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A Situation Analysis OF Drought Impact and Identifying Livelihood Opportunities in District Layyah

Introduction and Background:

Participatory Welfare Services is a not for profit, non-governmental and non-political development organization striving to aware, organize and mobilize the disadvantaged and marginalized communities for the realization of their developmental and basic human rights. PWS is registered under Voluntary Social Welfare Agency Ordinance 1961 on September 8, 1994.

PWS was primarily established as a self-financed initiative taken by a group of young local volunteers who wanted to contribute their bit in the local development process by engaging locally elected leadership, government officials and local philanthropists for uplifting socio-economic conditions of excluded communities. Currently organization outreach and presence is in more than 12 districts and is expanding its operation nationwide to implement its project and programs.

PWS is implementing a long term program of Local Rights Program since 2004 in district Layyah in partnership with ActionAid Pakistan Country Program. Program aims to strengthen the capacity of communities living in poverty and exclusion, seeks to shift and transform power, through empowerment, solidarity, campaigning and the generation of alternatives. Humanitarian assistance and building coping capacities of local communities to response natural and human induced disasters will be one the program priority in coming years.

Scope of the Assignment:

The impact of climate variability and change on agricultural production is a global concern. However, the impact is particularly important in Pakistan where agriculture is one of the largest sectors of economy. Agriculture in Pakistan is already under pressure from increasing demands for food and the parallel problems of depletion of agricultural land and water resources from overuse and contamination. Within the broader framework of climate change adaptation, this study will look at past drought impacts, local perceptions of droughts, anticipated climate change and its related impacts, and viable adaptation options for drought-prone areas of district Layyah.

Objectives of the Study:

Through this study, PWS intends to assess the on-ground situation of drought impact to livelihoods and to have a menu of interventions that can be undertaken under the program toward resilient communities. An outcome of the program is "Communities' capacities are improved to cope the consequences of drought and their livelihoods are secure from negative impact". Therefore, following objectives have been set for the prospective study;

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- The study will look at economic, environmental and social impacts of past droughts and local perceptions of droughts in drought prone area of district Layyah.
- Assessment of current vulnerability based on biophysical and socioeconomic drivers of drought impact, coping strategies being used by local communities, their coping capacities and future climate-related risks and adaptation strategies.
- Identifying, devising and highlighting viable livelihood adaptation options for drought-prone areas of district Layyah.

Use and users:

The key audience of the study is the local communities of the target area as the study would support them in understanding the impact of drought. Identifying livelihood opportunities and developing strategies to reduce the economic, environmental and social impacts to communities. However, the assessment report will also be aimed primarily at multiple stakeholders like decision makers, public policy makers and important stakeholders. The study report will also be used for the long term program planning.

Methodology and Approach:

Consultant will be conducting study around measuring drought impact and identifying livelihood opportunities in district Layyah. This study will be participatory Action oriented and focused on economic, environmental and social impacts of drought and identifying and devising viable adoptative livelihood options. The following key methods can be used for this study:

- Desk/literature review
- Identify the potential impact and viable livelihood options
- Focus Group Discussions
- In-depth interview

Assignment Deliverables:

Following are the deliverables of the assignment;

- Study methodology and assessment tools as part of inception assessment plan.
- A detailed study report fulfilling the objective. Study will be covering all aspects mentioned in objective of the study.

Guidelines for Final Report:

Final report of the study will be produced as per below guidelines: The agreed outputs of the Situation Analysis are:

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- Study report of no more than 35 pages, (excluding annexes) as a Word document written in clear and concise English with minimal jargon. The report will include:
 - o Cover page (title of the study report, date, name of consultants, photo)
 - o Contents table o Executive summary of no more than 2 pages outlining the purpose of the study, main points of analysis, key findings, conclusions and recommendations
 - o Introduction outlining the background to the intervention and the study
 - o Purpose and objectives of the study
 - o Methodology/approach, indicators used, and limitations of the study
 - o Major findings (data analysis, including gender analysis)
 - o Lessons learned and recommendations Annexes: details of tools, schedule of field visits and meetings; list of people interviewed; bibliography of key documents consulted; TOR for the study

Duration:

The assessment study intends to be initiated in first week of December, 2017 and must be completed before 20th of December, 2017. Total time allocated for the study is not more than 3 calendar weeks.

Time Frame & Work Plan:

Time frame and work plan will be developed and finalized on signing of contract. The assignment will be initiated and completed in the month of December, 2017.

Responsibilities of Consultant:

Consultant supposed to be responsible for following tasks under the proposed assignment;

1. Designing of assessment methodology, finalization of samples size and development of assessment questionnaire.
2. Information gathering from the field and data analysis
3. Development of report in consultation with assigned focal person at PWS

Responsibilities of PWS:

PWS will perform following tasks under the proposed task;

1. Facilitating assessment team in coordination, communication and other logistic management for field visit and information gathering.
2. Providing office premises for assignment related office work
3. Advising and giving feedback on assessment methodology, tools and final report.

Qualification of Consultant Firm:

Following are the key qualifications for intended consultant to be hired;

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1. Valid registration certificate, bank account details in the name of consultancy firm (in case of firm) and to individual name (in case of individuals)
2. Valid Tax certificate and National Taxation Number (if tax exempted must be produced in advance)
3. Excellent expertise and prior experience of designing and undertaking similar assignments.
4. Excellent research, communication and writing skills for producing quality Study Report in English.

Consultant's Fee:

Fee of the assignment will be agreed and PWS will pay consultants' fee at least in two installments after deducting all the applied tax as per FBR regulations.

Sr.	Tasks	Rate
1	A detailed study report fulfilling the objective. Study will be covering all aspects mentioned in objective of the study	

How to Apply:

We invite individual consultant/Firms to send (1) their formal expression of interest, (2) latest resume/Company Profile highlighting the strength and relevant experience and (3) Financial proposal till **December 8, 2017** on the following email address: procurement@pwspk.org