

Request for Expression of Interest

Name of Employer: **SAHAMATI**

Date: 5/11/2021

Name of the Project: Wetland Restoration and Basin Collective Action in Narayani River

1. SAHAMATI in financial support from WWF, Nepal has allocated fund for the preparation of collective action plan for lower Narayani River Basin area (Nawalpur, Chitwan and Makwanpur) and intended to apply this fund to eligible payment under the contract for which this Expression of Interest is invited for National consulting service.
2. SAHAMATI now invites the Expression of Interest from eligible consulting firms/organization to provide the consulting service to Form a collective action plan with other key stakeholders to jointly improve water performance and reduce impacts on the freshwater ecosystem.
3. Through Collective Action Plan, we aim to ensure a sustainable water management structure in Lower Narayani River basin, with a multi-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder, inclusive and integrated approach which integrates development of local capacity on resource efficiency, eco-efficiency and on life-cycle assessment issues to achieve sustainability that eventually serve to enhancement of biodiversity and of ecosystem services in the basin.
4. Expressions of interest shall be delivered online to procurement@sahamati.org before 12th December 2021. SAHAMATI Holds all the right to accept or Reject or Cancellation of any application and may not share the details of such decision.
5. List of the document requirement for submission:
 - A cover letter stating the expression of interest.
 - Organization profile
 - Capacity Statement of consulting firm/organization for carrying out the Form a collective action plan with other key stakeholders to jointly improve water performance and reduce impacts on the freshwater ecosystem
 - Proposed HR details (CVs to attach)
 - Registration certification from government with updated renewal from
 - Organization constitution/by-laws
 - PAN Certificate and VAT certificate (if applicable)
 - latest Audit Report and Financial Statement
 - Tax Clearance Certificate
 - Organization's HR/administration policies
 - Financial Management Policy/Guideline
6. Detail TOR can be downloaded from www.sahamati.org/notice .

Terms of Reference

Project Title	Basin Collective Action Plan preparation of Narayana River
Project location	East rapti and Nawalpur, Narayani
Report to	Wetland Restoration and Basin Collective Action Plan(WRBCA) in Narayani River,Project SAHAMATI
Contract duration	December 2021 to January 2023
Expected outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop water basin collective action plan (East Rapti and Narayani - Nawalpur) • Finalization and endorsement of collective action plan • Technical support for program implementation including conference event designing and reporting of Basin level water conference at end of project and • Technical support for conducting and reporting periodic water dialogue (3-4 times)
Types of Services	Consulting Services / Expert Service

About SAHAMATI
<p>SAHAMATI is a non-governmental and non-profit making organization envisioning the equitable society. It was established in 2001 and registered in District Administration Office Nawalparasi and affiliated with Social Welfare Council. SAHAMATI has designed and implemented various projects and programs in the areas of disaster risk reduction (DRR), sustainable livelihoods, access to finance, post conflict peace building, good governance and natural resources management across 39 districts of Nepal.</p> <p>Through its internal and partnership (with governments agencies, non-government organization and private sectors) programs, it has reached to 225,136 households and 12, 91,109 population. SAHAMATI has been actively implementing its different programs and contributing through community mobilization for natural resource management, disaster preparedness and response, livelihood promotion, access to finance and policy advocacy in Nepal.</p>
Project:
<p>SAHAMATI is preparing collective action plan involving all local and provincial stakeholders to restore and conserve wetlands for the benefit of both local people and nature in lower Narayani Basin. The project is being implemented to uplift the river dependent people's livelihoods of river dependent communities in Gaidakot Municipality, Devchuli Municipality, Kawasoti Municipality and Hupsikot Rural Municipality.</p> <p>Following the series of water dialogues between stakeholders of Nawalparasi (Bardaghat - Susta East), Chitwan and Makawanpur, SAHAMATI with support of key stakeholders is planning to prepare collective</p>

action plan to ensure a substantiality of water use and to mitigate the water risk in lower Narayani Basin. As rivers and wetlands are the sources of freshwater that provides a range of ecosystem services, keeping them healthy, supports significantly to the basin prosperity and the continuous supply of clean water to all the basin water users. Hence, protecting, restoring, and managing important wetlands in strategic sites is one of the most important strategy for conserving freshwater ecosystem and river basin sustainability. Critical freshwater ecosystems conservation and basin restoration is a collective action which requires support from all the stakeholders. The holistic approach which includes both action on the ground and community engagement is crucial for the benefit of both people and nature. Basin restoration in an integrated approach will be first of its kind in lower Narayani river basin. In these regards; SAHAMATI in financial support from WWF Nepal is planning to conduct wetland restoration, livelihood improvement and basin collective action plan formulation at Lower Narayani River and contribute to the river basin sustainability. This work is expected to be an inception for future Narayani River restoration work. Consulting firms is expected to lead on Collective Action Plan preparation and finalization through participatory bottom up process. Consultant provider will ensure the participation of different stakeholders to provide inputs in plan preparation process.

