



Expression of Interest (EOI)

Title of Consulting Services:

Individual Consultant Selection for
Financial Management Specialist

Method of Consulting Service: National

Project Name: Baseline Study of Resilient High Value Agricultural Programme

EOI: RHVAP/PCO/ICS/CS/05/082/83

Office Name: Resilient High Value Agricultural Programme (R-HVAP), Programme Coordination Office (PCO)

Office Address: Kirtipur, Kathmandu

Financing Agency: International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)/Loan and Government of Nepal (GoN)

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A. *Request for Expression of Interest*

Government of Nepal
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
Resilient High Value Agricultural Programme (R-HVAP)
Programme Coordination Office (PCO)
Kirtipur, Kathmandu

Date: 16th March, 2026

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Name of the Donor Agency: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Donor Loan/Credit/Grant No.: Loan/2000005017

1. Government of Nepal (GoN) has *received* a *loan* from International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) *toward the cost of* Resilient High Value Agricultural Programme (R-HVAP) and intends to apply a portion of this *loan* to eligible payments under the Contract for which this Expression of Interest (EOI) (RHVAP/PCO/ICS/CS/05/082/83) is invited for individual consulting services.
2. The **R-HVAP, PCO (Client)** now invites EOI from eligible individuals (“Consultant”) to provide the following consulting services: **Financial Management Specialist**.
3. Interested eligible consultants may obtain further information and EOI document by visiting the Client’s website <https://rhvap.moald.gov.np/>.
4. EOI shall be submitted personally at R-HVAP, PCO Kirtipur, Kathmandu before 31st March, 2026, at 12:00 hours.
5. In case the last date of submission of the EOI documents happens to be a holiday, the next working day will be deemed as the due date but the time will be the same as stipulated.
6. EOI will be assessed based on Academic Qualification 25%, Experience 60%, and technical competency 15%. Based on evaluation of EOI, only the highest-ranked individual consultant shall be invited to submit a combined technical and financial proposal (RFP).
7. Minimum score to pass the EOI is 70.


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B. Instructions for submission of EOI

1. This EOI is open to qualified Nepali individuals.
2. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (*Academic qualification, General and specific experiences with description of assignments of similar nature completed in the last 7 years and their location, and documents to demonstrate the technical competency*).
3. The assignment has been scheduled for 3 months (Baishak to Ashad, 2083). The annual contract can be extendable up to end of Programme subject to conditions given in ToR.
4. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection (*ICS*) method.
5. EOI should contain following information:
 - (i) A covering letter addressed to the Client duly signed by authorized signatory.
 - (ii) Applicants shall provide the following document:
 - ***Letter of Application***
 - ***Detailed CV of the Consultant***
 - ***Supporting documents***
6. Applicants may submit additional information with their application, but shortlisting will be based on the evaluation of information requested and included in the formats provided in the EOI document.
7. The completed EOI document must be submitted on or before the date and address mentioned in the ***“Request for Expression of Interest (EOI).”*** In case the submission falls on public holiday the submission can be made on the next working day. Any EOI document received after the closing time for submission of interest shall not be considered for evaluation.


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Terms of Reference (TOR)

Financial Management Specialist of R-HVAP, PCO

1. Client

The client for this assignment is Resilient High Value Agricultural Programme (R-HVAP), Programme Coordination Office (PCO), Kirtipur, Kathmandu.

2. Background of the project

R-HVAP, designed and developed by GoN and IFAD, as a foundation building initiative that establishes the necessary capacity, service provision, infrastructure, enabling policy and regulatory frameworks for initiating the transition towards self-reliant agroecological farming systems that will produce a range of commodities for domestic and export markets. It is based on a stratified approach to target poor smallholder farmers, Producer Organizations (POs), and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) while ensuring the participation of women and youths. R-HVAP is being implemented for eight years, from the fiscal year (FY) 2081/82 to 2089/90 B.S.

