Schedule

S.No.	Description of Deliverables	Proposed Timeline	Payment (% of Contract Amount)
1	**Phase 1 Deliverables (9 months)**		**25%**
1.1	Inception report	Within 4 Weeks of Contract Signature	**5%**
1.2	Development of Operational Guidelines / SOPs for the Community Resilience and Convergence Intervention	Within 3monhs	**5%**
1.3	Submission of Draft planning and implementation framework (Community mobilization strategy, format for annual action, budget)	Within 6monhs	**2%**

1.4	Submission of Social and Behavioural Communication Strategy (SBCC) note	6 months	**2%**
1.5	Submission of Capacity Building Strategy including Training Modules and training package to support effective implementation of the Community Resilience and Convergence Intervention.	9 months	**2%**
1.6	Develop the content, message, alert message, IVR messages for initial requirement of AI enabled HN MIS	9 months	**2%**
1.7	Develop a comprehensive Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Framework for tracking implementation progress and outcome-level results.	Within 9 months	**2%**
1.8	Facilitate consultations with relevant stakeholders to validate and finalize the proposed guidelines, frameworks, tools and strategies	Within 9 months	**2%**
1.9	Final Consolidated Preparatory Phase Report (summary of all frameworks, guidelines, tools developed; implementation readiness assessment; recommendations for rollout)	Within 9 months	**3%**
2	**Phase 2: Time-based or Man months Based Billing & quarterly reporting**	**10th Month to 60th Month**	**75%**
2.1	The quarterly payment will be based on the acceptable deliverable within the scope of work, monthly attendance & quarterly report.	1533 Man months	**70%**
2.2	Submission of acceptable final completion report	Before 30 days of project closure	**5%**
	Total		**100%**

Note:

Preparatory Phase (up to 9monhs): Payments for the preparatory phase will be based on the completion of key deliverables on a quarterly basis. However, any funds withheld due to incomplete deliverables will be released in the subsequent quarter or within 9 months after submission of completion of report. The soft copy of documents accordingly to the deliverables along with the attendance sheet & salary payment confirmation letter of key personnel for every quarter is required in the preparatory phase.

	Implementation Phase (from 10 to 60 months): The quarterly payment will be based on the acceptable deliverable within the scope of work, monthly attendance & quarterly report.
48.1 and 48.2	**The consultants, sub-consultants and the Personnel shall pay** the taxes, taxes, duties, fees, levies and other impositions levied under the existing, amended or enacted laws during life of this contract and the client shall perform such duties in this regard to the deduction of such taxes as may be lawfully imposed. **The Client shall only reimburse the Goods and Services Tax (GST)** payable on the contract value by the consultants, as per Applicable Law in India, subject to the Client, performing such duties in regard to the deduction of taxes as may be lawfully imposed. However, Consultant shall have to produce to the Client, all relevant documents establishing the proof of payment/ filing of return to the tax authority etc.
49.1	**The currency of payment shall be Indian Rupees.**
50.1(a)	The following provisions shall apply to the advance payment and the advance bank payment guarantee: (1) An advance payment of Rs….. *[insert amount]* shall be made within *[insert number]* days after the Effective Date, after submission by the Consultant of the advance bank payment guarantee and the invoice. The advance payment will be set off by the Client in equal installments against the statements for the first *[insert number]* months of the Services until the advance payment has been fully set off. (2) The advance bank payment guarantee shall be in the amount of the advance payment. (3) The bank guarantee will be released when the advance payment has been fully set off.
50.1(b)	*[Delete this Clause SCC 50.1(b) if the Consultant shall have to submit its itemized statements monthly. Otherwise, the following text can be used to indicate the required intervals:* **The Consultant shall submit to the Client itemized statements at time intervals of** _____ *[e.g. "every quarter", "every six months", "every two weeks", etc.].*