Objective of assignment

The main objective is to implement an integrated actions to conserve and restore critical freshwater ecosystems and develop collective action plan for the benefit of both people and nature in lower Narayani river basin. The most specific objective is

- To mitigate shared water risks in the river basin through initiating collective actions between key basin stakeholders.

Main task of consultancy service:

Consulting firm/ Consultant will be solely responsible to prepare Narayani Basin Collective action Plan being in line with the Wetland Restoration and Basin Collective Action Plan (WRBCA) in Narayani River, Project of SAHAMATI. This assignment will be under the following activities of the project.

- 1. Form a collective action plan with other key stakeholders to jointly improve water performance and reduce impacts on the freshwater ecosystem.**

Activity 1.1 Develop water basin collective action plan (one collective action plan that includes both East rapti and Narayani -Nawalpur):

Following series of water dialogues, the consulting firm/organization shall prepare a collective action plan that aims to ensure a sustainable water management in Lower Narayani River (*one collective action plan that includes both East rapti and Narayani -Nawalpur*), mitigate water risks with a multi-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder, inclusive and integrated approach which integrates development of local capacity on resource efficiency, eco-efficiency issues to achieve sustainability that eventually serve to enhancement of biodiversity and of ecosystem services in the basin , the consulting firm/organization shall adopt a consultative process for achieving this vision and engaging diverse water users to understand the current water allocations and its uses to evaluate the threats and prepare a strategy to achieve healthy river eco-systems. For design, draft, and formulate the collective action plan consultation should be done with SAHAMATI and WWF Nepal. Bottom-up approach in the development planning shall be adopted to formulate collective action plan. The action plan shall launch participatory cascade management programs in the watersheds for the efficient use

of water, and for the proper groundwater recharging to maintain constant flows of water in water sources and springs. The collective action plan shall include clear roles and responsibilities of all the stakeholders. The key basin stakeholders will sign on this collective action plan and commit to reduce their own water impacts on the river basin

Activity 3.2.2 Finalization, endorsement and publication of collective action plan:

After preparation of collective action plan, the consulting firm/ organization shall work together with SAHAMATI and the relevant government's stakeholders to finalize and framing to make in line with government process. For this consulting firm/ organization shall organize separate consultation meetings with government. SAHAMATI will also engage representatives from concern ministry's secretary of authorized official to make the plan in accordance with government requirement and influence them to endorse the collective plan by province government.

Activity 3.3 Organize Basin Water Conference

Activity 3.3.1 Organize Lower Narayani River Basin level water conference (technical support and reporting)

In addition to collective action plan, the consulting firm/organization shall support to organize a basin water conference so that all the scattered research, research products, resources and current institutional capabilities can be brought together and brainstorm on improved river basin management. It is expected that the conference shall provide a road map for promoting water stewardship, conserving freshwater biodiversity and integrated river basin management. The participants for basin water conference shall include representatives from all the relevant government organizations, non-government organizations and community based organizations, watershed and river/wetlands experts, academia, industries, Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FNCCI), Hotel Associations Nepal (HAN), Restaurant and Bar Association Nepal (REBAN), District Administration Office, River Basin Center, Soil and Watershed Management Offices, Division Forest Offices and Chitwan National Park Office, District Agriculture Development Offices, Buffer Zone Management Committees, and Community Forest User Committees, Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Committees, Agriculture and Irrigation committees, Indigenous and marginalized communities and other relevant stakeholders as per the requirement from the lower Narayani river basin. The basin water conference shall focus on efforts contributing to regulate water recycling, utilization, reuse, enhance multiple uses of water, stabilize land slopes and regulate water flows, setting up efficient institutional mechanism and strengthen the basin management offices, upstream-downstream linkages, and implementing technological improvements such as wastewater treatment, water harvesting, and downscaling the climate change scenarios at the local and watersheds level. The water conference shall act as a podium to discuss on identified policy and institutional settings, watershed management components, wetland conservation and watershed management programs, activities related to community mobilization, capacity development and livelihood improvement and other components formulated through collective action plan. The list of participation and details of the event shall be shared with WWF Nepal before organizing the basin water conference.

Timeline:

SN	Activity	Time
1	Develop water basin collective action plan (East Rapti)	Jan- March, 2022
2	Develop water basin collective action plan (Narayani - Nawalpur)	Dec-21
3	Develop water basin collective action plan (Makwanpur)	Sep-2022
3	Finalization and endorsement of collective action plan	Oct- Dec, 2022
4	Support to Organize basin level water conference	Jan-23
5	Technical support for conducting and reporting periodic water dialogue (3-4 times)	Apr- Dec 2022
	Total days	

Expected Outcomes:

- Existing basin institutions come together for water dialogues and be capacitated to ensure good basin governance and effective intra- and intersectoral collaboration at various levels.
- Basin-level water network kicked off to negotiate and resolve shared water challenges and basin risk hotspots.
- Collective action plan developed and agreed between basin stakeholders on the respective responsibilities to reduce their own water impacts on the river basin and mitigate the risk hotspots in Narayani River Basin.
- Basin water conference organized.

Deliverable details:

- Detailed water conference report.
- Detailed water dialogue reports.
- Collective action plan for lower Narayani River Basin,