

INTEGRATED FLOOD RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION PROJECT (IFRAP)

Terms of Reference

Consulting Services – Procurement Specialist

(Housing and Reconstruction Unit/Project Implementation Unit (PIU))
under Project Component iii- Resilient Housing Reconstruction and Restoration

1. Background

Balochistan has been disproportionately affected by the 2022 floods. The floods have exacerbated the socio-economic challenges in the province, pushing the multidimensional poverty rate to 81.1 percent from 70.2 percent. Agriculture, the backbone of Balochistan’s economy, is the hardest-hit sector is agriculture. Agriculture makes up 52 percent of the provincial GDP and 67 percent of the labor force. The floods caused over 500,000 livestock casualties (63 percent of the national total), amounting to production losses of PKR 79,619 million. Livestock losses have negatively impacted livelihoods (70 percent of households depend on livestock for their livelihoods and income). In addition, the harvest failure due to the floods during the “Kharif” season resulted in production losses amounting to nearly US\$2 billion, compromising livelihoods and food security. Since June, pre-flood flood commodity prices have significantly increased, with Balochistan reporting the country’s highest food insecurity at 23.4 percent. The damage to 586 primary health facilities in Balochistan (305 fully damaged, 282 partial) has further disrupted essential health services. As a result, the province currently has the highest proportion of people (59 percent) who lack access to health facilities. In addition, a multisectoral rapid needs assessment (RNA) conducted in 515 villages across ten districts of Balochistan found that approximately 2,000 classrooms have been damaged and destroyed, the recovery of which will cost over PKR 24.4 million.

Balochistan experienced widespread damage to critical infrastructures, especially housing, transport and communications, WASH, and community-level facilities. Specifically, the floods have caused damage to more than 190,000 housing units across the province, including close to 69,000 units destroyed and more than 120,000 partially damaged. Infrastructure damage has caused the temporary isolation of most of Balochistan, with 2,222km of roads and 43 bridges damaged, impeding people's ability to access healthcare, food markets, and other vital services and restricting the delivery of aid to people who need it. Across the province, 456 flood protection/irrigation schemes were partially damaged or destroyed, including 367 water supply and 89 sanitation schemes.

Overall, the National PDNA report prepared by Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (MoPDSI) in close coordination with all provinces indicates that Balochistan requires PKR 491 billion (US\$2.3 billion) for recovery and reconstruction over the next 5 to 7 years. This estimate does not include investments to strengthen Balochistan’s overall resilience to future climate shocks. The Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) and Resilient Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction Framework (4RF) suggest that cross-sector recovery requires both short- and medium-term reconstruction and rehabilitation as well as long-term critical reforms to address resilience and to build back better. Against this backdrop, the GoP has requested the World Bank to urgently support the immediate needs of Balochistan for flood recovery and reconstruction in core socioeconomic sectors to help restore livelihoods and essential services,

including housing, WASH, transport, agriculture, and irrigation, while building a foundation for long-term flood resilience through strengthening institutions and information (including hydromet and early warning capacities) through the Integrated Flood Resilience And Adaptation Project (IFRAP). The project scope consists of five components. These are (i) community infrastructure rehabilitation; (ii) strengthening hydromet and climate services; (iii) resilient housing reconstruction and restoration; (iv) livelihoods support and watershed management; and (v) project management, technical assistance, and institutional strengthening. The project also includes a contingency emergency response component (CERC) to allow flexibility to reallocate funds in case of an eligible emergency during project implementation.

2. Objective:

The Procurement Specialist will report directly to Project Director HRU serving as a focal point of all procurement activities. The specialist will work on a full-time basis while working in close liaison with relevant sections for the implementation of project components iii. He/she will also provide support for strengthening the procurement regulatory and institutional framework for undertaking procurement of goods, works and services in project components.

3. Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:

- ✓ To coordinate with Project Director and Project Consultants of HRU to develop, monitor and implement need-based Procurement Plan to implement project ensuring timely completion of all procurement activities.
- ✓ Lead Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) with appropriate technical and subject specific assistance.
- ✓ Assist technical teams at Housing & Reconstruction Unit and other Project Implementation Units as needed with development of generic and policy compliant TORs and specifications; as relevant.
- ✓ Conforming to Bank's Procurement and Consultants Guidelines, cause preparation and issuance of various documents required at different stages of procurement cycle e.g. EOIs, IFBs, RFPs, bid documents, evaluation reports, minutes of negotiations, contract award, contracts, and various internal processing documents required to facilitate decision making.
- ✓ To maximize efficiency of procurement cycle by providing strategic expert advice and implementing necessary controls ensuring transparency cost effectiveness and soundness of all procurements carried out under the project.
- ✓ Support the HRU for organizing bid evaluation meetings by: (i) arranging venue and the timing of bid opening, carrying out evaluations with evaluation committee(s), (ii) preparing necessary bid evaluation packages (bid documents, proposals, evaluation sheets etc.) and distribute them to evaluation committee's members, (iii) attend bid evaluation meetings and record minutes of the meetings, and (iv) provide other necessary technical support to facilitate the procurements
- ✓ To address all matters associated with procurement of goods/works/services e.g. taxation, duties clearance.
- ✓ To monitor the progress of procurement activities by periodically updating Procurement Plans and maintaining Contract Roster
- ✓ To develop appropriate procedures, controls, checks, rules, etc. preventing frauds, pilferage etc. in the procurement process.
- ✓ Support HRU in checking the quality of procured items upon delivery by Service Providers, and, if not satisfied, ensure taking action to get the equipment replaced with the equipment or materials in compliance with the specifications stated in the proposals.
- ✓ Participate in technical meetings and provide recommendations to improve the project implementation in terms of procurement based on capacity development needs; with regard to the procurement of the services, goods and civil works.

- ✓ Assist various audit/ex-post review outfits in performance of their tasks by ensuring that procurement documents are efficiently filed and provide complete track of procurement cycle.

Any Other Task Assigned by the Project Director:

Be flexible to undertake additional responsibilities or tasks as assigned by the PD – HRU and Project Director FPMU- IFRAP.

4. Consultant Qualification and Experience:

Master's degree (sixteen years of education) in Engineering/Business/Economics or Finance or Commerce/Social Sciences with seven (7) years of experience (after acquiring stipulated qualification) in procurement and contract management at least five years of which should related to procurement of Goods, Works and Consulting Services preferably in development sector.

Specific procurement qualification and/or certifications shall be accorded more weightage.

Proficiency in English and basic IT skills will be mandatory.

Prior experience of working on community driven development projects will be accorded due weightage.

5. Time frame of Consultancy & Location of Assignment.:

The services of the Consultant will be required full-time for the entire life of the project, The consultant to be based in Quetta.

6. Selection Process:

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in “The World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, November 2020