50.1(e)	**The account is:** *[insert account]* for Rs.
51.1	**The interest rate is**: *[insert rate with reference to local inflation or State Bank of India prime lending rate whichever is less]*.
54.	**Disputes shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the following provisions:** 1. <u>Selection of Arbitrators</u>. Each dispute submitted by a Party to arbitration shall be heard by a sole arbitrator or an arbitration panel composed of three (3) arbitrators, in accordance with the following provisions: (a) Where the Parties agree that the dispute concerns a technical matter, they may agree to appoint a sole arbitrator or, failing agreement on the identity of such sole arbitrator within thirty (30) days after receipt by the other Party of the proposal of a name for such an appointment by the Party who initiated the proceedings, either Party may apply to *[name an appropriate professional body, e.g., Indian Council of Arbitration/ President of the Institution of Engineers (India)/ The International Centre for Alternative Disputes Resolution (India)*]* for a list of not fewer than five (5) nominees and, on receipt of such list, the Parties shall alternately strike names therefrom, and the last remaining nominee on the list shall be the sole arbitrator for the matter in dispute. If the last remaining nominee has not been determined in this manner within sixty (60) days of the date of the list, *[insert the name of the same professional body as above]* shall appoint, upon the request of either Party and from such list or otherwise, a sole arbitrator for the matter in dispute. (b) Where the Parties do not agree that the dispute concerns a technical matter, the Client and the Consultant shall each appoint one (1) arbitrator, and these two arbitrators shall jointly appoint a third arbitrator, who shall chair the arbitration panel. If the arbitrators named by the Parties do not succeed in appointing a third arbitrator within thirty (30) days after the latter of the two (2) arbitrators named by the Parties has been appointed, the third arbitrator shall, at the request of either Party, be appointed by *[name an appropriate appointing authority, e.g., Indian Council of Arbitration/ President of the Institution of Engineers (India)/ The International Centre for Alternative Disputes*

	Resolution (India)].* (c) If, in a dispute subject to paragraph (b) above, one Party fails to appoint its arbitrator within thirty (30) days after the other Party has appointed its arbitrator, the Party which has named an arbitrator may apply to the *[name the same appointing authority as in said paragraph (b)]* to appoint a sole arbitrator for the matter in dispute, and the arbitrator appointed pursuant to such application shall be the sole arbitrator for that dispute.
	2. Rules of Procedure. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996, of India. 3. Substitute Arbitrators. If for any reason an arbitrator is unable to perform his/her function, a substitute shall be appointed in the same manner as the original arbitrator. 4. Nationality and Qualifications of Arbitrators. The sole arbitrator or the third arbitrator appointed pursuant to paragraphs 1(a) through 1(c) above shall be a recognized legal or technical expert with extensive experience in relation to the matter in dispute.
	5. Miscellaneous. In any arbitration proceeding hereunder: (a) proceedings shall, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, be held in the city where the contract is signed; (b) the English language shall be the official language for all purposes; (c) the decision of the sole arbitrator or of a majority of the arbitrators (or of the third arbitrator if there is no such majority) shall be final and binding and shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the Parties hereby waive any objections to or claims of immunity in respect of such enforcement. (d) Where the value of the contract is Rs.50 million and below, the disputes or differences arising shall be referred to the Sole Arbitrator. The Sole Arbitrator should be appointed by agreement between the parties; failing such agreement, by the appointing authority, namely the Indian Council of Arbitration/President of the Institution of Engineers (India)/The International Centre for Alternative Disputes Resolution (India)*. (e) The Arbitrator should give final award within…… days of

