

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS

Subject: Hiring the services of Local Expert for “Sustainable Forest Ecosystems Management and Biodiversity Conservation” under JICA assisted Project for Improvement of Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Management & Livelihoods (PIHPFEM&L).

The JICA assisted Project for Improvement of Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Management & Livelihoods (PIHPFEM&L) is being funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), aims at Managing and Enhancing Forest area Ecosystems in the Project area, by Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management, Biodiversity Conservation, Livelihoods Improvement Support, Strengthening Institutional Capacity, there by contributing to Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Socio-economic Development in the Project area. The project area falls in Kinnaur, Shimla, Bilaspur, Mandi, Kullu, Kangra and Lahaul & Spiti Districts covering 72 Forest Ranges of 22 Forest Divisions falling in jurisdiction of 9 Forest Circles of Himachal Pradesh.

As approved by the competent authority, the services of One “**Local Expert**” for “**Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management and Biodiversity Conservation**” are required under the Project as per criteria given below:-

Scope of Work:-

- i. Assist PMU (Project Management Unit)/DMUs (Divisional Management Unit)/FTUs (Field Technical Unit) to strengthen their technical, managerial, and administrative capacities for implementation and management of **Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management and Biodiversity Conservation** based activities.
- ii. Improvement and Modernization of the Project Nurseries and its effective use in the production of the quality planting material.
- iii. Assist PMU in designing and strengthening Participatory Forest Management (PFM) and Capacity Building for sustainability of VFDSs.
- iv. Assist PMU in implementing Biodiversity based Community Development and Livelihood Activities.
- v. Assist PMU/ FCCUs/DMUs / FTUs in providing orientation, technical guidance for the effective implementation of the **Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management and Biodiversity Conservation**.
- vi. Assist PMU in monitoring and planning process of VFDSs/BMCs and HPFD.
- vii. Assist PMU in improvements in already developed Manuals, Guidelines etc. relevant to implementation of the Project.

- viii. Assist PMU/ / FCCUs/DMUs / FTUs in ensuring that local communities could obtain the maximum benefit from the project activities of **Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management and Biodiversity Conservation** in the post project period as well.
- ix. Provide technical assistance to PMU/ FCCUs/DMUs / FTUs and other specialized agencies required from time to time.
- x. Assist PMU in implementation of the phase-out strategies of the Project.

Deliverables:

- i. Monitoring of nurseries to ensure improved planting stock of priority species related to the livelihood of the local communities as well as for the enhancement of green cover.
- ii. Give expert opinion about Project plantations to be raised by Himachal Pradesh Forest Department (HPFD) and the Village Forest Development Society (VFDS), its maintenance, species etc.
- iii. Suggesting and imparting trainings to the frontline staff to improve their skills in modern nursery practices and biodiversity conservation.
- iv. To orient communities and front line staff for raising biodiversity rich species in plantations to be raised by VFDSs to enhance livelihood opportunities and ecosystem services.
- v. Data and recording of Biodiversity richness of the selected VFDS and Departmental plantation areas and assess conservation and utilization status through Value Addition, of identified potential NTFP for community good.
- vi. Facilitation of the SHGs in formation of 2-3 clusters for undertaking common activities of ecotourism and biodiversity management in selected location on pilot basis.
- vii. Study of NTFPs in project area and their marketable status and potential for community livelihood through NTFP.
- viii. Micro level biodiversity studies with special reference to utilization at household, religious and remedial practices in Forest Divisions and develop plan for conservation and sustainable utilization.
- ix. Sustainable management of few identified sacred groves having variety of biodiversity for effective scientific management for biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services.
- x. Advise PMU for leveraging studies and interventions for demonstrations of Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management/ Biodiversity Conservation.
- xi. Formation of Village Forest Development Societies (VFDS), Microplans, formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) and their livelihood activities.
- xii. Any other assignment as per requirement of the PMU.

Desired Qualification and Experience:

Required Qualification:

Post Graduate in Forestry/ Natural Resource Management/ Wildlife Management/ Biodiversity Conservation/ Protected Area Management, or other related fields.

Desirable Qualification:

Ph.D. Forestry/ Natural Resource Management/ Wildlife Management with more than 10 years experience of working in Forestry Sector or related organizations.

Experience:

- 10 years or more experience in the field of Sustainable National Resource Management and Biodiversity Conservation/ Management.
- Experience of working in at least one donor funded projects in “Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management/ Biodiversity Conservation/ Watershed Management” etc.
- Experience of designing and implementation of Community-based Natural Resource Management/ Protected Area Management Plan and initiatives or Biodiversity Management Project.

Regional Experience:

Familiarity and Experience of working in Western Himalayan Landscape with Forest Dependent Communities.

Language: English/Hindi

Proficient in writing and speaking both English and Hindi.

Emoluments:

The emoluments of Rs. 1.00 Lakh (One Lakh) per month will be fixed. The Expert will also be entitled for the TA/DA and vehicle (for field visit) as per GoHP norms notified from time to time. (The emoluments will be paid after submitting of the monthly tour diary duly approved by the competent authority).

Duration:

Duration of the assignment will be one year and could be further extended as per requirement of the Project.

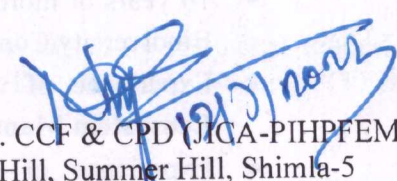
Place of posting:-

The place of posting will be at Project Management Unit, Shimla (Potters' Hill, Summer Hill, Shimla-5) and could be deputed anywhere under the Project area as per requirement of the Project by Chief Project Director (JICA-PIHPFEM&L).

The Chief Project Director (JICA-PIHPFEM&L) is authorized to discontinue the services of the so engaged Local Expert, if his/her performance is not found satisfactory without any notice/assigning any reason.

Interested candidates may send their applications along with the resume to the O/o Chief Project Director (JICA assisted PIPHFEM&L) Potters' Hill, Summer Hill, Shimla-5 on or before 28.07.2023 till 5 p.m. The applications so received will be scrutinized by the Screening Committee and only those candidates will be called for personal interview who fulfill the criteria laid down for the post of "Local Expert" on <https://jicahpforestryproject.com/>. The date of personal interview before the Screening Committee will be intimated separately to the applicants.

Date:-



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