



Call for Proposals

Date: 06 June, 2020

Subject: Building resilience of communities through an Ecosystem-based Adaptation approach in Afghanistan (Takhar and Nangarhar)

1. The National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA), Afghanistan and UNEP now invite eligible and qualified implementing partners to send their proposals for delivering on specific outputs for the above project.
 2. The aim of this call is to identify and pre-qualify a “pool” of implementing partners capable to provide the goods and/or services described here.
 3. Qualification requirements are specified in the Annex I – Description of Requirements.
 4. The submission should include a short technical proposal (no more than 15 pages) and a financial proposal addressing the following criteria/ elements:
 - a. Introduction of the organization including years of experience working in Afghanistan specifically in the two provinces – Takhar and Nangahar.
 - b. Demonstrate experience in Climate Change Adaptation, Environmental, Ecosystem Based or Sustainable Development type projects – provide details on thematic experience, how large the operations and what the role of the organization was.
 - c. Description of the methodology for delivery of the specific project outputs and outcome targets (as described in Annex 1), including how gender equity will be promoted.
 - d. Proposed team.
 - e. Provide a breakdown of costs/ budget.
 5. All supporting documentation must be received not later than **22 June, 2020**, on or before **18:00** local time. **Responses must be submitted by electronic mail at the following addresses: ezatullah.rabanizada@un.org, atifa.kassam@un.org and samim.hoshmand@gmail.com.** The response mail must carry the subject line “ITB for **Building resilience of communities through an Ecosystem-based Adaptation approach in Afghanistan.**”
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Annex I. Forms

1. Description of Requirements
2. Vendor Response Form

Building resilience of communities through an Ecosystem-based Adaptation approach in Afghanistan

DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

Natural forests in Afghanistan have been extensively degraded because of overharvesting and unsustainable resource use. Among the areas most affected are the Northern Pistachio Belt (NPB) and the Eastern Forest Complex (EFC). As a result of this degradation, the capacity of forests for providing benefits to local communities including goods such as timber and non-timber forest products as well as regulatory and other ecosystem services that buffer against extreme climate events is reduced.

The National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA), Afghanistan and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are implementing a climate change adaptation project entitled *Building resilience of communities living around the Northern Pistachio Belt and Eastern Forest Complex of Afghanistan through an Ecosystem-based Adaptation approach*. The project is funded by the Global Environment Facility's Least Developed Countries Fund. The objective of the project is to reduce the vulnerability of local communities living around the Northern Pistachio Belt and Eastern Forest Complex of Afghanistan to the effects of climate change by improving watershed functioning through Ecosystem-based Adaptation approaches. Field activities to be implemented in by the project in Takhar and Nangarhar Provinces under Outcome 2 of this project will reduce vulnerability to climate change through community-based watershed management using EbA approaches for increased climate resilience of local communities.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION (IF ANY)

NEPA and UNEP wish to engage an executing partner to deliver outputs/activities under Outcome 2 *Ecosystem-based Adaptation approaches demonstrated in Takhar and Nangarhar provinces*.

Outputs under this outcome include:

Output 2.1. Vulnerability and impact assessments (guided by PROVIA - VIA handbook and toolkit) conducted in pilot districts of Takhar (NPB) and Nangarhar (EFC) Provinces to identify ecosystem services for climate resilience and develop EbA protocols.

Output 2.2. EbA approaches demonstrated in degraded areas of the Khanabad (Takhar: NPB) and Kabul (Nangarhar: EFC) watersheds.

Output 2.3. Additional livelihoods – including woodlots and kitchen gardens – introduced in selected sites within degraded watersheds.

Output 2.4. Training provided to local authorities, communities and user groups, with a focus on women on adapting community livelihoods to climate change using EbA.

As per the project results framework, activities should promote the restoration of degraded forests as well as broader resilience-building such as livelihood diversification and training of local communities on climate change adaptation. This should result in:

- Vulnerability and impact assessments for pilot districts of Takhar (NPB) and Nangarhar (EFC) Provinces to identify ecosystem services for climate resilience and develop EbA protocols;
- 700 ha of forest in the EFC (Nangarhar Province) restored using EbA approaches;
- 700 ha of forest in the NPB (Takhar Province) restored using EbA approaches;
- 6 EbA intervention protocols developed on themes related to forest restoration and EbA;
- 6 community nurseries established;
- Diversified community livelihood activities identified (community mapping) and trialed in both provinces; and
- 1 local training on climate change adaptation using an EbA approach developed and delivered in beneficiary communities.

Activities to be carried out to achieve these deliverables include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Undertake community-based mapping exercises to identify ecosystem services, climate change impacts, vulnerability, adaptation needs, and EbA options.
- Develop participatory forest management plans detailing resource- and land-use zones.
- Undertake socio-economic and market assessments to identify appropriate tree and plant species for restoration, community nurseries, kitchen gardens and alternative livelihoods.
- Develop protocols for site-specific implementation of EbA in NPB and EFC forests for gender-sensitive EbA options to address climate impacts and vulnerabilities.
- Establish community nurseries to provide seedlings/saplings for EbA.
- Restore at least 1,400 ha of forests in Takhar (700 ha) and Nangarhar (700 ha) provinces following an EbA approach.
- Establish community and peri-urban woodlots to reduce pressure on natural forests by providing alternative fuelwood sources to local communities.
- Establish kitchen gardens for vulnerable households to improve food security and enhance nutrition of local communities.
- Promote the diversification of community livelihoods activities as identified through market assessments.
- Develop and conduct training for local authorities, user groups and communities on planning and implementing EbA in the NPB and EFC ecosystems.

VENDOR RESPONSE FORM

TO: _____ **FROM:** _____
EMAIL: _____ **TEL:** _____
SUBJECT: _____

To be filled by the Vendor (All fields marked with an '' are mandatory)*

ORGANISATION INFORMATION
Organisation Name*:
Type of Organisation*:
Organisation Contact Person*:
Address*:
Telephone number*:
Email Address*:
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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