



Poverty Alleviation Fund
Invitation Notice for Expression of Interest from National Consulting Firms
For
Environmental Consultant for Supporting Implementation of Environmental
Management Framework in Program Districts

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The Poverty Alleviation Fund (PAF) is implementing a demand led community based poverty alleviation programs (the program) funded mainly by IDA. This organization aims to enable the poor, women and the vulnerable groups to gain access to resources for their productive self employment, to encourage them to undertake income generating activities for poverty alleviation and improved quality of life. The objectives of the PAF are to: a) improve the income of poor and vulnerable groups; b) empower the poor especially women and vulnerable groups c) increase the access of poor communities to infrastructure for improving their livelihoods; d) strengthen institutional capacities of the PAF, its partner organizations (PO) and communities (CO) to undertake and sustain poverty alleviation efforts; e) mobilize and coordinate internal and external resources to finance poverty alleviation programs; f) develop a system of poverty monitoring and evaluation; and g) advise the government on effective policy/program for poverty alleviation.

Currently PAF is implementing its regular program in 40 districts. In the near future, the program will be extended to additional 15 districts, totaling 55 districts out of 75 districts of Nepal. Regular PAF programs will be implemented in following 55 districts: Siraha, Kapilvastu, Ramechhap, Pyuthan, Mugu, Drachula, Mahottari, Sarlahi, Rautahat, Sindhuli, Rasuwa, Rolpa, Rukum, Dolpa, Jajarkot, Dailekh, Kalikot, Jumla, Humla Bajura, Achham, Doti, Bajhang, Dadeldhura, Baitadi, Terahatum, Dhanusha, Bardiya, Parsa, Taplejung, Dhading, Panchthar, Sindhupalchok, Solukhumbu, Udayapur, Saptari, Salyan, Khotang, Bara, Okhaldhunga, Dolakha, Myagdi, Gulmi, Bhojpur, Surkhet, Nawalparasi, Morang, Lamjung, Arghakhanchi, Nuwakot, Gorkha, Banke, Sunsari, Dang, Kailali. Remaining 20 districts will be covered by PAF under poverty pocket approach.

The PAF wishes to implement the Environmental Management Framework (EMF) to ensure that neither the livelihoods of the poor nor the environment are compromised during the implementation of the Program. It is to explore possibilities of making the efforts to improve livelihoods as well as conservation of the environment complementary so that there are sustained benefits from the development activities initiated.

The main objectives of the EMF are to:

- a. Prevent and/or mitigate any negative environmental impact that may emerge from the sub projects;
- b. Ensure the long term sustainability of benefits from the sub projects by securing the natural resources base on which they are dependent;
- c. Facilitate pro-active sub-projects that can be expected to lead to increased efficiency and improved management in the use of natural resources resulting in improvements in local environmental quality and human well-being.

The PAF invites expression of interest from national consulting firms to carry out consulting services starting tentatively from August 2010. The approximate duration of the service will be until March 2012.

Works of the consultant will constitute training and orienting PAF partner organizations and responsible stakeholders to implement PAF EMF, monitoring and evaluating that sound environmental practices are followed during sub project planning and implementation, maintaining database of environmental information, improving PAF EMF, conducting IEE of sub projects, conducting special environmental studies and providing any other technical support on environmental and social issues as requested by the PAF.

Interested eligible firms are requested to submit their letter of interest to PAF within 15 days from the date of first publication of this notice. The expression of interest should include firm profile with general experience in environmental sector, relevant experiences of last 5 years, organizational setup with details of staffs & existing working space area, financial status and brief CVs of the firm's core staff, which the firms would propose for the assignment with their area of expertise, work experiences and educational qualification.

The short listing will be carried out based on the following criteria:

- General experience of the firm (10 marks)
- Relevant experience of the firm (50 marks)
- Staffs and facilities in the firm (40 marks)

Only the short listed firms will be requested to submit detailed Technical and Financial Proposals. The detailed evaluation criteria and Terms of Reference (TOR) will be provided with the Request for Proposal (RFP) will be sent to the short listed firms.

The Invitation notice for the EoI, Draft [ToR](#) and detail [short listing criteria](#) can be downloaded from PAF's website. www.pafnepal.org.np

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