

## Terms of reference for consulting services on environmental and social screening of the construction facilities

### 1.1 SOURCE OF FINANCING

On December 31, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Islamic Development Bank approved the decision on allocation of a loan for the “Integrated Rural Development Project” (Phase-II). The Project is part of the national investment program for the period of 2022-2025 approved by Presidential Decree of Uzbekistan in December 2022. The project has a programmatic approach and supports the GOU’s Prosperous Villages Program (PVP) adopted in 2018. The Program aims to improve the living standard of rural people by improving access to basic infrastructure, services and economic opportunities. The Project is financing by Islamic Development Bank.

### 1.2 INVESTMENT PROJECTS DESCRIPTION

The project will be implemented in 3 regions of the country, including:

- Samarkand region – total 279 sub-projects;
- Kashkadarya region – total 222 sub-projects;
- Surkhandarya region – total 278 sub-projects.

The Project will be implemented in 157 Mahalla Citizens’ Assemblies (MCA) (41 central and 116 adjoining mahallas) of 21 districts of the Republic of Samarkand, Kashkadarya and Surkhandarya regions according to the list below:

| №  | Region          | Districts   | Central Mahalla<br>Citizens’ Assembly<br>(MCA) | Adjoining Mahalla<br>Citizens’ Assembly<br>(MCA) |
|----|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Samarkand       | Bulungur    | Olmazor                                        | 3                                                |
|    |                 | Jomboy      | Dehqonobod                                     | 2                                                |
|    |                 |             | Beshbola                                       | 1                                                |
|    |                 | Ishtihon    | Azamat                                         | 2                                                |
|    |                 |             | Humo                                           | 2                                                |
|    |                 | Kattakurgan | Polvontepa                                     | 2                                                |
|    |                 |             | Olmazor                                        | 2                                                |
|    |                 | Narpay      | Sarbozor                                       | 4                                                |
|    |                 | Oqdaryo     | Oqdaryo                                        | 3                                                |
|    |                 | Pakhtachi   | Saroy                                          | 3                                                |
|    |                 | Samarkand   | Shurboy                                        | 1                                                |
|    |                 |             | Yangiariq                                      | 1                                                |
|    |                 |             | Qushtamgali                                    | 1                                                |
|    |                 | Tayloq      | Madaniyat                                      | 3                                                |
|    |                 | Urgut       | Kenagas                                        | 3                                                |
|    |                 |             | Jartepa                                        | 3                                                |
|    | <b>In Total</b> | <b>10</b>   | <b>16</b>                                      | <b>36</b>                                        |
| 2. | Kashkadarya     | Kitob       | Samarkand                                      | 2                                                |
|    |                 |             | Istiqbol                                       | 4                                                |
|    |                 | Shahrisabz  | Ravot                                          | 3                                                |
|    |                 |             | Khontepa                                       | 1                                                |
|    |                 | Yakkabog    | Mavazor                                        | 4                                                |
|    |                 |             | Yashnobod                                      | 3                                                |
|    |                 | Guzor       | Khalqobod                                      | 2                                                |
|    |                 |             | Buston                                         | 3                                                |
|    |                 | Dehqonobod  | Uzbekistan                                     | 5                                                |
|    |                 | Qamashi     | Qiziltepa                                      | 5                                                |
|    |                 |             | Yuksalish                                      | 2                                                |
|    | <b>In total</b> | <b>6</b>    | <b>11</b>                                      | <b>34</b>                                        |
| 3. | Surkhandarya    | Boysun      | Temir darvoza                                  | 4                                                |

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|--|-----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
|  |                 |           | Dashtigoz   | 3          |
|  |                 | Sherobod  | Gurjak-2    | 3          |
|  |                 |           | Qorabog     | 4          |
|  |                 |           | Chuqurkul   | 3          |
|  |                 |           | Oqtepa      | 4          |
|  |                 |           | Hakimobod   | 3          |
|  |                 | Angor     | Gilambob    | 3          |
|  |                 |           | Dustlik     | 4          |
|  |                 | Muzrabot  | Fayziobod   | 3          |
|  |                 |           | Sopollitepa | 3          |
|  |                 |           | Mehnatobod  | 3          |
|  |                 |           | Fidokor     | 2          |
|  |                 | Termiz    | Yangiobod   | 4          |
|  | <b>In total</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>14</b>   | <b>46</b>  |
|  | <b>Total</b>    | <b>21</b> | <b>41</b>   | <b>116</b> |

The preliminary list of Projected facilities in Annex 1 (sites subject to change).

## OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY

The overall objective of the Consultancy is to conduct a Baseline Survey and Environmental and Social risk screening procedures of the construction sites according to the Environmental and Social risk screening checklist provided by the Client.

The aim of the study is to achieve the following objectives:

- To identify and assess potential environmental and social impacts of the project.
- To identify all potential significant adverse environmental and social impacts of the projects.
- To prepare an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment reports and detailing findings and recommendations where is the ESMP is required.

The Consultant should provide:

- 1. Inception Report including a detailed work plan;
- 2. Environmental and Social Screening Checklist for each construction site;
- 3. Photos' of the construction site (minimum 6-8 photos')
- 4. The overall a final report on the results of the work performed.

## Description of environmental and social baseline

The Consultant is required to collect, collate and present baseline information on the environmental and social characteristics of the existing situation around each facility. This description should involve but not limited to:

1. Physical environment (topography, land cover, geology, climate and meteorology air quality, hydrology, etc.)
2. Biological environment (i.e., flora and fauna types and diversity, endangered species, sensitive habitats etc.)
3. Social and cultural environment, including present and projected. Where appropriate (i.e., population, land use, planned development activities, community social structure, employment and labor market, sources and distribution of income, cultural/religious sites and properties, vulnerable groups and indigenous populations etc.)
4. Economic activities, agriculture, livestock, fisheries, small scale industries etc.

## Legislative and Regulatory Framework

The Consultant shall identify and describe the pertinent regulations and standards - both local and international, governing the environmental quality, health and safety, protection of sensitive areas, land use control at the national and local levels and ecological and socio-economic issues.

## Determination of impacts of project facilities and activities

From the detailed field study, the Consultant shall analyze and describe all significant changes brought about by each facility/activity. These would encompass environmental and social impacts, both positive and negative, as a result of each facility/activity intervention that are likely to bring about changes in the baseline environmental and social conditions.

## Study Reports

The output will be an Environmental and Social report prepared in accordance with field study and screening checklist of the construction site. The Screening checklists and reports shall be in Uzbek and Russian languages

and if needed in English (if required) and be clear and concise.

### **Required Qualification and Experience of Key Experts**

The Consultant should have adequate experience in environmental and social assessments. At least 3 years of experience as environmental and social specialist. The Consultant may involve other specialists with adequate number of field staff. The involved specialists should have experience in the projects financed by International Financial Institutes such as IsDB, WB, AIIB, EBRD and etc.

### **Deliverables and Timelines**

All Screening checklists and reports must be submitted to the PMU in an electronic and original paper files. The reports will also be provided to the IsDB by the PMU. In case if the IsDB or PMU provides any comments on the submitted Screening checklists and reports, the Consultant must finalize the reports in accordance with the submitted comments. After receiving comments from the IsDB or PMU the Consultant undertakes to make changes or justify within 7 working days.

### **METHODOLOGY**

The Client will provide the Guidance for filling out the Environmental and Social risk screening tool. The Consultant shall strictly follow the instructions given in the manual Guidance for filling out the Environmental and Social risk screening tool.