

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)
GRANT 0302-CAM: EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROJECT- ADDITIONAL FINANCING

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has received \$17.5 million grant and SDR11.126 million loan financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Emergency Food Assistance Project (EFAP). The project was designed to improve the immediate food security of approximately 500,000 poor and vulnerable people affected by high food prices. Towards the end of EFAP (September 2012), the RGC received a grant from Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) through the ADB toward the cost of Emergency Food Assistance Project-Additional Financing (EFAP-AF) to expand the scope and geographic coverage of the original Project. The Project is executed by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) through the Central Project Management Unit (CPMU). The intended impact of the Project is reduced vulnerability of food-insecure households that lack food security while the intended outcome is improved access to nutritious and sufficient food by the households that lack food security in the target provinces. The additional financing project (EFAP-AF) will be closed on 31 December 2015.

Economic/Evaluation Consultant (International Consultant, one position, 40 Working Days-Continuous)

The Objective of the assignment is to assist the CPMU to prepare the project performance evaluation report (PPER).

Qualifications and Experience

Incumbent should have 10 years experience in developing countries with a formal qualification at the Masters level in Economics, Agriculture Economics, Development Studies, or a related field. Must have extensive experience in institutional evaluation and Financial and Economic Benefits analysis of development projects. Cambodia or regional experience is preferred.

Duties and Responsibilities

The consultant will work closely with the CPMU to perform the following tasks:

- i. Review relevant documents related to Project;
- ii. Conduct an economic and financial benefits analysis;
- iii. Identify key issues and lessons from the project and formulate recommendations for future assistance;
- iv. Prepare the project performance evaluation report (PPER).

The detailed TOR for the above consulting assignment is available at the Project Website at: efap.org.kh or ADB CSRN website. Interested candidates must submit their application in hard copy at the below mentioned address or online at: cpmu@efap.org.kh. Interested candidates must state in the application letter how s/he meets the selection criteria specified in the job descriptions.

For more information and clarification, please contact:

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Women are encouraged to apply.
Only shortlisted Candidates will be contacted for interviews.
Closing date for submission of EOI is 25 September 2015

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROJECT-ADDITIONAL FINANCING (EFAP-AF)

Terms of Reference (draft)

International Economic/Evaluation Consultant

(40 Working Day and continuous)

A. PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

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EFAP-AF is a complex project involving a number of components and sub-components involving small-scale infrastructure development, subsidized input sale, employment creation through 'cash for work', training in crop production and animal husbandry, and a concerted effort to disseminate/create awareness on health, sanitation, nutrition and disaster-risk reduction/climate change adaptation/mitigation. The large number of sub-components involved required an effective coordination structure to ensure that all the diverse stakeholders and implementing agents work together closely and effectively.

The original interventions were completed in September 2012 and the evaluation was carried out in November 2012. The interventions included in the additional financing are expected to complete by November 2015. As some of the interventions included in the original and the additional scope are intended to have capacity building effects, the proposed assignment requires the evaluation of outputs and outcome of the project.

An International Economics/Evaluation Consultant will be engaged to assist the CPMU to prepare the project performance evaluation report (PPER).

B. SCOPE OF WORK

The evaluation will be based on documentation review and in depth interviews with Project management, including Project Director, Team Leader, CPMU consultants, PPMU consultants, stakeholders/partners in the different ministries and departments (MAFF, MRD, MOWRAM, CARD, NCDM), PLAN International and their local partner organizations.

The Consultant has to prepare two reports one for EFAP and another for additional financing project (EFAP-AF). The Consultant will work under the overall guidance of the Project Director and report to the Project Director through the International Team Leader.

C. DETAILED TASK

The responsibilities of the International Economics/Evaluation Consultant will include, but not be limited to the following:

- i. Review relevant documents related to Project, including but not limited to the report and recommendations of the President (RRP), quarterly project progress reports (QPRs), periodic assessment reports, and other related documents;
- ii. Compile a list of evaluation questions in advance, and conduct interviews with key informants, including Project Director, Team Leader, CPMU consultants, PPMU consultants, stakeholders/partners in the different ministries and departments (MAFF, MRD, MOWRAM, CARD, NCDM), PLAN International and their local partner organizations, project beneficiaries and other relevant stakeholders to gain key insights and to note:
 - how such a complex project was designed, executed and implemented;
 - who were the stakeholders;
 - how well did they perform;
 - the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the project; and
 - draw the lessons learnt.
- iii. Prepare a draft PPER report based on the desk review and interviews with Key informants of the Project and other related documents;
- iv. Visit project sites and assess the relevance and appropriateness of project outputs and likely sustainability of the project-led initiatives, including project management, monitoring, and evaluation;
- v. Evaluate on the project achievements of project outputs and outcomes, including their quality and timing;
- vi. Assess overall implementation arrangements and practices;
- vii. Identify key issues and lessons from the project and formulate recommendations for future assistance;
- (ix) Assess the extent of success (or shortcomings) of the project and how to sustain this success (or remedy the shortcomings) in the long term;
- (x) Conduct an economic and financial benefits analysis to evaluate: (1) the technical rationale for the interventions implemented in the context of Cambodia's macroeconomic and sector circumstances; (2) how well/whether the Project justified public investment in the Project; (3) the Project design in relation to possible alternative courses of action; (4) Project costs and benefits from some Project activities as they accrue to individuals and Cambodia as a whole; (5) the effects of subsidy in Project-funded operations - in the context of wider financial and fiscal sustainability issues; and (6) institutional and environmental sustainability issues;
- (xi) Prepare a summary of the preliminary findings and complete the second draft of the PPER by the date specified in the contract; revise the draft to address comments from the team leader/project director;
- (xii) Perform other tasks as necessary for finalizing the report.

D. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF CONSULTANT

Background and qualifications: 10 years experience in developing countries with a formal qualification at the Masters level in Economics, Agriculture Economics, Development Studies, or a related field. Must have extensive experience in institutional evaluation and Financial and Economic Benefits analysis of development projects. Cambodia or regional experience is preferred.

E. DELIVERABLES

Details	Type	Estimated Submission Date
Initial report for EFAP-AF	Report	22-Oct-2015
Initial report for EFAP	Report	28-Oct-2015
Draft Final report for EFAP-AF	Report	23-Nov-2015
Draft Final report for EFAP	Report	28-Nov-2015
Final Report for EFAP	Final Report	04-Dec-2015
Final Report for EFAP-AF	Final Report	04-Dec-2015

F. SCHEDULE AND PLACES OF ASSIGNMENT (chronological and inclusive of travel)

City and Country	Working Days	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Other Details (use if place selected is Others)
Phnom Penh, Cambodia	17	19-Oct-2015	07- Nov -2015	
Select Target Provinces, Other	10	08- Nov -2015	19-Nov-2015	
Phnom Penh, Cambodia	8	20-Nov-2015	28-Nov-2015	
Home Office, Other	5	30-Nov-2015	04-Dec-2015	
Total	40			