	starting of the proceedings *[indicate the days (Between 120-180) by which arbitrator should give award]*. (f) Performance under the contract shall continue during the arbitration proceedings and payments due to the consultant by the Client shall not be withheld, unless they are the subject matter of the arbitration proceedings. * Choose *one alternative. Insert Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Indian Roads Congress (for highway project) or any other appropriate institution (for other types of consultancies).* ***Alternatively*** *[Apart from the adhoc arbitration services obtained through mutually agreed Arbitrator(s) as above, Institutional arbitration services are also available in India. Institutional arbitration (and mediation) dispute resolution mechanisms can be gainfully used, preferably for relatively larger contracts. Following clause may be included, if it is decided to use Institutional Services for arbitration for resolution of disputes, and in such a case other clauses related to Arbitration/ Arbitrator would be deleted. In the sample clause below, substitute the reference to 'Rules of Domestic Commercial Arbitration of the Indian Council of Arbitration' by the specific institution that is sought to be engaged e.g. The International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR), The Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation (IIAM), Indian Chamber's Council of Arbitration, Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DAC), Construction Industry Arbitration Council (CIAC), Council For National and International Commercial Arbitration, London Court of International Arbitration (India Centre) or the like.]* "Any dispute or difference whatsoever arising between the parties out of or relating to the construction, meaning, scope, operation or effect of this contract or the validity or the breach thereof shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Domestic Commercial Arbitration of the Indian Council of Arbitration and the award made in pursuance thereof shall be binding on the parties. The arbitral tribunal shall consist of 3 Arbitrators, arbitration proceedings shall be held at_____, India and the language of the arbitration proceedings and that of all documents and communications between the parties shall be English". *[ICA rules provide for arbitration tribunal of 3 arbitrators if the value of claim is over Rs 10 Million unless the parties have agreed otherwise for a sole arbitrator]*.

IV. Appendices

APPENDIX A – TERMS OF REFERENCE

[This Appendix shall include the final Terms of Reference (TORs) worked out by the Client and the Consultant during the negotiations; dates for completion of various tasks; location of performance for different tasks; detailed reporting requirements; Client's input, including counterpart personnel assigned by the Client to work on the Consultant's team; specific tasks that require prior approval by the Client.

Insert the text based on the Section 7 (Terms of Reference) of the ITC in the RFP and modified based on the Forms TECH-1 through TECH-5 in the Consultant's Proposal. Highlight the changes to Section 7 of the RFP]

APPENDIX B - KEY EXPERTS

[Insert a table based on Form TECH-6 of the Consultant's Technical Proposal and finalized at the Contract's negotiations. Attach the CVs (updated and signed by the respective Key Experts) demonstrating the qualifications of Key Experts. Whether a proposed key expert is Male or Female should be correctly indicated.]

[Specify Hours of Work for Key Experts: List here the hours of work for Key Experts; travel time to/ from the Client's country; entitlement, if any, to leave pay; public holidays in the Client's country that may affect Consultant's work; etc. Make sure there is consistency with Form TECH-6. In particular: one month equals twenty two (22) working (billable) days. One working (billable) day shall be not less than eight (8) working (billable) hours.]

APPENDIX C – REMUNERATION COST ESTIMATES

1. Monthly rates for the Experts:

   [Insert the table with the remuneration rates. The table shall be based on [Form FIN-3] of the Consultant's Proposal and reflect any changes agreed at the Contract negotiations, if any. The footnote shall list such changes made to [Form FIN-3] at the negotiations or state that none has been made.]

2. *[When the Consultant has been selected under Quality-Based Selection method, or the Client has requested the Consultant to clarify the breakdown of very high remuneration rates at the Contract's negotiations also add the following:*

"The agreed remuneration rates shall be stated in the attached Model Form I. This form shall be prepared on the basis of Appendix A to Form FIN-3 of the RFP "Consultants' Representations regarding Costs and Charges" submitted by the Consultant to the Client prior to the Contract's negotiations.

Should these representations be found by the Client (either through inspections or audits pursuant to Clause GCC 25.2 or through other means) to be materially incomplete or inaccurate, the Client shall be entitled to introduce appropriate modifications in the remuneration rates affected by such materially incomplete or inaccurate representations. Any such modification shall have retroactive effect and, in case remuneration has already been paid by the Client before any such modification, (i) the Client shall be entitled to offset any excess payment against the next monthly payment to the Consultants, or (ii) if there are no further payments to be made by the Client to the Consultants, the Consultants shall reimburse to the Client any excess payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written claim of the Client. Any such claim by the Client for reimbursement must be made within twelve (12) calendar months after receipt by the Client of a final report and a final statement approved by the Client in accordance with Clause GCC 50.1(d) of this Contract."

