

June 7, 2024

CONSULTING SERVICES

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Republic of Tajikistan

State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”

Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU)

Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project (SRASP)

IDA (International Development Association) Grant No: E1450

Title of the consulting assignment: International Individual Consultant on Environmental and Social Framework.

Reference Number: SRASP-2024-01-CS-INDV

The project aims to support the Government of Tajikistan (GoT) in successfully transitioning to a sustainable, more productive, climate resilient, and inclusive model of agricultural sector growth. The proposed project will help to:

- (i) increase the availability of improved seeds, seedlings, and planting materials that are climate resilient, affordable, farmer-preferred, and well adapted to the different agro-ecological conditions of Tajikistan;
- (ii) strengthen the access to improved Agri-logistic services of farmers and agri-businesses; and
- (iii) strengthen the crisis management, i.e. early warning, preparedness, and response capacity of selected public institutions.

1. Objectives

The overall objective of the consulting services is to support SRASP PMU in all aspects related to environmental and social in implementing project activities. To support the implementation of the planned activities, the SI AED PMU intends to hire an International Consultant on Environmental and Social Framework.

The Consultant will work closely with other SI AED PMU staff,

implementing partners, and the project beneficiaries. In his/her activities the Consultant will follow the Project Operation Manual of

SI "AED PMU", Charter of SI "AED PMU", acting legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan, and orders of the SI "AED PMU" Director.

2. Scope of services

1. More specifically the Consultant is expected to perform, but not limited, to the following tasks:

- Develop methodology and action plan to conduct E&S assessment of project areas and interventions.
- Contribute workshops and other capacity development activities as required with respect to social, environmental and climate safeguards;
- Assess project implementation and compliance with social, environmental and climate safeguard requirements, and identify and describe key influencing factors, including technical, bureaucratic, managerial, organizational, institutional, and socio-economic policy issues, in addition to other external factors unforeseen during design, and how these have affected project implementation and/or impacted project target groups;
- Provide technical support to enhance the quality of environment and social framework instruments and their implementation, including support and/or proposed actions to address identified challenges;
- Identify good practices and lessons from what worked and what did not work with respect to the design and implementation of safeguard instruments;
- Identify any potential for the replication or up-scaling of good safeguard practices;
- Technical support to conduct Environmental Social Assessments (ESAs) specific to project site and interventions, including associated site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs)
- Develop a methodology for the baseline survey and conducted

environmental and social baseline for each project site

- Review relevant environmental and social legislative framework, adequate institutional, monitoring, and reporting arrangements to ensure proper implementation of project activities
- Technically review all documents such as feasibility studies, business plans, detailed designs and construction supervision plans, assessment, and training materials from environmental and social protection based on ESA criteria.
- Coordinate activities of the project on environmental management of land resources in cooperation with project and development partners
- Coordinate and cooperate with the irrigation and construction team of the project to ensure environmental concerns, issues, and challenges are taken into account from the capacity strengthening aspect of water user groups
- Support National experts to update and review project documents from environmental and Social perspectives
- Support project coordinator and component coordinators in preparing information materials, presentations, and handouts to present project activities
- Assessment and analysis of TORs for all project procurement of the project which compliance with the WB safeguard guidelines/requirements and project documents such as the Operational Manual, memos, and the Environmental Management Concept;
- Ensure the key E&S Safeguard requirements as set out in the SD documents/instruments are integrated in the subprojects' BOQ and bidding documents.
- Conducts and organization environmental and social training to project personnel, informing time project team about new roles and requirements on International environmental standards to obtain needed licensees based on WB requirements
- Support project E&S experts in conducting analyses of the environmental situation of project sites and development of a long-term monitoring and evaluation program, based on

environmental parameters based on WB requirements

- Control and implementation of the system of environmental management of the project initiatives based on complex monitoring and identification of environmental and social issues for sub-components of the project
- In close cooperation with PIU national E&S experts perform site visits and conduct environmental and social monitoring in communities, jamoats, and regions. Based on the results of the monitoring develop the report and share it with project staff
- Coordinate the work of other project partners and development partners who are involve in environment and social protection.
- Support and coordinate in generating periodic E&S compliance reporting to timely disseminate to the relevant stakeholders including the WB.
- Perform any other related task as required by the PMU.

