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CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PMU SUPPORT
(INDIVIDUAL LAND ACQUISITION, RESETTLEMENT AND
INCOME RESTORATION CONSULTANT)
FOR

Western Economic Corridor & Regional Enhancement Program (WeCARE) Phase-I:
Rural Connectivity, Market and Logistic Infrastructure Improvement Project (RCMLIP)

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PMU



**Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)
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List of Abbreviations:

IDA	:	International Development Association
IFAD	:	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFC	:	International Finance Corporation
INDC	:	Intended Nationally Determined Contribution
GOB	:	Government of Bangladesh
LAP	:	Land Acquisition Plan
RAP	:	Resettlement Action Plan
LGED	:	Local Government Engineering Department
PPA	:	Public Procurement Act
PPR	:	Public Procurement Rule
PMC	:	Project Management Consultant
LGED	:	Local Government Engineering Department
RHD	:	Roads and Highways Department
SAARC	:	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
WB	:	The World Bank
WeCARE	:	Western Economic Corridor and Regional Enhancement

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1. INTRODUCTION

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- 1.1 The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) seeks to engage a qualified and experienced individual to provide support to the Project Management Unit (PMU) of WeCARE Phase – I for Land acquisition, resettlement and income restoration management of the project.

BACKGROUND

- 1.2 WeCARE program is aimed at providing efficient, safe, and resilient connectivity along a section of a regional transport corridor in Western Bangladesh. To that end, intended outcomes of the program are: Reduced transport and logistics costs (including post-harvest losses) along a regional transport corridor in Western Bangladesh, Safer and resilient road network in Bangladesh, and Faster and reliable internet connectivity in Western Bangladesh, and
- 1.3 The WeCARE program will support the Bangladesh Roads and Highways Department (RHD) to upgrade 260 km of national highway from a two-lane single carriageway to four lanes which will reduce the time and cost of travel for passengers and freight. The local impacts of the corridor would be transmitted through investments in LGED managed rural roads, local markets, and agro-logistics in the ten districts through which the corridor passes. The World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) are joint-financing for the Program.
- 1.4 WeCARE is a ten year long Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA) initiative. The program will consist of the following five phases:
- **Phase 1: Upgrading of Jashore- Jhenaidah road section as a smart, resilient and safe highway; and local economic infrastructure in four districts**

Scope: This phase will upgrade the Jashore-Jhenaidah national highway (48km) from a two-lane single carriageway to four lane dual carriageway. It will include

separate service lanes for slow moving vehicles and vulnerable users on both sides of the carriageway, installation of OFC, and deployment of ITS. It will also finance the upgrading of priority Upazila, Union, and village roads and complementary logistics infrastructure at rural markets (commonly referred to as growth centers) in the four (4) Program Districts of Jashore, Jhenaidah, Magura, and Chuadanga.

- **Phase 2: Road Maintenance Financing; and Strengthening Road Sector Management & Institutional Capacity**

Scope: This phase will primarily focus on improving the management and maintenance regime of the primary road network, including the provision of seed funds to reduce the financing gap in the GoB's maintenance budget and operationalization of the road maintenance fund. This Phase will include the development of a Transport Sector Master Plan to enhance multi-modal transport integration and reduce institutional fragmentation in planning, implementation and operations; a comprehensive "Business Delivery Process Review"; and introduction and mainstreaming of good industry practices in areas of private sector financing and investment, contracting, road safety, value engineering, asset management, environment and social safeguards, climate resilience in design, construction and highway operations. The phase will also build on the reform efforts under the Bank's ongoing LGED portfolio, including reforming the maintenance regime of rural economic infrastructure. Training and capacity building activities of the RHD and LGED as well as the industry (e.g. consultants, contractors) will also be financed under this Phase.

- **Phase 3: Upgrading of Bhomra-Satkhira-Navaron section as a smart, resilient and safe highway; and local economic infrastructure in three districts**

Scope: This phase will upgrade the Bhomra-Satkhira-Navaron national highway (62km) from a two-lane single carriageway to four lane dual carriageway. It will include separate service lanes for slow moving vehicles and vulnerable users on both sides of the carriageway, installation of OFC, and deployment of ITS. It will also finance priority Upazila, Union, and village roads and complementary logistics infrastructure in the three (3) Program Districts of Sathkira, Natore, and Shirajganj.

- **Phase 4: Upgrading of Local Economic Infrastructure in three districts**

Scope: This phase will upgrade priority Upazila, Union, and village roads and complementary logistics infrastructure in the three (3) Program Districts of Kushtia, Pabna, and Meherpur. It will also undertake a needs assessment for farmers benefiting from the investments made in all 10 Program Districts.

1.5 WeCARE Phase 1 has the following components:

- **Component 1: Upgrading National Highway Corridor and enhancing digital connectivity:** This component will upgrade Jhenaidah-Jashore highway to a four-lane divided carriageway and will install Intelligent Transportation System features and Optical Fiber Cable features along the highway. This will be implemented by Roads and Highways Department.



