



Terms of Reference and Scope of Services

CONSULTANT - ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST CONSULTANT

Republic of Maldives
Enhancing Education Development Project (EEDP)
Ministry of Education (WB Grant # H841-MV)

1. Background

- The Government of Maldives has received financing from the World Bank for Enhancing Education Development Project (EEDP) to enhance and strengthen strategic dimensions of education access and quality. As part of achieving this objective, the project will finance the improvement and/or expansion of schools across the country. In order to ensure any environmental and social impact that may arise due to physical improvements and expansions, the project has undertaken an Environmental and Social Assessment of the initial sites of schools identified and development and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) that provided the measures, processes, institutional arrangements, procedures, tools and instruments that need to be adopted by the project and integrated into project implementation to mitigate any adverse environmental or social impacts. As part of the implementation requirements, for schools that are identified, a Rapid Environmental and Social Assessment was carried out at each site, followed by development of site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) guided by the ESMF.
- The Environmental Specialist Consultant should provide overall policy and technical direction for environmental safeguards management under the Project (as defined by the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)).
- The World Bank will provide financial assistance for the project.

2. Scope of Services

- Provide overall policy and technical direction for environmental safeguards management under the Project (as defined by the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)).
- Ensure consistency of safeguard documents with national environmental regulations; to obtain necessary clearances from local environmental regulatory authorities for sub-projects, where applicable.
- Review draft and final EAs for quality and obtain necessary clearances.
- Ensure that applicable measures in the EMP are included in the design, and condition on compliance with EMP is included in the bidding documents.
- Report to CSU on the overall environmental performance of the project.

3. Required Qualifications and Experience

- At least a Master's degree from a recognized university on Environmental Science or Environmental Management or Construction Management with a minimum of 1 years' experience in the field of construction management/environmental science/environmental management or a related discipline.
- Experience on donor funded projects and prior implementation of donor safeguards is an advantage.
- Prior experience in World Bank funded projects will be a further advantage.

4. Duration of Service and Terms of Payment

This consultancy is for a period of **6 weeks**. The consultant will be hired as a specialist/consultant under this project and will be paid in accordance with the agreed rate and upon completion of the scope of services and the below assignment outlined in this ToR.

5. Immediate Assignment

The consultant will require, upon confirmation of the assignment to immediately;

- To conduct a rapid environmental screening of the 2 subprojects to be completed over a period of 1 weeks.
- To carry out field visits to all the 10 subproject locations and to produce final inspection reports for all the locations.
- This task will be done using the monitoring format in the ESMF to deduce the current status of safeguards implementation in the field.
- To identifying environmental impacts at the site due to the physical interventions and proposing mitigation measures to be implemented by the contractors. (The ESMF will provide relevant guidance on this subject)
- Based on the rapid screening, for each site a set of Environmental conditions to be implemented on site by the contractor, for the course of the project, with estimated costing where relevant, should be prepared and shared with the Coordination Support Unit (CSU).
- Train relevant people on the Monitoring toolkit.
- Any other duties related to the task assigned by the Project Coordinator.

6. Institutional arrangement

- The consultant should directly report to the Project Coordinator of Enhancing Education Development Project (EEDP).