3. Qualifications and work experience:

- At least a master's degree in environment, Nature Resource Management, agriculture, and other related field.
- Not less than 5 years of work experience in the related field of Environmental management, community-based development projects funded by international organizations/donors,
- Excellent knowledge of the English language. Knowledge of Russian and/or Tajik languages will be an advantage.
- Excellent knowledge of computer programs, base database systems, and mobile applications
- Good teamwork and communication skills.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following link:

https://aedpmu.tj/en/wpcontent/uploads/2024/06/tor_international_environmental_expert_wb_env_srasp_may_29_2024_eng.pdf

The consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016; revised in September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World

Bank's policy on conflict of interest."

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 08:00 to 17:00 local time.

Expressions of interest including CV must be submitted to the e-mail address below on or before **17:00 hours local time on June 21, 2024**. Questions (or requests for clarifications) can be sent to the below email address on or before June 18, 2024. Procurement Department of State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU).
E-mail: aedpmu.hr@gmail.com

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Progress of approbation work in the fields

Specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project together with specialists of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Committee on Food Security are carrying out approbation work throughout the country.

High quality seeds of elite group, provided to farmers under the project, have many advantages over local seeds and are adapted to the climatic conditions of Tajikistan.

After using these seeds, farmers (beneficiaries) became convinced that quality seeds are the key to high yields. If the agronomic rules of cultivation are followed, crop yields increase significantly.

At present, specialists continue approbation of agricultural crops, especially grain (wheat), and determine their expected yields.

Analysis of approbation works shows that growth and yield of agricultural crops, especially cereals (wheat), are higher than last year.



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Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project (SRASP)

IDA (International Development Association) Grant No: D8600-TJ

Title of the consulting assignment: International Individual Consultant to conduct a mid-term evaluation of the project.

Reference Number: SRASP-CS-INDV-2024-01

The project aims to support the Government of Tajikistan (GoT) in successfully transitioning to a sustainable, more productive, climate resilient, and inclusive model of agricultural sector growth. The proposed project will help to:

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Purpose of the task

The purpose of the task is to carry out mid-term assessment, identifying positive and negative trends in the project, as well as analyzing the work done to achieve the goals and making recommendations for specific actions that can be taken to improve the project.

The project will be assessed based on the questions presented in paragraph 2.3. Terms of reference, as well as a matrix of project indicators, for the following levels of interventions.

Scope of services

2.1. At the program level:

Identifying the impact of the project on achieving the main goal of the project

(positive and negative);

Assessing the level of achievement of tasks and results project;

Assessing the quality and sustainability of interventions on the way to achieving project objectives;

Evaluation of carried out and planned activities from the point of view of technical and methodological aspects applied by the project and project partners;

Are additional measures/actions needed with existing target groups to ensure sustainability and flexibility given the identified context.

2.2 At the organizational level:

Assessing the project management level of the project team for effective implementation

project;

Providing results, conclusions and recommendations for evaluation, with a view to inclusion
lessons learned and recommendations for improvement – to improve quality

project activities and improving results.

2.3. Main questions

The mid-term assessment should contain specific descriptions regarding the following core issues (considering gender equality and other cross-cutting issues):

Determination of Compliance

– Were the goals set out in the project document relevant, achievable and realistic in comparison to the results already achieved?

– How relevant are the selected approaches and tools to achieving the project goals?

Determination of effectiveness

- Is the achievement of short-term and medium-term results on track and consistent with the planned results presented in the log frame and project plans?
- To what extent do the project activities meet the needs of the target groups? and strategies (policies) of partners, implementer and donor?
- To what extent have collaborations and partnerships been established between civil society, local government and the private sector to facilitate the successful implementation of the project?

Definition of Productivity

- Are the financial costs consistent with the costs budgeted for the project? – achieving project results at the lowest cost of their implementation.

Defining influence

- Are there significant unexpected positive or negative impacts on the path to achieving medium- and long-term goals?

Definition of sustainability

Are local stakeholders (stakeholders, beneficiaries) likely to understand the importance of their participation and their responsibilities in the implementation of the project, and also, after the end of the project implementation period?

Additionally

- Determining the extent to which the actions of the project implementation partner and the project team comply with the processes, procedures and standards established by the project (plans, monitoring and evaluation system, reporting)
- The need to restructure the project (with a detailed indication in which areas and what specific changes in the project design need to be made)

Qualifications and work experience:

1. Higher education in the field of economics and/or

finance, agriculture or other related field.

