

Terms of Reference National Consultant

1. Assignment Information

Project Title	Resilient Recovery Rapid Readiness Support in Cambodia
Contract Type	National Consultant
Assignment Title	Climate Finance Specialist (NC3)
Duty Station	Home base
Report to	The Project Manager
Contract Duration	30 days (April to July 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 two 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 2.2.1.1, Activity 2.2.1.2, and Activity 2.2.2.2;
- Conduct modeling and economic analysis of climate-related aspects of investment options identified in the MEF national recovery plan (Activity 2.2.1.1);
- Conduct modeling and economic analysis of investment options considered in the climate resilient recovery strategy (Activity 2.2.2.2);
- Be in close collaboration with IC1, NC1, and NC2; and
- Perform other tasks that request by the project.

4. Minimum Qualifications of the Individual Consultant

Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A postgraduate degree (Master's Degree or equivalent) in environmental science or related fields
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 7 years of experience in fiscal policies and economic analysis; • Good understanding of climate finance; and • Good knowledge of Cambodia's climate policy framework and economic planning processes.
Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong analytical, facilitation, and planning skills. • Excellent written and oral communication skills.
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent command of English (both spoken and written); and • Excellent command of Khmer.

5. Expected Deliverables

Deliverable	Duration	Review and Approve Required
Deliverable 1: Activity 2.2.1.2 – Technical note on fiscal impact of the MEF national recovery strategy on the allocation from the national budget for climate change actions	15 days	Project Manager
Deliverable 2: Activity 2.2.2.2 – Technical note on economic and fiscal models	15 days	Project Manager
Total Number of Days	30 Days	