

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development in Kosovo
Project Title: Agriculture and Rural Development Project (KARDP)
IDA, Credit No 60170 XK

Environmental Specialist (Part-time Consultant)

Contract Number: KARP-CS- 48

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development (MAFRD) is seeking the short term Environmental Specialist (the Consultant) to support the Kosovo Agriculture and Rural Development Project (KARDP) financed by the loan from the World Bank (WB) to the Government of Kosovo. The Consultant will support KARDP on implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) to screen out project activities with potential environmental impacts that are anticipated under Component 2: Enhancing Investments to Promote Sustainable Rural Development and Component 3: Support for irrigation.

The project activities should be implemented in compliance with safeguards measures as set in the ESMF (revised version of January 2017 made for the Additional Finance) and provisions of the Kosovo Law on Environmental Impact Assessment (No. 03/L-024).

The Environmental screening will apply to received applications for the rural grants, horticulture development grants, irrigation rehabilitation and any activity that would be proposed to be financed under the project.

All applications for grants that fulfill eligibility criteria for funding will be subject to environmental screening process to assess any potential future environmental impacts associated with the proposed project, identify potential environmental improvement opportunities and recommend any measures needed to prevent, minimize and mitigate adverse impacts.

Results of the Environmental Screening shall be reflected in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and environmental screening report.

The scope and format of the EA will vary depending on the project, typically in form of Environmental Management Plan (full EMP or EMP Checklist).

The screening should be conducted in collaboration with the Agriculture Development Agency (ADA) and later in collaboration with the Training Specialist.

The EMP checklist-type format attempts to cover typical mitigation approaches to common civil works contracts with localized impacts. EMP Checklist will be updated and supplemented for each sub-project as needed to comply with the ESMF.

Scope of work

The Consultant will be engaged to work along with the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and Environmental and Social Specialist of the World Bank. The consultant will perform the following tasks:

1. Conduct environmental screening process for all applications of the Rural Development Grant

(RDGP) round 2020, ensure compliance with national legislation and WB safeguards policies and provide technical recommendations.

2. Review, EMP checklists for each of KARDP's supported beneficiary under RDGP 2018 and RDGP 2019.
3. Review the environmental screening checklists of the pre-selected beneficiaries of the Horticulture Development Grant Program (HDGP), ensure compliance with national legislation and WB safeguards policies
4. Prepare the training material and deliver training as needed, for subsector beneficiaries of the HDGP and the RDGP, in regard to Integrated Pest Management, Food Safety, Climate Risk Assessment and environmental requirements set forth in the KARDP, training for EMP preparation, reporting, etc.
5. Provide technical recommendations and guidance to grant beneficiaries who are required to prepare the EMP and apply measures to mitigate environmental impact through project implementation, including any needs for neighbor consent or public consultations, as set forth in the Environmental Screening Checklist,
6. Supervise and report on the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) implementation during Radoniqi – Dukagjini rehabilitation works.
7. Supervise and report on all other activities foreseen in the projects', updated ESMF and any activity that would be proposed to be financed under the project.
8. Incorporate and update adequate environmental safeguards requirements within the Terms of Reference for any proposed study or plan.
9. Assisting PIU in the disclosure of due diligence documents, dissemination of information and report to PIU, and WB on disclosure activities;
11. As defined in the ESMF, carrying out the supervision of environmental mitigation and monitoring measures implementation at subprojects including site supervisions during implementation of subprojects and activities as well as review of implementation reports.
12. Provide feedback and report on compliance with measures set in the EMP Checklist to the PIU and WB as defined in the ESMF;
13. Any other tasks and duties as required and requested by PIU Director.

Deliverables:

1. Report on the review of the environmental screening checklists for the beneficiaries of each round of RDGP (2018, 2019, 2020) as well as of the HDGP;
2. Report on the EMP measures required to be undertaken by the grant beneficiaries;
3. Report on the ESIA Supervision and implemented environmental management measures during Radoniqi – Dukagjini rehabilitation works;
4. Satisfactory and professionally conducted trainings sessions on environmental best practices and Pest management. Food Safety, Climate Risk Assessment in agriculture.

Reporting

The Specialist will work at the office of the PIU. He/she will report to the Project Director and will submit monthly report and time-sheets to account for the actual days worked during the calendar month. The specialist will have Technical Counterpart from the ADA who is responsible to conduct environmental screening of selected grant beneficiaries and work together with him/her.

Period of performance

The Environmental Specialist will be hired on a part-time basis for the period of 6 months with a maximum of 45 days.

Qualification criteria

- University degree or above, and qualification in the area of Environmental Sciences, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Policy or in a similar, related field,
- At the least 3 years of proved relevant work experience in the area of environmental management and planning, environmental screening process and monitoring,
- Good understanding of the environmental issues and impacts which are associated with the agriculture and rural development projects and activities,
- Knowledge on national environmental regulation and WB Safeguard Policies will be advantage
- The consultant should be capable of presenting the information either orally or in writing in order to respond to the needs of those to whom such information is referred, as well as the capacity to develop a professional report,
- Good knowledge of written and spoken English,
- Knowledge and practical experience in working with International Financing Institutions (particularly World Bank) is an advantage

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The evaluation criteria for short listing are:

Experience in similar assignments 50 points

Consultants qualifications 20 points

References from previous assignments 30 points

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) method set out in the above mentioned Consultant Guidelines, and following the above mentioned evaluation criteria. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 08:00 to 16:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by Thursday, 07 May 2020 until 16:00hrs.

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