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Term of Reference

Job Title: External Project Evaluation for the Project on **Partnership for Environmental Action and Community Empowerment (PEACE)— Building the Space of Engagement for Environmental Governance in Cambodia**

Location: Phnom Penh

Vacancy Type: Consultancy, Mid-Term Project Evaluation

1. Project Background

The PEACE project is implemented by Department of Natural Resource Management and Development (NRMD), Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP) in collaboration TVK and NGO Coalitions to promote and improve environmental governance through building active engagement of government, private sector, civil society, and local community. The project specifically focuses on policy influence through dissemination of research findings, RUPP researcher and student engagement for use of research findings, and networking with relevant stakeholders. The project runs over three year period from 2012 to 2014 with funding support of Inter-church Organization for Development Cooperation (ICCO) of the Netherlands.

The NRMD/RUPP has been working in Cambodia promoting natural resource governance, awareness, education, natural resource research and policies. It has been playing an active role in engaging with the national government and civil society organizations to improve natural resource and environmental management in Cambodia. It has been treated as a neutral educational institution in the country that builds human resources in the environment management and promotes community participation in natural resources management.

Under the PEACE project, the NRMD/RUPP has extensively worked with NGO Coalitions on Environment and Natural Resources, which is a coalition of NGOs, working on environment, natural resources management and community organizing in Cambodia. The coalition is led by Wildlife Conservation Cambodia and it includes NGO Forum's land and livelihood Program, Wildlife Conservation Cambodia, River Coalition in Cambodia (RCC), and Cambodia Resource Revenue Transparency (CRRT). Most of them are local NGOs working to promote community-based organizations and support local communities for alternative livelihoods. Seeing th needs and continuing to support local communities in their struggles to protect the environment and ensure their livelihoods, NRMD and NGO Coalitions jointly initiated the program to promote the “research and dialogues to influence environmental policies” as a mean to construct the space of engagement for community and civil society to engage government and private sector in the environment and natural resources management and sustainable livelihood development.

To achieve the overall project goal, it is important for the project to achieve the specific objectives:

- To promote the dialogues between government, private sector, NGOs and Communities on natural resources management aiming at improving environmental governance and livelihoods of local resource dependent communities.
- To promote a collaborative research on environmental issues and problems affecting the communities aiming at supporting the dialogues between government, Private Sector, NGOs and communities, and the advocacy campaign on improving access to natural resources for local communities.
- To influence national policies and decision-making on natural resources management and poverty reduction in rural natural resource dependent communities.

In order to accomplish the project objectives, NRMD and NGO Coalitions pursue the following activities over the three-year period (2012-2014):

1. Research for development:

- NRMD is responsible for conducting the researches pertinent to hydropower development, land issues, extractive industry, and development project related impacts
- NGO Coalitions is responsible for organizing communities to engage in the research activities.
- NRMD and NGO Coalitions will conduct at least four researches a year (approximately 12 researches during 2012-2014) on topics as mentioned above.

2. Dialogue:

- The research findings have been used for dialogue, involving government, private sectors, communities and NGOs.
- Conducting dialogues 2-3 times a year (between 6 to 9 dialogues during 2012-2014)
- NRMD will coordinate the government agencies and private sector
- NGO Coalitions will coordinate NGOs and communities for dialogues

3. Publication and Policy Influence:

- The research findings and the dialogues will be published in forms of journal articles, discussion paper series and policy brief. During 2012-2014, at least 18 articles derived from the research findings will be published in RUPP Research Paper Series
- Distributions of the findings and dialogues to government, private sector, NGOs and Communities through national TV program and workshops.

2. Purpose of the Evaluation

The evaluation will particularly aim at 1) assessing the output, outcome and impact of particular research results derived from the participatory researches with NGOs, relevant government agencies and local communities; 2) determining to what extent the research papers have been used by the NGOs, government agencies, private sector and local communities for their programming, policy formulation and revision and advocacy; and 3) providing recommendation for the next phase programming of PEACE project. The evaluation will be concentrating on

involved agencies such as NGOs, relevant government, private sector, local community, and media.

3. Scope of the Evaluation:

The evaluation is expected to cover the following project components:

- a) Research for development and capacity building;
- b) Dialogues including TV talk and workshops
- c) Publication and Policy Influence

This evaluation has the following principal activities and tasks:

- A detailed work plan for the evaluation activities outlined and a presentation to NRMD/RUPP for comment and suggestion
- Develops, tests, and adjusts the evaluation materials and tools with inputs/feedbacks from NRMD/RUPP
- Data collection, entering, analysis and interpretation
- A draft evaluation report in English and Khmer and submits it to NRMD/RUPP and ICCO
- A feedback/validation meeting on the draft report, including presenting key findings and recommendations to NRMD/RUPP
- A final evaluation report incorporating the feedback from the above meeting, provided in English to NRMD/RUPP and ICCO

4. Deliverables

The output of the mission will be the Evaluation Report in English. The structure and content of the report should meet the requirements of the ICCO Monitoring and Evaluation Policy.

The Report should:

- Contain an executive summary (mandatory)
- Be analytical in nature (both quantitative and qualitative)
- Be structured around issues and related findings/lessons learnt
- Include conclusions
- Include recommendations
- Annexes (if any)

5. Key qualification of consultant:

- At least Master's degree in development studies, planning, M&E, project management or equivalent qualification
- Proven track records of carrying out similar assignments in the Cambodian context
- 3-5 year extensive experience in conducting qualitative and quantitative evaluation, including data entry, analysis, interpretation and writing report

- Preferably experience with and expertise of the natural resource management and development
- Excellent analytical, interpersonal and communication skills
- Experience working with rural communities in Cambodia
- Fluency in spoken and written both Khmer and English
- Be willing and able to do fieldwork, including travel in difficult conditions
- Demonstrates patience and a sense of humor

6. Duration of Consultancy

Estimated 15 working days, starting from 15 July 2014

7. Estimated budget

Indicative Budget is 2,800 USD (lump sum for consultant fees, transportation to meeting partners, NGOs and concerned government officials in Phnom Penh).

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We are looking for individual consultant specialized and experienced in conducting qualitative and quantitative research and evaluation to provide input for an informed decision by NRMD/RUPP about its project impacts and lessons learned for future projects/program about future support to the project and its partners.