Programme implementation area: The programme will cover three provinces in Western Nepal: Lumbini, Karnali, and Sudurpashchim and operate in 81 Municipalities (Palikas) including Semlar Regional Agriculture Wholesale Market area. The provinces have been selected based on the highest incidence of multi-dimensional poverty, impacts of COVID-19 on rural livelihoods, location of the Semlar Regional Agriculture Wholesale Market for national and international distribution, and a landscape perspective to facilitate the building of an agroecological foodshed. The list of provinces, districts and palikas are given below:

S.N.	Provinces	Districts	Palikas	S. N.	Provinces	Districts	Palikas
1	Karnali	Dailekh	Aathabis	42			Musikot
2			Bhagawatimai	43			Satyawati
3			Bhairabi	44			Mathagadhi
4			Mahabu	45			Purbakhola
5		Jajarkot	Junichande	46			Rambha
6			Nalagad	47			Rampur
7			Shiwalaya	48			Ayirabati
8		Jumla	Chandannath	49			Gaumukhi
9			Hima	50			Jhimruk
10			Kanakasundari	51			Mallarani
11			Patrasi	52			Mandavi
12			Sinja	53			Sarumarani
13			Tila	54			Lungri
14		Kalikot	Raskot	55			Madi
15			Sanni Tribeni	56			Pariwartan

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S.N.	Provinces	Districts	Palikas	S. N.	Provinces	Districts	Palikas			
16	Sudur-pashchim	Mugu	Tilagufa	57	Sudur-pashchim	Rukum West	Runtigadi			
17			Khatyad	58			Sukidaha (Gangadev)			
18			Aathbiskot	59			Suwarnabati (Sunilsmriti)			
19			Banfikut	60			Tribeni			
20			Sani Bheri	61			Bhume			
21			Salyan	Bagchaur			62	Rukum east	Putha Uttar ganga	
22				Bangad Kupinde			63		Sisne	
23				Chhatreshwori			64		Rupandehi*	Butwal (Semlar Market)
24				Darma			B	Sub-total	8 districts	32 Palikas
25				Kalimati			65	Accham	Dhakari	
26		Siddha Kumakha		66		Kamalbazar				
27		Surkhet		Barahtal		67	Mellekh			
28			Chaukune	68		Turmakhad				
29			Chingad	69		Baitadi	Purchaudi			
30			Gurbhakot	70			Sigas			
31			Lekbeshi	71		Bajhang	Bithadchir			
32			Panchpuri	72			Bungal			
A			Sub-total	8 districts			32 Palikas		73	Chabispathivera
33		Lumbini	Arghakan chi	Bhumekasthan			74		Durgathali	
34				Chhatradev		75	Kedarseu			
35				Malarani		76	Thalara			
36	Dang		Banglachuli	77	Dadeldhura	Ajaymeru				
37	Gulmi		Chandrakot	78		Nawadurga				
38			Chatrakot	79	Doti	Badikedar				
39			Dhurkot	80		Bogtan				
40			Isma	81		Joroyal				
41			Madane	C	Sub-total	5 districts	18 Palikas			
					Total (A+B+C)	21 districts	81 Palikas			

Programme beneficiaries: R-HVAP is estimated to support 60,000 Households (HHs) or 258,000 individuals. Of these, 45,000 HHs will benefit from market-oriented agroecological production packages, and 15,000 HHs will benefit from capacity building and extension services, demonstration farms, market and service linkages and from public infrastructures.

The primary beneficiaries of the programme will be poor smallholder HHs engaged in mixed farming systems and deriving most of their income from agricultural production at different scales: subsistence, semi-commercial, and commercial. Women-headed HHs, women farmers, youth (including returnee

migrants) and minority communities (Dalits and Janajatis/ Indigenous people) will be prioritized. Women will constitute at least 50% of the total programme participants and youth 40%.

Programme components

R-HVAP features four complementary and interlinked components.

