

Environment and Social Safeguards Consultant (National)

Expertise:	Environment and Social Safeguards Consultant
Expertise Group:	Environment and Social Safeguards
TOR Keywords:	Environment safeguards, social safeguards.
<p>Objective and Purpose of the Assignment: The selected candidate will directly work under the Project Manager as the Environment and Social Safeguards Consultant of the Project Management Unit (PMU). The purpose of the assignment is to carry out the Environment and Social Safeguards related tasks in the newly approved US\$10 million grant project, the Responsive COVID-19 Vaccination for Recovery Project under the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility.</p>	
<p>Scope of Work: The Environment and Social Safeguards Consultant will work in the Project Management Unit (PMU) to ensure project compliance with ADB's <i>Safeguard Policy Statement (2009)</i> and government's laws and regulations. The tasks will need to be carried under the guidance of the Project Manager and the Project Director and in close collaboration with the relevant units of the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>The Environment and Social Safeguards Consultant will work intermittently to achieve defined tasks. He / She will submit the time sheet and deliverables to the Project Manager for processing of remuneration and any other related expenses.</p>	
<p>Detailed Task and/or Expected Output: The Environment and Social Safeguards Consultant will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update, as necessary, the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE), Environmental Management Plan (EMPs) and Social Safeguards due diligence Reports. • Work and coordinate with service providers to complete due diligence for supporting the Vaccine Storage facility. • Assist PMU in project readiness monitoring against checklist and indicators set out in the EMP, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update the IEE and EMP, to take account of detailed engineering designs of the Vaccine facility building, factoring any new details and developments into the mitigation and monitoring plans including finalized supporting facilities, budget and capacity development needs of PMU and contractor staff ○ Ensure that all relevant requirements of the EMP including any updates, are adequately addressed and included in the EPC bidding document and civil work contract ○ Facilitate to obtain ADB approval for the updated IEE and EMP ○ Implement the updated IEE and EMP ○ Organize and conduct a training and capacity development program for the PMU, appointed key contractors on topics as set out in EMP (including site specific environmental monitoring plan (SEMP) implementation) ○ compliance monitoring of construction activities and preparation of periodic monitoring reports, supervision responsibilities and interaction with contractors and communities, documentation, resolution and reporting of non-compliances and complaints, provide on job trainings throughout the project implementation period ○ Ensure that a practicable Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) is in place and that affected persons / households, institutions and other relevant stakeholders are informed about it and procedures to place a complaint for any environment and social issues are in place. ○ Assist PMU in drafting and/or updating the Public Information leaflet that will include project information including grievance redress committee (GRC), key focal point person contacts and any other details as relevant. • Work and coordinate with PMU appointed site contractors (Design and Supervision consultants, Engineer consultant, and the Civil works Construction consultants) to develop and finalize site EMP (SEMP) • Work and coordinate with PMU to supervise the integration of safeguard measures into the detailed engineering design, civil works and post construction work of the proposed infrastructure. • Coordinate with the local agencies / authorities on all relevant environmental regulatory compliance issues 	

- Assist PMU and Contractor to maintain a grievance registry as prescribed in the IEE.
- Assist PMU appointed site contractors with compliance to ADB SPS 2009 requirements including handling complaints and grievances filed through the project Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM)
- Conduct capacity building program for MOH staff on safeguards monitoring and reporting
- Assist the PMU in coordination activities with relevant line ministries on permits, approvals and/or clearances and compliance with relevant national regulatory requirements
- Assist PMU appointed contractors in conducting project level COVID-19 risk assessment; ensure that measures to mitigate COVID-19 health risks are aligned with Government guidelines and measures
- Conduct random checks / audits of contractor's performance related to Environment and Safeguards
- Prepare required safeguards reports as per PAM for PMU's submission to ADB (e.g., from grant effectiveness, submit semiannual environmental monitoring reports during the construction phase and annual during the operations phase until a project completion report is issued).
- In the event of any non-compliance issues, prepare and ensure implementation of a time-bound and budgeted corrective action plan to be agreed between ADB and the executing agency.
- Supervise the environmental monitoring (air quality, noise) carried out by the PMU appointed site contractor.
- Monitor compliance with applicable national labor laws and core labor standards for all project related activities.
- Ensure that the speed boats, vans, and refrigerated trucks meet the emission standards and road/sea worthiness is checked and proper maintenances is done as per the IEE.
- Ensure the construction and operation of the vaccine cold storage facility building meet the emission standards.

Minimum Qualification Requirements:

The consultant should have

a Post-Graduate Degree in Environment Management or related field and at least 5 years of experience in working in the field of Environmental and Social Safeguards; and at least 3 years of experience in undertaking Environment Management related activities in national / international projects is an advantage.

Regional/Country Experience	Required
Minimum General Experience	5 Years
Minimum Specific Experience (relevant to assignment)	3 Years

Deliverables	Estimated Submission Date	Type
Agreed Deliverables as per TOR	As agreed	Report
Timesheet	Monthly	Report

Schedule:		
City and Country	Est. Start Date	Est. End Date
Home Office, Male`	May 2023	May 2024*
Other Details Intermittent; non-regular or sporadic work schedule for 12 months**		

* Initial engagement is for 12 months, subject to extension up to September 2025 upon satisfactory performance after the first year.

** Payment is based on actual time inputs, and upon approval of the reports/deliverables and timesheet submitted by the consultant.