

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**Country:** Lao People's Democratic Republic  
**Project:** Global Partnership for Education III Project: Learning and Equity Acceleration Project (LEAP)  
**Sector:** Education  
**Description:** 01 Environment and Social Framework (ESF) Consultant of the Global Partnership for Education III Funded: Credit No.: 6854-LA

The project will continue to build on the existing successful implementation arrangements under the Education for All-Fast Track Initiative and GPE III, with the overall implementation of the project resting with MOES. The project is expected to be implemented over a five-year period between 2021 and 2026. The DP will be the lead implementing unit. Under the authority of MOES, the DP's ECU will coordinate all implementation activities for the project, guided by a Project Steering Committee and a technical interministerial body known as the Project Advisory Council, and supported by a Project Working Group. MOES is the executing agency of the project and has final responsibility for the successful implementation of the project according to administrative, financial, and engineering practices and social and environmental standards.

This sub-component will cover grant management including coordination and management of project activities on planning and execution, financial management, procurement, supervision and reporting, internal and external audits, third party verification for DLIs, environmental and social safeguards management and monitoring and evaluation. It will also support institutional capacity development activities to the Education GPE Coordination Unit (ECU) under the Department of Planning (DP), MoES and participating MoES Departments to effectively carry out activities under the GPE III project.

Component 1: Prepared and Motivated Learners;  
Component 2: Prepared and Motivated Teachers;  
Component 3: Effective Governance for Improving Teaching and Learning.

**Objectives of the Assignment:** the ESF consultant (C-9) will (a) Assist the Project ESF Team to prepare and/or update ESF documents and instruments as required for Project activities to ensure full compliance with the ESCP, SEP, and/or ESMF as developed by and agreed between DP and WB; (b) In close consultation with WB team, prepare and provide training to the Project staff and PIEs on issue related to the ESF and lead the implementation ensuring that the Project is in compliance with ESF requirements; and (c) Assist the Project ESF Team during supervision mission including preparation of E&S monitoring reports (ESMR) to be submitted to the WB.

**Scope of the Assignment:** the ESF will report directly to the Deputy Director General (DDG) of DP responsible for the Project as assigned. The consultant will review all ESF documents related. The ESF will review all related document to the Project and carry out this assignment in close consultation with the ESF team at DP and the WB team throughout the assignment.

- Planning and Preparation of Work Plan (Inception Report);
- Training on ESF, relevant ESSs and Instruments to the Project;
- Finalizing/Updating ESF documents and providing guidance on social and environmental activities;
  - o *Finalizing/Updating ESF documents;*
  - o *Providing guidance on social activities;*
  - o *Providing guidance on environment management, and community, health, and safety.*
- Monitoring and Reporting;
  - o *An inception report;*
  - o *ESF Implementation Progress Report.*
  - o *A Completion Report.*

**Key Inputs and Deliverables:** ESF is estimated input of about 100 man-days over a 2.5 year starting Q1 2022.

The services of such ESF are expected to be for a 10 man-day contract period, the working over a 2.5 year starting Q1 2022. In order to be considered for the position, the candidates should meet the following qualifications and experience requirements:

- Master's Degree or PhD in social sciences, environmental science, and/or other related disciplines related to the assignment with and minimum working experience of 5 years on environment and social impact assessment and/or implementation of the WB safeguard and/or ESF application of the WB in Laos PDR.
- Solid knowledge and experience on social development, gender, and/or ethnic groups management in Lao PDR, particularly those related to the implementation of the national laws and regulations of Lao PDR related to the ESF of the WB especially those related to the Environmental Protection Law (2013), EIA Decree (2019), Compensation and Resettlement Decree (2016), labor law, health law, Land Law (2019), forest laws (2019).
- A minimum of 5 years' experience in social impacts assessment and/or ESIA and risks (ESIA/R) management, preparation of documents and training in ESIA/R management with various government and donor-funded development projects. Have ability to communicate and facilitate the implementation of the key tasks identified in this TOR in English of a quality acceptable to the World Bank (for more detail see in ToR).

The attention of interested Consultant is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. The Consultant will be selected based on Individual Consultants selection method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Interested eligible candidates in this position may obtain further information and the detailed TOR from the **Ministry of Education and Sports, Education Coordination Unit (ECU) or <http://www.moes.edu.la/>** at the address below during office hours *08:00 to 16:00 hours* or by e-mail. Please submit CVs and a letter of interest by **22 June 2022 to 15 July 2022** to the address below. Only short listed individual candidates will be contacted for an interview.

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