(i) **Component 1: Enhanced capacities for transitioning to market oriented agroecological production systems.**

Sub-Component 1.1 Decentralized agroecological planning and coordination: The programme will support formulating 5-Year Palika Agroecological Plans (PAPs) for 80 Palikas via local planning, facilitated by Provincial Programme Management Offices (PMOs) and Corridor Offices (COs). PAPs will identify potential participants, high-value agroecological commodities, farm best practices, market demands, compliance standards, enterprise opportunities, and infrastructure needs. Priorities eligible for R-HVAP financing will be consolidated with the annual local planning process to leverage municipal co-financing and integrate into municipal development plans.

Sub-Component 1.2 Knowledge and capacity for establishing agroecological farming: R-HVAP will leverage existing sustainable agriculture knowledge by upgrading resources and disseminating practices via Training of Trainers (ToT) for Officers, Agriculture Technicians (ATs) and Community Mobilisers (CMs) along with ATs of palika. It will establish 80 agroecological demo farms with lead farmers (LFs), combined with technical training, Financial Education & Business Literacy (FEBL), and Gender Action Learning System (GALS) to empower women and enhance HHs skills. The sub-component includes 60 youth agroecology apprenticeships and Farmer-to-Farmer exchanges to build a community-of-practice. Participatory research will monitor ecological/economic/social impacts of market-oriented agroecology.

Sub-Component 1.3 Market oriented agroecological production expanded: In this component, the programme will support at least 1,600 POs, representing approximately 45,000 farmers (including Agriculture Sector Development Programme-ASDP/Adaptation for Smallholders in Hilly Areas Project-ASHA participants). Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSPs) will link POs with MSMEs and buyers via prioritized Business-to-Business (B2B) and Business-to-Service (B2S) linkages, leveraging private sector market intelligence for planning and investment decisions. Guided by PAPs, R-HVAP will co-finance POs capacity building and farm-level investments in agroecological practices for identified production packages. Special co-financing packages will be made available for ultra-poor and poor HHs through inclusion fund while all categories of participants will be encouraged to acquire loans from cooperatives and financial institutions including support from IFAD's Value chains for Inclusive Transformation of Agriculture (VITA) programme.

Sub-Component 1.4 MSME ecosystem for agricultural service market strengthened: The programme will mobilize PMO expertise to develop MSME services supporting agroecological value chains. Co-investment will target decentralized bio-input production units and post-harvest value-


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addition services through different provisions. Supported MSMEs must serve R-HVAP beneficiaries proportionally, initially reaching 25,000 HHs, with scaling strategies for broader outreach. Additionally, youth initiatives include Agri-TVET skills training (400 youths) and business incubation for enterprise development (300 youths).

(ii) Component 2: Improved access to climate resilient productive infrastructure.

R-HVAP will fund infrastructure to complement production activities supported through co-investments under Sub-component 1.1. Under the PAP process, climate resilient infrastructure for smallholders and POs will be identified and selected. These will include: (i) water related systems such as small-scale irrigation schemes, water storage facilities, multi-use water systems (MUS) etc.; (ii) collection points and storage facilities for efficient commodity aggregation; and (iii) post-harvest primary processing facilities. All infrastructure interventions will be synergetic with other programme interventions and include operations and maintenance measures. Renewable Energy Technologies (RETs) will be supported for lift irrigation, primary processing and postharvest handling activities.

(iii) Component 3: Improved wholesale aggregation and distribution of agroecological commodities for domestic and export markets.

R-HVAP will support the first phase of the construction of the Semlar Regional Agriculture Wholesale Market in Butwal Sub-Metropolitan City, Lumbini province. The proposed market will facilitate the aggregation of commodities from a large catchment area, targeting R-HVAP supported POs, for improving distribution of agroecological commodities to both domestic and export markets.

(iv) Component 4: Strengthened policies, regulations and institutions for smallholder agroecological production and trade.

R-HVAP will work to establish and strengthen enabling policies, regulations and other supporting frameworks for profitable smallholder agroecological production, facilitated by participating institutions and communities. In addition, to support export of agricultural produce, the programme will establish certification systems, enhance the capacity for compliance with Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures, support trade facilitation and negotiations, and participate in international trade events, and ethical and bio-trade fairs.

