

# Multi-Sectoral Action for Nutrition (MSAN) Project (P158769) Terms of Reference

Environment Specialist-PIU (MSAN)

## BACKGROUND

To help reverse the increase in stunting, the Government of Sindh has approved an Inter-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy of Sindh (INSS) in 2013. Multi-Sectoral Action for Nutrition (MSAN) activities will focus on specific investments to improve behavior around the key areas of sanitation and hygiene and food consumption, but it will also support institutional and implementation arrangements that incentivize cross-sectoral collaboration to achieve nutrition results.

The Government of Pakistan has set ambitious targets for the next ten years by committing to reduce diarrheal cases by 50 percent while improving sanitation coverage from 74 percent to 90 percent and providing access to clean drinking water for all through Pakistan Vision 2025. Targets for food insecurity call for halving the current rate of 60 percent to 30 percent.

## OBJECTIVE:

The Environment Specialist will be based in Project Implementation Unit (PIU) Karachi, at the office of Multi Sectoral Actions for Nutrition jointly managed by Local Government Department, Department of Agriculture and Department of Livestock and Fisheries under the Sindh Planning and Development Department, (P&DD).

**The Environment Specialist** will be responsible for the supervision of the implementation of Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP), Project Operations Manual and related checklists that will be prepared for the sub-projects. The Environment Specialist will supervise the implementing partners and their teams to ensure that all social safeguard commitments are incorporated into activities and work processes. S/he will work under the direct supervision of the Project Director(s) of MSAN and will be responsible for providing assistance and technical guidance.

## TASKS:

The Environment Specialist will be responsible for the supervision of implementation of Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) as well as the Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) and **Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPMP)**. **Prepare screening** checklists that would be prepared for the subprojects. The Environment Specialist will supervise the **Implementation Partners (IP)** teams and other entities supporting the project

implementation (including the consultants and third parties hired by the project) to ensure that all environmental commitments are incorporated into the hard-component activities and work processes.

## **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Environmental Specialist will be responsible for the following duties and responsibilities relevant to project environmental safeguards compliances and mitigation measures:

- Deal with environmental aspects of the project and provide feedback to the Project Director(s) on implementation of environmental action plan under the activities of the project.
- Support in compliance of the credit conditions and covenants pertaining to Environmental Safeguards.
- Update in implementation of environmental aspects of the project.
- Implementation of all aspects of ESMF including environmental screening and filling the screening checklists for each subproject to be undertaken under MSAN, except implementation of IPMP which will be scope of Directors and IPM managers present under Directorate of Agriculture and are experts in this field.
- Preparation of ESMPs and **screening**/checklists for subprojects.
- Supervising and supporting **IP(s)/TSP(s)** in achieving their responsibilities as outlined in the ESMF and subsequent ESMPs and checklists.
- Carrying out frequent field visits and conduct monitoring for effective ESMF implementation as well as IPMP implementation.
- Identifying and assisting in preparing environmental induction and training materials.
- Conduct/manage ESMF trainings for the **Implementation Partners (IPs), Taskforce Stunting P(s) personnel and ESFP(s)** in accordance with the training plan given in ESMF.
- Responding to environmental incidents as required.
- Preparing quarterly progress reports for submission to World Bank and other stakeholders.
- Oversee environmental monitoring of the ESMF and site specific ESMPs.
- Provide technical support to implementing NGO's consultants in the development of site specific ESMPs.
- Coordinate with implementing agencies and NGO(s) for onsite implementation of ESMPs.
- Organize and conduct the trainings on ESMF and ESMP compliances as proposed in mitigation plan.
- Prepare monthly, quarterly and **annual** progress reports of Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF).
- Prepare final progress report of the ESMF and submit to the World Bank.
- Ensure the HSE compliance onsite by the civil works consultants / contractor at project sites.

- Coordinate and conduct environmental field monitoring visits of project areas.
- Review and revision of **environmental safeguards** documents and ensuring timely delivery of outputs as agreed between The World Bank and **MSAN PIUs**,
- As and when required contribute to the ongoing activities of the safeguard unit.
- Assist the Project Director(s) in routine office matter when require.
- Work as the focal point for World Bank to provide necessary requirements of environmental compliances within the project.

## **QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

- An advanced degree (16 years of education) in Environmental Engineering/Science
- At least ten (10) years' experience after acquiring stipulated qualification in the field of environmental management and implementation in development projects
- Excellent writing and communications as evidenced by a body of written work
- Excellent computer skills including MS Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)

## **TIME FRAME:**

The assignment is expected to complete upon signing of the contract within three years [36 months].

## **REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**

The Consultant will report to Project Directors of both the project components (SSS and A4N). The expert's performance will be reviewed on quarterly basis.

## **SELECTION METHOD:**

An individual consultant will be selected in accordance with process stipulated in Section V of "Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011) [Revised July 2014]