

## Terms of Reference National Consultant

### 1. Assignment Information

<b>Project Title</b>	Resilient Recovery Rapid Readiness Support in Cambodia
<b>Contract Type</b>	National Consultant
<b>Assignment Title</b>	Thematic Specialist (NC4)
<b>Duty Station</b>	Home base
<b>Report to</b>	The Project Manager
<b>Contract Duration</b>	105 days (March to September 2023)

### 2. Project Description

Cambodia is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change impacts. Potential impacts of climate change were highlighted in the Modelling of Climate Change Impacts on Growth report in 2018 by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) and the National Council for Sustainable Development (NCSD). Around 75% of its population resides in rural areas and is highly vulnerable to climate change impacts because the kingdom relies heavily on climate-sensitive sectors, including agriculture, land, water resources, infrastructure, forestry, human health, and fisheries. Cambodia has been remarkably successful in containing the spread of COVID-19 and preventing community transmission; however, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected Cambodia's economy and society.

The Cambodian government prioritized climate change in her Rectangular Strategy, Phase 4, as one of the four main rectangles, called "Sustainable Development and Climate Change". Following the sustainable finance prioritization, the government aims to make significant progress for climate finance in accordance with cross-sectoral policies, such as the Green Growth Strategic Plan, Cambodia National Environment Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2023, Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan 2014-2023, and the National Policy on Green Development and the National Strategic Plan on Green Development 2013-2030.

Cambodia is actively engaged with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) through the Department of Climate Change (DCC) of the General Directorate of Policy and Strategy (GDPS) as a part of the strategy to respond to climate change. A year project "Resilient Recovery Rapid Readiness Support in Cambodia" is funded by GCF to be implemented by the DCC. The DCC will undertake the daily implementation and management of activities, conduct project monitoring, and prepare regular updates on the project's implementation progress. The project's main objective is "to address the direct and indirect effects on Cambodia's ability to implement the national climate change and green growth strategies and plans for climate resilient recovery due to COVID-19 Pandemic". It is structured around the following three outputs with corresponding activities:

**Output 2.2.1:** Impact on and opportunities for the country's climate change strategies and plans as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic is elaborated and validated by the NDA.

**Activity 2.2.1.1:** Perform desk analysis of the impacts of COVID-19 and economic stimulus measures on the climate change strategies and plans; develop a report on COVID-19/economic stimulus impacts on climate change strategies and plans, which includes inputs from stakeholder interviews conducted in activity 2.2.1.2.

**Activity 2.2.1.2:** Undertake stakeholder interviews and organizes two consultant meetings with CCTWG members, the private sector, NGOs, research institutes, and academia to identify opportunities for aligning the country's climate change agenda with the economic recovery agenda. The results will be included in the report produced in activity 2.2.1.1. At least 30% of participants in the meetings will be women and individuals from vulnerable groups.

**Output 2.2.2:** National strategy for resilient recovery developed and adopted by the NDA/country.

**Activity 2.2.2.1:** Undertake stakeholder interviews and organize two consultation meetings with CCTWG members, private sector, NGOs, research institutes, and academia to identify a range of measures (regulatory, fiscal, financing/investment, etc., by critical sectors and regions of the country) to maximize climate, economic and social benefits. At least 30% of participants in the meetings will be women and individuals from vulnerable groups.

**Activity 2.2.2.2:** Perform Conduct modeling exercises to optimize and prioritize different measures

**Activity 2.2.2.3:** Organize one final validation workshop with CCTWG members, the private sector, NGOs, research institutes, and academia to validate the priority measures identified and the investment plan. At least 30% of participants in the workshop will be women and individuals from vulnerable groups.

**Activity 2.2.2.4:** Develop an investment plan for priority measures in consultation with public and private investors. The measures are identified through a consultative process and are validated through activity 2.2.2.3.

**Output 4.1.1:** 2 Concept notes with pre-feasibility studies for up to three priority projects/programmes developed and submitted to the GCF.

**Activity 4.1.1.1:** Conduct pre-feasibility studies on the priority measures identified in 2.2.2.3.

**Activity 4.1.1.2:** Develop draft concept notes and organize a validation workshop.

### **3. Scope of Work**

Reporting to the Project Management Unit, in close coordination with other staff and national consultants involved in the project, and while coordinating and communicating with relevant stakeholders involved in her/his activities, the national Consultant will support the following activities:

- Technical support for Activity 4.1.1.1 and Activity 4.1.1.2;
- Be in close collaboration with Climate Project Development Specialist (IC2);
- Conduct pre-feasibility studies and draft the related reports (Activity 4.1.1.1);

- Consult relevant stakeholders and engage them in the co-design of the concept notes;
- Provide substantial technical inputs for the drafting of concept notes in line with the guidance provided by the IC2 (Activity 4.1.1.2);
- Organize and facilitate the concept note validation workshop; and
- Perform other tasks that request by the project.

#### 4. Minimum Qualifications of the Individual Consultant

<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A postgraduate degree (Master’s Degree or equivalent) in environmental science or related fields.</li> </ul>
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 5 years of experience of relevant thematic experience;</li> <li>• Very good knowledge of GCF policies, procedures, and templates;</li> <li>• Good understanding of climate finance;</li> <li>• Good knowledge of Cambodia’s climate policy framework;</li> <li>• Experience in conducting multi-stakeholder consultations;</li> </ul>
<b>Competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong analytical, facilitation, and planning skills.</li> <li>• Excellent written and oral communication skills.</li> </ul>
<b>Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent command of English (both spoken and written); and</li> <li>• Excellent command of Khmer.</li> </ul>

#### 5. Expected Deliverables

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Review and Approve Required</b>
<b>Deliverable 1:</b> Activity 4.1.1.1 – Pre-feasibility study report (s)	35 days	Project Manager
<b>Deliverable 2:</b> Activity 4.1.1.2a – Concept note validation workshop report	35 days	Project Manager
<b>Deliverable 3:</b> Activity 4.1.1.2b – Substantial technical inputs for the development of the concept notes	35 days	Project Manager
<b>Total Number of Days</b>	<b>105 Days</b>	