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Support vulnerable communities in Maldives to manage climate change-induced water shortages

PROJECT COORDINATOR (PC)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

A. PURPOSE

The outer islands of the Maldives experiences drinking water shortages during the dry season. These shortages have had significant adverse human, environmental and social impacts on the outer island. The key problems pertaining to freshwater security relate to the increasingly variable rainfall patterns induced by climate change and sea-level rise induced salinity of groundwater. The Government faces constraints in responding to the challenge at hand without assistance, especially in the context of anticipated impacts of climate change.

In response to this climate challenge, Government of Maldives received funding through the Green Climate Fund for the project to "Support vulnerable communities in Maldives to manage climate change-induced water shortages" and is implemented by joint partnership between Ministry of Environment and UNDP from 2016 through to 2020. The project has the objective to deliver safe and secure freshwater to 105,000 people in the islands of Maldives in the face of climate change risks. This will be achieved by delivering the following results:

- Scaling up an integrated water supply system to provide safe water to vulnerable households;
- Introduction of decentralized and cost-effective dry season water supply systems;
- Groundwater quality improved to secure freshwater reserves for long term resilience.

The proposed adaptation solution is to scale up the use of an integrated water supply system that will bring three primary sources of water (rainwater, groundwater and desalinated water) into a least cost delivery system that is able to maintain service levels in the face of climate change related pressures. A paradigm shift will be achieved by addressing the main barriers to implementing integrated water supply systems (cost recovery; management capacity; and institutional mandates, coordination and policy direction).

The project is one of the first projects to be funded through the Green Climate Fund and is implemented by joint partnership between Ministry of Environment and UNDP from 2016 through to 2020.

The Government of Maldives through the Ministry of Environment is seeking a full time **Project Coordinator** for the implementation and management of the project.



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Water stress alert information based on **forecasted meteorological information** will feed into the **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** for system management, thereby protecting lives and livelihoods from environmental risks associated with climate change. This will also feed into strengthening the Meteorological - MMS services on reaching out to the communities actionable early warning information, and preparing the water utilities, island councils and the communities to receive and act on such information. The system will achieve cost effectiveness in service provision through **effective management of water resources** and the use of renewable energy and locally appropriate technologies. Alongside the system design will be a capacity development work stream designed to obtain the support and ownership from communities, which is necessary for financial sustainability of the system, as well as the **capacity development** of the State Utilities to manage service delivery, and of the decentralized authorities and central government to provide an enabling environment for sustainability and scale up.

C. OBJECTIVES OF ASSIGNMENT

The objective of this assignment is to undertake and oversee all management and implementation activities of the project to “**Support vulnerable communities in Maldives to manage climate change-induced water shortages**”.

The objective of this assignment is operational management of the projects in accordance with the project documents and as per the bank guidelines in collaboration with the project team and stakeholder agencies to ensure all implementation arrangements of projects are carried out smoothly and on time.

D. OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY

The overall responsibilities of the Project Coordinator include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Operational management of the project component in accordance with the Financing Agreements and Operations Manuals of the Project to produce the envisaged outputs;
2. In collaboration with the Project Team and Stakeholder agencies, ensure all implementation arrangements of activities of the project component are carried out smoothly;
3. Identification and resolution of implementation problems, with the guidance of the Project Team, Project Manager;

E. SCOPE OF WORKS

The work of the Project Coordinator will include the following tasks, among others:

1. Provide overall Coordination/Supervision to the Contractors and/or Consultants and ensure timely delivery of the project outputs in accordance to the contract agreements.
2. Coordinate the activities of the PMU staff handling the project component to ensure the timely delivery of services to the Projects;
3. Ensure that project team members carry out tasks outlined in their ToR, Action plans in a timely manner, conduct Project staff's appraisal and provide feedback;





4. Visit project sites periodically and report back on the status of site activities to the management.
5. Ensure information, reports and other documentation requested by the Project Manager for review and/or for presentation to Steering and Technical committees are provided in a timely manner;
6. Ensure all relevant information, documents, financial and technical reports are made available for review during review missions, by independent reviewers and/or review by other relevant Authorities of Government of Maldives.
7. Prepare and revise project component activities and financial plans and ensure information/reports such as annual work plan, annual project review reports, project progress reports, bi-annual reports, quarterly reports etc. and other documentation requested by MEE or funding agency for review and/or for presentation are provided in a timely manner.
8. Any other work-related tasks assigned by the Project Manager.

F. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

1. A Master's Degree in relevant field with professional work experience of at least Seven (07) years from which minimum Two (02) years' experience in substantial management/supervisory responsibilities of projects.
2. Experience in donor assisted development projects will be an added advantage.
3. Work experience in delivery of water and sanitation sector projects will be an added advantage.
4. Knowledge and understanding of technical and legal aspects of procurement of donor would be an added advantage.
5. Should have strong leadership, management and communication skills in presenting, discussing and resolving difficult issues and have ability to work efficiently and effectively with a multidisciplinary team.
6. A high level of computer literacy is required. Familiarity with programs like Microsoft Office including Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Microsoft Project Office as required.

The successful Candidate must be willing to work for extended periods without direct supervision and travel routinely to islands within the catchment.

In addition, the individual's reputation of integrity and impartiality routed in independent from third parties shall be considered.

The short-listed candidate will be requested to participate in personal interviews and submit the names and contact details of personal referees who can attest to their ability.

The successful candidate must understand the objectives and delivery mechanisms of the projects portfolio. He/she must be willing to work in a team, be flexible to emerging or changing conditions, and undertake initiative in his/her broad field of actions.

1. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

1. Report directly to the Project Manager or his/her designate on all aspects of Project Management throughout the duration of the contract unless otherwise advised by the Client.