2. Proven experience in conducting research by type (baseline study, mid-term study, etc.) for not less than 5 years.
3. Proven experience in evaluating projects related to the provision of agricultural services for not less than 5 years.
4. Experience in the Central Asian region is an added advantage.
5. Knowledge of English language is required as well as working knowledge of Tajik and Russian languages is
6. Proven track record of honesty and integrity in handling public resources.

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https://aedpmu.tj/en/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/tor_mid-term_review_indv.cons_.com_may_22_2024.pdf

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Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 08:00 to 17:00 local time.

Expressions of interest including CV must be submitted to the e-mail address below on or before **17:00 hours local time on June 13, 2024**. Questions (or requests for clarifications) can be sent to the below email address **on or before June 10, 2024**.

Procurement Department of
State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"
Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU).

E-mail: aedpmu.hr@gmail.com

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**Congratulations from the Director of the State Institution
“Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Mr. Daler Satori
dedicated to the “Youth Day of Tajikistan”**

When it comes to youth, the words of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon immediately come to mind: “Youth, as the successor of our highest goals, today with a strong will strive for the development and progress of our dear Tajikistan and have already reached unique achievements in many areas.”

Our country is one of the youngest countries in the world in terms of population, the majority of our population is made up of young people (70% of the population is under 30 years of age), and they are a big driving force for the country's development.

The effective implementation of state youth policy has been the basis of the activities of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan since the first days of independence. Respected Head of State Emomali Rahmon has repeatedly said in his speeches: “We must provide all conditions for youth, who are the future of the nation, and educate them in the spirit of patriotism, self-awareness and national pride.”

This is true because the future of the state and nation is in the hands of the youth. Young people represent the state and the nation. Young people are the future builders of society today and tomorrow; it is impossible to imagine a country without educated, conscious and talented youth.

Thanks to their knowledge, abilities and strengths, young people participate in various regional and international competitions and take pride of place and receive high awards, gain fame, increase the authority and influence of our beloved

Motherland in the international arena.

The respected Leader of the Nation pays special attention to supporting young people and creating new jobs for them based on the use of information and communication technologies and knowledge of foreign languages. He actively supports youth initiatives for the development of our dear Motherland and strives to create favorable working conditions for young professionals. The leader has full confidence in the potential and professional skills of young people.

Today, the youth of our country are actively involved in various spheres of society, including politics, economics, social work, culture, healthcare, industry and agriculture. She makes a significant contribution to the development and progress of our native Tajikistan.

On these joyful days, dear colleagues, let me sincerely congratulate all the youth of our dear country on Youth Day, which is celebrated on May 23. On your behalf, I wish everyone good health, prosperity, happiness and success, and eternal peace to our independent Tajikistan.

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Another round of agricultural machinery distribution

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project conducted the 4th round of distribution of agricultural equipment (small tractors, motobloks, grain seeders, small trailers, double row ploughs, cheesel ploughs, frasers, potato harvester, potato planters and spraying equipment) to the vulnerable farms of Sughd and Khatlon regions, GBAO and RRS.

The purpose of timely distribution of machinery is primarily to facilitate farmers' labor, improve society's access to production infrastructure services, strengthen the material and technical base of farms and increase crop yields.



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Request for Quotations

Purchaser: State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (SI “AED” PMU)

Project: Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project

Grant №: IDA-D8600

Name of the Contract: Procurement of 1 no. of 4WD SUV 7 seater vehicle for the Ministry of Agriculture of the RT

Identification number: TJ-SRASP-G0-2024-03

1. The Republic of Tajikistan received Grant from the International Development Association for the implementation of the Project “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” and intends to use part of the funds for payments under the contract for the Procurement of 1 no. of 4WD SUV 7 seater vehicle for the Ministry of Agriculture of the RT.
2. The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (SI “AED” PMU) hereby invites the eligible bidder to submit their bids for the Procurement of 1 no. of 4WD SUV 7 seater vehicle for the Ministry of Agriculture of the RT.
3. Bidding will be conducted through competitive procurement using a Request for Quotation (RFQ) as specified in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 revised September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”) and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. All interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit

(AED PMU) and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at E-mail: procurement.srasp@gmail.com as well as at the address given below.

5. All interested Bidders can obtain a copy of the RFQ which contains detailed instructions for preparation of the quotation in Russian by submitting an official letter to the address below or through email. The RFQ can also be obtained from the office of AED PMU located at the address below or through the E-mail: procurement.srasp@gmail.com.
6. Bidders shall submit their quotation in hard copy and must deliver to the address below on or before May 30, 2024, 10:00 am. Late offers will be rejected.

