

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Thailand

Climate Adaptation and Resilience for South Asia (CARE) Project

Loan No./ Credit No./ Grant No.: IDA-D6220

Assignment Title: Individual Consultant – Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan TH-RIMES-314792-CS-INDV)

The Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) has received/has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Adaptation and Resilience for South Asia (CARE) Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include individual consultant – Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist who is responsible for implementing the project’s environmental and social commitment plan, ensuring compliance with environmental and social standards.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the primary procurement stage for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest or can be found at the following website: www.rimes.int or via the address given below.

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The Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) now invites eligible individual consultant (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide CV demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are preferably bachelor’s, preferably Master’s, degree in sociology, applied social science, environmental studies, environmental economics, natural resource management, or related field; at least 5 years of experience in safeguards work in development projects, coordinating and working in multi-disciplinary teams; skills in project management; excellent oral and written communication skills in English; conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines, and achieving results; persistent when faced with challenges; takes ownership of all responsibilities of the position.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the individual consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations and to be specifically set out in the Request for Expressions of Interest (REoI).

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 08:00 to 17:00 hours Bangkok Standard Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by February 14, 2023.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist

1. Background

RIMES is implementing the Climate Adaptation and Resilience for South Asia (CARE) project from 2020-2025, with support from the World Bank. The project aims to contribute to translating into actions the commitment made by South Asian countries, at the 16th Summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), to strengthen climate resilience. With objective to create an enabling environment for climate-resilient policies and investments across South Asia, the project strives for the following, in select sectors:

- Increased access to regional climate data and analytics for climate-informed decision-making;
- National-level decision-making and planning that are better climate risk-informed;
- Regional climate resilience guidelines incorporated into national standards;
- Sectoral investments supported to include climate risks and resilient design; and
- Institutional capacities strengthened to undertake climate-informed policies and planning.

The project has three components:

- 1) Promoting evidence-based climate-smart decision-making, to enhance access to data required for risk-informed planning and investments;
- 2) Enabling climate-resilient policies and standards for development, to enhance transformation of policies and capacities for climate resilience and adaptation across South Asia; and
- 3) Project management and implementation support.

2. Objective

The Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist, reporting to the Project Director through the Project Coordinator and Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, is responsible for implementing the project's environmental and social commitment plan, ensuring compliance with environmental and social standards.

3. Scope of Work

The Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist shall:

- a) Screen project activities for environmental and social risks and impacts
- b) Ensure that risk and impact management measures are integrated in activities that have potential environmental and social risks and impacts
- c) Ensure that adequate occupational, health, and safety measures are integrated in contract terms and conditions of the project staff, consultants, and other workers
- d) Develop and implement a gender strategy to manage gender-related risks during project implementation
- e) Ensure the functioning of the project's grievance mechanism
- f) Train project staff and consultants, as required, on stakeholder engagement, environmental and social screening, environmental and social framework, gender and diversity framework, sexual harassment policy, and child protection policy

- g) Monitor and report on the environmental, social, health, safety, and gender performance of the project, including the implementation of the environmental and social commitment plan and stakeholder engagement plan
- h) Perform any other relevant duties as required

4. Qualifications

Knowledge

- Bachelor's, preferably Master's, degree in sociology, applied social science, environmental studies, environmental economics, natural resource management, or related field

Experience

- At least 5 years of experience in safeguards work in development projects, coordinating and working in multi-disciplinary teams

Skills and abilities

- Skills in project management
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English

Personal qualities

- Conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines, and achieving results
- Persistent when faced with challenges
- Takes ownership of all responsibilities of the position

5. Contract Duration

The contract will be for 1 year subject to a 6-month probationary period, and annual performance review.