

Government of Nepal
Ministry of Forests and Environment
Building a Resilient Churia Region in Nepal (BRCRN)
Project Management Unit
Babarmahal, Kathmandu

Terms of Reference

Position:	Technical Officer (Forestry) , Required No 3		
Programme/Project Number:	GCP/NEP/076/GCF		
Duty Station:	Provincial Project Management Unit ((Itahari – Province I – I position Bardibas - Madhesh province -I position Sindhulimadi - Bagmati province I position)		
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	January 2023	Duration:	A total 5 months period up to 15 July 2023
Language:	Language in fluency in oral and writing: English and Nepali and preferably local language		
Reports to:		Title:	Provincial Project Coordinator

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Background

The project “Building a Resilient Churia Region in Nepal” (BRCRN) was approved by the 24th meeting of the Board of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in November 2019, and is Nepal’s first full-size GCF project. FAO, as the nominated Accredited Entity (AE) for the project, is responsible to the GCF for implementation of the project and is also co-Executing Entity (EE) with the Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE) of the Government of Nepal (GoN). The BRCRN project is being implemented in 26 critical river systems in the southeast region of Nepal, covering parts of Provinces I, Madhesh and Bagmati, linking the Churia hills and upper Terai, and aims to promote widespread adoption of climate-resilient land use practices, confront the challenges of deforestation and forest degradation, better maintain the forest ecosystem in the Churia hills, and build resilience to climate-induced hazards.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) has been established at the MoFE and led by a full-time National Project Director (NPD). The PMU is responsible for implementation of project activities according to the Annual Work plan and Budget (AWPB). The MoFE has established three provincial PMUs; one each in Provinces I, Madhesh and Bagmati, collectively named as PPMUs. The PPMUs will provide operational leadership in managing the Government’s co-finance and GCF funding component of the BRCRN project, within their respective jurisdictions, according to the regulations and guidance set out in project documents. They will be mainly responsible for field coordination and organizing provincial level planning to develop provincial level AWPB for delivery and oversight of project activities at the province and local level.

In this context, there is a need for technical guidance, supervision and quality control of forestry related works in BRCRN river systems. For this, PMU will be recruiting Technical Officers (Forestry) at three provinces to be stationed at PPMU. The Technical Officers will work in close consultation with the Technical Officer (watershed management), Gender and Safeguard Officer and other officers in PPMU. Also works closely with the related officers in President Chure Tarai Madhesh Conservation Development Board, Program Implementation Unit; provincial forest and agriculture ministries; municipalities/rural municipalities; Division/Sub-division Forest Offices and relevant CBO Beneficiaries to support in field verification and validation of CERP recommended sites for demonstration and public land forest plantation, form user groups and facilitate registration processes.

B) Scope of Work

Tasks

Under the overall guidance from the BRCRN National Project Director, in direct supervision from Provincial Project Coordinator and in close consultation with PMU forestry specialist, PPMU officers, FAO TA and in coordination with Divisional Forest Officers, the consultant will undertake the following activities:

- Support to CBOs (CFUG/LFG/CoFM) in the preparation/revision and implementation of Forest Operational Plan (FOP) in close consultation with Division/Sub-division Forest Office (DFO/SDFO)
- Train Local Resource Persons (LRP) and support and mobilize them
- Technical support in tending operation/silviculture practice by handling tools and equipment used for silviculture operation (harvesting if necessary) as prescribed in forest operational plan
- Provide technical support in implementation to FUG on natural regeneration management techniques
- Support for the establishment and operation of on-farm nursery and ensure the quality seedling production for plantation/replacement
- Manage plantation, weeding and replacement with quality seedling for reforestation and afforestation ensuring protection of the area
- Support in formation of public land forestry group, mobilization and plantation including its management in coordination with Technical Officer (watershed management)
- Provide support in extension for private plantation and technical backstopping to the private forestry owners in coordination with Sub-division Forest Office
- Design and delivery of training on forestry/forest management and climate change to CBOs (CFUG/LFG/CoFM) and stakeholders in support of DFO staff and follow-up of the training
- Mobilize Community Based Forest and Agriculture Committee (CBFAC) of the river system and CBOs of the project area in planning, implementation, monitoring of the activities implemented in the project area.
- Support and monitor Farmer Field School (FFS) and eco-clubs and mobilize towards the environmental conservation in their livelihoods with low carbon foot print
- Coordinate with municipalities, CBFAC, CBOs, CSOs, Schools, DFO staff and other province level stakeholders for the implementation of Critical Ecosystem Restoration Plan (CERP)
- Mainstream Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), Gender Action Plan (GAP) and Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP) in each activity of the project as cross cutting theme of the project.
- Support to prepare communication materials related to forest management, low carbon foot print and lead in dissemination using the forum LRP, eco-clubs, farmer's field schools and others as appropriate.
- Assist to PPC in forestry related matter and represent the project at local and provincial level forum
- Involve in annual work plan and budget preparation of PPMU as a team member.
- Prepare TOR of forestry related local consultants (LRP, Facilitators etc.), facilitate in selection process, contract, and mobilization in the field
- Involve in monitoring and reporting with documentation and enrich Churia Knowledge Centre (CKC)
- Undertake assignments as assigned by the PPC.

C) Qualification and Experience of Consultant

- Bachelor degree in forestry with two years of proven experiences in forestry.
- Proven experience in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of forest management activities
- Experiences on implementing ANR, SFM, and ecosystem restoration works.
- Proficiency in Microsoft office products;
- Proficiency in both spoken and written English;
- Strong inter-personal skills and excellent oral communication skills.

Note : A higher degree in related field will get added value. Preference will be provided for highly experienced expert and the experience of expert after bachelor degree shall only be considered for evaluation.

D) Estimated Input Time/Days

The consultant shall provide his/her service for 125 estimated input days in a regular basis over 5 months period. The consultant shall have to work onsite at client office. The payment of consultant shall be based on the actual input days. However, it shall not exceed the total estimated input days.

E) Time for commencement and completion of assignment by the consultant

The expected date for the engagement of consultant for the above mentioned service is tentatively from January 2023 and up to July 2023 with possibility of extension. An extensions are subject to operational needs, consultant performance, and continued availability of funds.

F) Details of the information, physical facilities and equipment to be provided by Public Entity to the consultant

Client will provide the physical office space, internet connection, stationery and printing facility while working. The consultant him/her self shall arrange other requirement like transportation vehicle, laptops/computer and necessary software required etc.

G) Deliverable/ Expected outputs:

- Train Local Resource Persons
- Provide technical support to FUG on natural regeneration management techniques
- Manage reforestation and afforestation activities
- Design and deliver training on forestry/forest management and climate change to CBOs
- Mobilize CBFAC and CBOs within the project area in planning, implementation, monitoring of the project activities
- Monitor Farmers Field School (FFS) and eco-clubs and mobilize towards the environmental conservation
- Coordinate with municipalities, CBFAC, CBOs, CSOs, Schools, DFO staff and other province level stakeholders for the implementation of CERP
- Mainstream ESMP, GAP and IPP in each project activity
- Prepare TOR of forestry related local consultants and service providers
- Develop AWPB in coordination with PPC
- Enrich CKC with documentation of good practices