- **Component 2(a) - Development and upgrading complementary logistics infrastructure and services:** This sub-component will finance the development of about 15 selected markets and logistics infrastructure involving storage, grading, sorting, packaging, collecting and selling facilities for selected agriculture value chains and livestock/fishing; and associated amenities like parking, sheds, piped-water supply, toilets, sanitation, waste management, banking, real time display of commodity prices using ICT, etc. The component will also finance associated services, including but not limited to, surveys, investigations, data collection, feasibility, design, individual experts, supervision, market allocation and management, training and capacity building of stakeholders & M&E. An ex-ante prioritization approach, utilizing geospatial modelling, will be used to select growth centers and economic hubs that can be improved to stimulate inclusive local economic growth. An ongoing gender needs assessment aims to ensure that the logistics infrastructure and services are gender sensitive. Specific resilient norms for cyclones/flooding risks will also be incorporated in design and construction.

- **Component 2(b) - Upgrading of secondary and tertiary road network serving selected markets:** This sub-component will finance upgrading and development of about 500km of priority Upazila, Union, and village roads serving selected markets; and associated services, including but not limited to, surveys, investigations, data collection, feasibility, design, individual experts, NGOs, supervision and M&E. Specific attention will be given to ensure safety and resilience in design and construction through the use of cost-efficient alternatives, green and local pavement material able to withstand high temperatures; provision of sufficient numbers of culverts/ditches/cross drainage to address the risk of flooding based on site-specific hydrological studies results; safe provisions for the Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs) and non-motorized transport (NMT) will be addressed by including traffic calming measures like lateral shift, chicane, realigned intersection, traffic circle, speed hump, speed table, raised crosswalk, raised intersection, corner extension, and chokers. The roads will be selected to enhance the logistics efficiency for select value chains in the selected markets based on a multi criteria assessment and rigorous fieldwork that takes into account the location and area of influence of rural markets, difference in the levels of poverty and economic development, levels of existing road connectivity, and the potential to benefit women within the districts.

- **Component 3 - Project implementation support and sustainability:**

This component will be implemented by both RHD and LGED and will finance associated services and goods for following sub-components:

- a) Training and capacity building;
- b) Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA);
- c) Establishing a Fiduciary Advisory Panel;
- d) Establishing a Transport Sector Integration and Coordination Platform (TSICP) and operationalizing the Road Maintenance Fund Board Act; and
- e) Preparatory Activities for Subsequent Program Phases.

- **Component 4 – COVID-19 Relief and Recovery**

This component will be implemented by both RHD and LGED and will support the following:

(a) Designing and implementing a program to foster employment opportunities for vulnerable local populations, including, on routine maintenance of roads, clearing of water passages, and hygiene-related small works; and as relevant, the provision of working tools and personal protective equipment;

(b) Supporting the development and dissemination of an emergency response plan for COVID-19 for RHD and LGED; and

(c) Supporting the provision of necessary upgrades at RHD and LGED offices to ensure business continuity and improve work environment safety.

• **Component 5 -Contingent Emergency Response:**

This component will provide immediate response to an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, as needed.

1.6 The scope of work for the consultant pertains to the WeCARE activities to be implemented by LGED, i.e. components 2(a) and 2(b) for Phase -1. LGED has established a Project Steering Committee (PSC) for strategic guidance, an independent Project Management Unit (PMU) and Project Implementation Committee (PIC) for coordination, implementation and other support functions.

2. OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this consultancy service is to support, implement, and advise the PMU for implementation of the Phase – I of WeCARE project

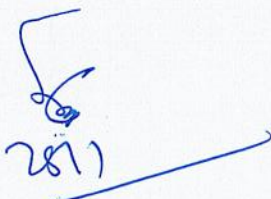
The consulting services shall be provided by an experienced and qualified individual. The specific objectives include, but are not necessarily be limited to the following:

- 1. Assist the PMU with land acquisition documentation and resettlement plan preparation with help of the firm deployed for these tasks.*
- 2. Check all associated reports, data, procedure as instructed by PMU.*
- 3. Ensure that the resettlement and income restoration are conducted in accordance with GoB and WB policies but at the same time aids with timely implementation of the project.*

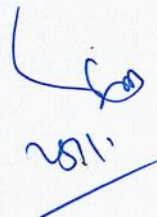
3. SCOPE OF WORK

The specific scope of Work of LA& RR Consultant will include:

1. Check the loss of assets and livelihoods and identify Affected Persons (PAPs) as per the approved Entitlement Matrix of RAP prepared by the RAP consultant;
2. Provide support to joint verification/survey by DC and RB for listing and measurements of assets and types of losses and conduct market survey of affected properties through Property and Assessment and Valuation Committee (PAVC) to obtain market prices for acquired properties under Section 8 and further verification; if needed. Also assist in implementation of land acquisition with the DC officials and confirm the Mini LAP's/RP's accordingly;
3. Check and verify Resettlement Budget as per approved EM of RAP and signed census/joint survey by PAVC on behalf of PMU;



