

TERMS OF REFERENCE
of
Short-term Consultancy under TBP Project

Feasibility Study /Resource Mapping and to inform potential income generation opportunities

1. Organizational background

SAHAMATI is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit making social development organization, established in 2001 by a group of development professionals. SAHAMATI aims to be a recognized as capable and committed national level organization for community plus humane development. SAHAMATI works in partnership with a range of local, national and international, government and non-government, private sectors and academic institutions. It has a close relationship and affiliation with Social Welfare Council, NGO Federation of Nepal, Federation of Democratic NGOs of Nepal, Peaceful School International Canada, Disaster Preparedness Network, Tobacco Control and Health Rights Network and District Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Network. SAHAMATI believes Economic Development; Good Governance; and Environment Protection as three pillars of development and works in these areas with innovative and community led development models.

SAHAMATI in collaboration with WWF Nepal is implementing the project “Nature Based Solutions-The Triple Benefit Program”. The project aims for a climate resilient Lower Narayani River Basin with improved ecosystem services that supports community well-being and thriving biodiversity. The project supports local communities to implement Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to protect, restore and manage freshwater and forest ecosystems and to diversify their livelihoods so that their dependency on natural resources is reduced. The project also supports duty bearers to internalize the impacts of unsustainable natural resource use and importance of NbS.

The project is implemented within the Gindri and Khageri watersheds of the Lower Narayani River Basin. The project interventions in these watersheds have been prioritized based on the societal challenges identified during stakeholder consultations. The major societal challenges identified are inadequate water availability, riverbank cutting, forest fires, open grazing, limited livelihood opportunities and lack of representation and participation of marginalized groups.

2. Scope of Work

The scope of the anticipated feasibility study/ Resource mapping is to inform the **most potential and suitable Farm or Forest-based** income generation opportunities based on the geography/topography, local resources, and market demand. The outcome of the study will be helpful in designing activities for increasing the skills and knowledge of project beneficiaries, creating income generation opportunities as well as in creating market linkages with probable stakeholders. The consultant is supposed to visit and consult with the local community, BZUCs, local level and the market actors (wholesale, retail). The research will mostly focus on the following points:

- ❖ Identifying the most in-demand farm or forest-based product (market /demand-based) with the potential to generate good revenue.
- ❖ Identifying local resources and suitability of the targeted area for Agri or NTFP products production.
- ❖ Market demand of the identified products and Market identification for probable linkage.
- ❖ Identifying key issues concerning marketing if any.

3. Objective

The objective of the study is to provide guidance and information for planning the most potential (economically and geographically) income generation interventions for the economic well-being of the target community.

4. Approaches and Methodology

The consultant will follow two distinctive approaches for the information collection and analysis.

- A. Primary data collection through FGD, KII and observation in target areas and markets.
- B. Explore secondary information on the ongoing and potential enterprises in the area through interactions with the relevant stakeholders in the target areas (Farmer or NTFP Cooperatives, AKC, DCC etc.).

5. Expected Outcomes and Deliverables:

- Deliver a feasibility report based on the above scope, objective and methodology

6. Duration of the work

- The assignment will be for the month of December starting from 4 December, 2023.

7. Focal Person

The Project Coordinator Mr. Khem Raj Khanal will be the focal person on behalf of SAHAMATI.

8. Qualification and Experience of Consultant

The successful candidate will have a background and experience in income generation/ livelihood creation-related studies and surveys. At least Bachelor of education and 5 years of experience in similar surveys.

9. Application Procedure

Please send one to two pages of the concept note mainly highlighting the approach, methodology and budget for the assignment. SAHAMATI will pay the consultancy fee upon the presentation of the satisfactory report.

**Please send your application on the following email id:
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