Model Form I
Breakdown of Agreed Fixed Rates in Consultant's Contract

We hereby confirm that we have agreed to pay to the Experts listed, who will be involved in performing the Services, the basic fees and away from the home office allowances (if applicable) indicated below:

(Expressed in Rs.)

Experts		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name	Position	Basic Remuneration rate per Working Month/Day/Year	Social Charges[1]	Overhead[1]	Subtotal	Profit[2]	Away from Home Office Allowance	Agreed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour	Agreed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour[1]
Home Office									
Work in the Client's Country									

1 Expressed as percentage of 1
2 Expressed as percentage of 4

Signature _____ Date _____

Name and Title: _____

APPENDIX D – REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES COST ESTIMATES

1. *[Insert the table with the reimbursable expenses rates. The table shall be based on [Form FIN-4] of the Consultant's Proposal and reflect any changes agreed at the Contract negotiations, if any. The footnote shall list such changes made to [Form FIN-4] at the negotiations or state that none has been made.*

2. All reimbursable expenses shall be reimbursed at actual cost, unless otherwise explicitly provided in this Appendix, and in no event shall reimbursement be made in excess of the Contract amount.]

APPENDIX E - FORM OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS GUARANTEE

[See Clause GCC 50.1(a) and SCC 50.1(a)]

{Guarantor letterhead or SWIFT identifier code}

Bank Guarantee for Advance Payment

Guarantor: _____ *[insert commercial Bank's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]*

Beneficiary: _____ *[insert Name and Address of Client]*

Date: _____*[insert date]*____

ADVANCE PAYMENT GUARANTEE No.: _____*[insert number]*_____

We have been informed that _____ *[name of Consultant or a name of the Joint Venture, same as appears on the signed Contract]* (hereinafter called "the Consultant") has entered into Contract No. _____ *[reference number of the contract]* dated ___*[insert date]*_____ with the Beneficiary, for the provision of _____ *[brief description of Services]* (hereinafter called "the Contract").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, an advance payment in the sum of _____ *[insert amount in figures]* (_____) *[amount in words]* is to be made against an advance payment guarantee.

At the request of the Consultant, we, as Guarantor, hereby irrevocably undertake to pay the Beneficiary any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of _____ *[amount in figures]* (_____) *[amount in words]*[1] upon receipt by us of the Beneficiary's complying demand supported by the Beneficiary's ~~a~~ written statement, whether in the demand itself or in a separate signed document accompanying or identifying the demand, stating that the Consultant is in breach of its obligation under the Contract because the Consultant:

(a) has failed to repay the advance payment in accordance with the Contract conditions, specifying the amount which the Consultant has failed to repay;

(b) has used the advance payment for purposes other than toward providing the Services under the Contract.

[1] The Guarantor shall insert an amount representing the amount of the advance payment and denominated either in the currency(ies) of the advance payment as specified in the Contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Client.

It is a condition for any claim and payment under this guarantee to be made that the advance payment referred to above must have been received by the Consultant on its account number _____ at _____ *[name and address of bank]*.

The maximum amount of this guarantee shall be progressively reduced by the amount of the advance payment repaid by the Consultant as indicated in certified statements or invoices marked as "paid" by the Client which shall be presented to us. This guarantee shall expire, at the latest, upon our receipt of the payment certificate or paid invoice indicating that the Consultant has made full repayment of the amount of the advance payment, or on the __ day of *_[month]*_____, *[year]*__, whichever is earlier. Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG) 2010 revision, ICC Publication No. 758.

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[signature(s)]

{Note: All italicized text is for indicative purposes only to assist in preparing this form and shall be deleted from the final product.}