4. Assist in the revision of Land Acquisition to minimize cost and unutilized land; Support the revision of RPF if necessary, to reflect any recent national policy changes and/or to add new categories of PAPs identified during the RAP preparation;
5. Assist in revising the existing LAP/RAP prepared by the RAP consultant in light of the detailed census and which will be modified/corrected/updated by the Engineering Consultant that the LAP/RAP according to field conditions and in a way that is acceptable to the DC office;
6. Assess the anticipated land acquisition issues and recommend how these will be managed in a manner consistent with ESS 5 and the RPF prepared by LGED for this project;
7. Assist in preparing necessary numbers of Mini LAP/RAP in consultation with the Project Director, if required, and produce necessary documents for submitting to the Deputy Commissioners office, the final product of LAP will be finalized by the Engineering Consultant and signed by LGED;
8. Assist in reviewing plot index and LAP by collecting the latest Mouza Maps;
9. Ensure that all PAPs are identified by the relevant consultant firm (by categories following the Compensation Entitlement Matrix (CEM));
10. Assist in preparation of PAP file and Entitlement Card before payment: Prepare the individual PAP's ID number, picture with ID number, and issue ID Cards to all APs;
11. Assist in finalizing entitlement packages for all APs in consultation with LGED officials;
12. In consultation with LGED field staff, prepare additional payments and other resettlement benefits in accordance with CEM to eligible APs;
13. Assist awardees in collecting compensation under law (areas of assistance include counseling, guiding in collecting necessary documents, compiling application for compensation collection and advocating them in the DC office) for land, structures, trees and other assets from DC office;
14. Support in paying additional top-up and other resettlement benefits (payment vouchers will be signed by the LGED representative and Local Government representative);
15. Assist LGED in maintaining records of compensation and resettlement disbursements, consultations and grievances;
16. Prepare an Operational Manual for resettlement activities implementation management;
17. Provide regular updates comparing the quantity of land of LA schedule with that of the amount of CCL paid for;
18. Monitor compensation and assistance provided to Vulnerable Affected Households and Severely Affected Households including the non-titled families/persons;
19. Monitor all land acquisition and resettlement related activities and prepare monthly and periodic reports on behalf of LGED highlighting progress in all areas as well as implementation issues/constraints that require decisions by LGED, WB, and other agencies involved;
20. Assist awardees filing complaints related to LA and resettlement activities, provide particular assistance to vulnerable households who have grievances;
21. Identify problems and advise Aps to find quick resolution of the problem on how to proceed with the application for compensation and resettlement assistance;
22. Assist GRC in organizing and documenting meetings;
23. Assist in the grievance resolution process by providing information on the DC award process and any other issue related to land acquisition;
24. Support the training of all relevant E&S consultants and other operatives in the use and updating of Automated Land Management System (ALMS) software installed at PMU and keep track of its regular use as a decision support system by WeCARE Program;

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25. Assist and advice PMU in redressing Grievences and complying with Environmental and Social Commitment Plan(ECoP).
26. Assist PMU in preparing various reports. Advice LGED District Sociologists/ Community Orgaziners and other professionals to expedite the resettlement process and coordinate their activites in order to appraise the Project Director.
27. Any other relevant services requested by PMU.

4. DURATION

Duration of the consultancy services would be approximately for 52 (fifty two) months.

5. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT

The Consultant will work under direct control of the Project Director. S/he will report directly to the Project Director with close collaboration with other officials of the Project. The Consultant shall be accountable to the Project Director for his day to day activities. For payment purpose, 22 business days of service will be considered a month and eight working hours a day.

6. EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

The consultant should have a masters degree in social science or equivalent degree with relevant project experience of at least - 15(fifteen) years of experience in land acquisition, survey, resettlement documentation, income restoration. Development partner funded project experience required at least for five years. Working with government in land acquisition and resettlement issues would be given special preferences. The consultant will also be required to have Bangla and English Language proficiency (speaking, reading, and writing).

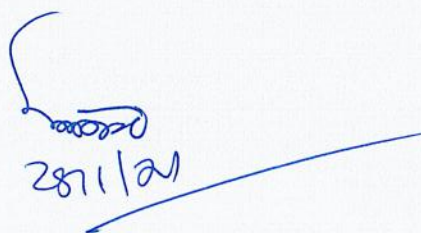
7. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

The Consultant need to submit the following reports at a minimum. The PMU may require other relevant reports in addition to the following.

- i. Monthly report,
- ii. Quarterly report,
- iii. Half Yearly report
- iv. Final report,
- v. Any other relevant reports, information or dataset

8. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Selection of the consultant will follow the procedures for selecting Individual Consultants (ICS) described in the World Bank's Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers, July 2016.

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