The address referred to above is:

For the purpose of receipt and submission of quotations:

To: Satori D.A. – AED PMU Director

Address: I.Somini district, 17 Bokhtar street

Office / Floor: 12nd Floor

City: Dushanbe

Country: Tajikistan

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Specific Procurement Notice

Request for Bids

Goods

(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: Tajikistan

Name of Project: Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture

Sector Project, Additional financing

Contract Title: Procurement of 250 sets of two-wheel tractors (motobloks) with additional equipment and 10 units of crawler rice combine harvesters for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: IDA Grant # E1450-TJ

RFB Reference No.: SRASP AF/G/RFB-2024/07

1. The Republic of Tajikistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project (SRASP), additional financing and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for “Procurement of 250 sets of two-wheel tractors (motobloks) with additional equipment and 10 units of crawler rice combine harvesters for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan”.

2. The State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (AED PMU) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for lots as follow: Lot #1: “Procurement of 250 sets of two-wheel tractors (motobloks) with additional equipment for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan” and Lot #2: “Procurement of 10 units of crawler rice combine harvesters for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan”.

3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” September 2023 Edition (“Procurement Regulations”) and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from AED PMU and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 08:00 to 17:00 at the address given below.

5. The bidding document in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before June 21, 2024 11:00 a.m. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on June 21, 2024, 11:10 a.m.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of: USD 18 800 (eighteen thousand and eight hundred) for Lot #1 and USD 6 200 (six thousand and two hundred) for Lot #2 or USD 25 000 (twenty-five thousand) for all Lots.

8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

9. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

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For the purpose of inquiries and receipt of tender documents:

To: AED PMU Procurement Department

Address: Bokhtar street 17

Office / Floor: 12th Floor

City: Dushanbe

Country: Tajikistan

E-mail: procurement.srasp@gmail.com

Phone: (+992 37) 221 03 85

For the purpose of Bid submission and opening of the Bids:

State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of Republic of Tajikistan

Address: 27 Shohtemur street

Office / Floor: Office 9, 1st Floor

City: Dushanbe

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

Box: No:5

June 7, 2024

**Congratulations of the Director of the State Institution
“Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” dedicated to
“Victory Day”.**

There are dates in the history of mankind, the importance and greatness of which become more and more evident as the years go by. Victory Day is among such unforgettable dates. This holiday is dear and honorable for all mankind, including us, Tajiks.

We bow before the achievements of the Heroes of the War and will always remember the price we paid for a peaceful and happy life. During the Great Patriotic War 250 thousand inhabitants of our sunny country voluntarily went to the front together with citizens of 14 countries of the former Soviet Union and fought for victory over Hitler's fascism. More than 90 thousand of them died, and 57 Tajik defenders were awarded the title of Hero of the Soviet Union for their bravery.

This cruel war, which is the most terrible war in the history of mankind, lasted more than 1418 days and claimed the lives of 26 million citizens of a huge country – the former Soviet Union. During the years of the Great Patriotic War on the territory of the Soviet Union 1710 small and large cities, 70 thousand villages and settlements, 6 million buildings, 32 thousand industrial enterprises, 40 thousand hospitals and medical institutions, 84 thousand schools, technical schools, universities and research institutes were destroyed. More than 5 million people were left homeless, 4100 railroad stations and 65 thousand kilometers of railroads, as well as 14 thousand railway bridges were destroyed.

During the difficult years of the Great Patriotic War, hardworking people in the rear, including the workers of Tajikistan, with their efforts and achievements made a

significant contribution to ensuring victory. During this period, the workers of industrial enterprises, in particular, the Leninabad cotton plant, textile factory "Krasniy Tkach" and others, worked tirelessly under the motto "Everything for the front, everything for Victory".

It is the sense of patriotism and diligence of the proud and patriotic children of our nation that serve as an example and lesson to us today. They helped strengthen our state independence and made the building and prosperity of our native Tajikistan their highest goal.

May the next generation of Tajikistan, with the same deep sense of patriotism and national pride, direct their energy for the benefit of the Motherland, striving for its development.

With this sincere wish, I once again congratulate all the people of Tajikistan on Victory Day and wish all of you, dear employees, veterans and participants of the Great Patriotic War, good health and happy life.

May peace and stability, unity and mutual understanding always stay on the blessed land of Tajikistan. I wish you peace of mind and happiness.