Programme expected outcomes and indicators

- (i) Enhanced capacities for transitioning to market-oriented agroecological production systems
- There will be an increase in HHs satisfaction with programme-supported services.
 - HHs will increasingly influence decision-making of local authorities and service providers.
 - There will be an increase in new jobs and employment opportunities for rural people.
 - Rural enterprises will experience an increase in profit.
 - Rural Producer Organizations (POs) will experience an increase in sales.

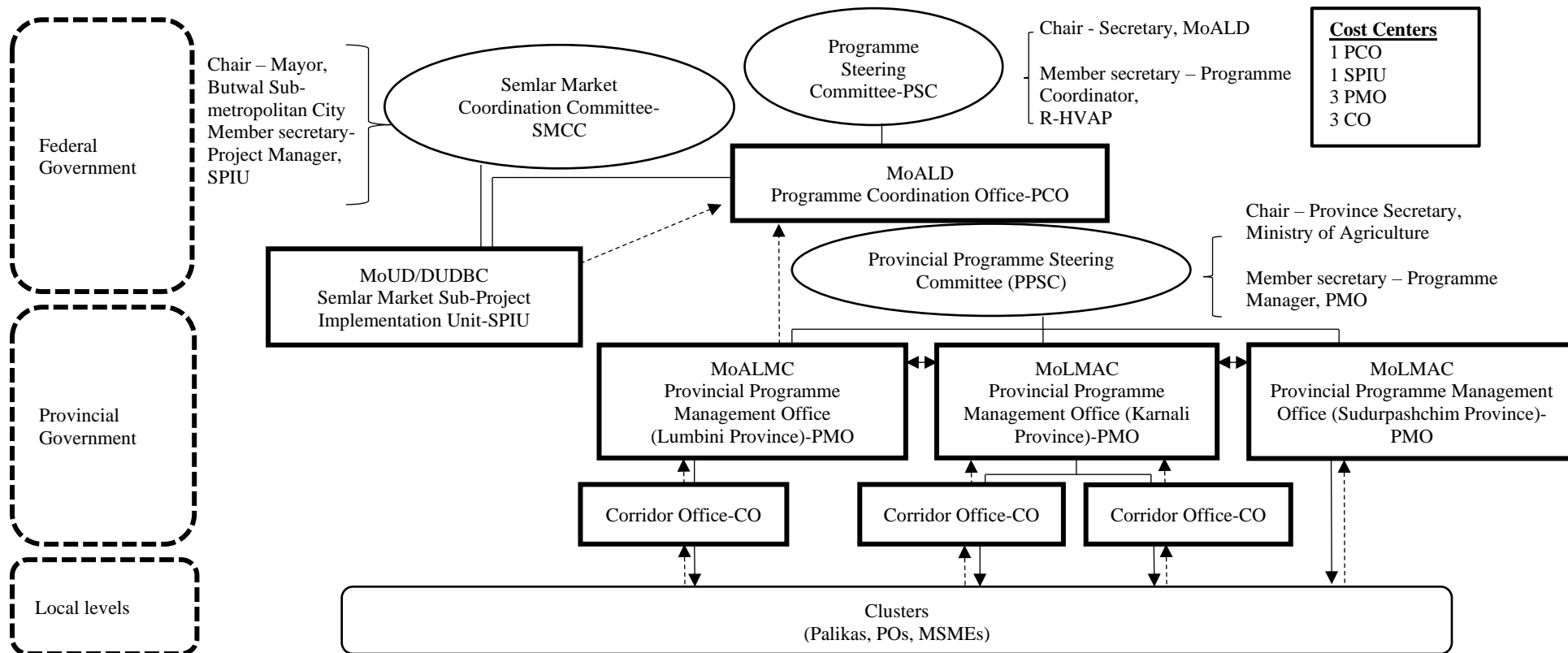

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- There will be an increase in adoption of environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient technologies and practices.
 - HHs will increasingly diversify their production towards market-oriented commodities.
 - There will be an increase in private sector investment in priority value chains.
 - Palika Agroecological Plans (PAPs) will be formulated.
 - There will be increase in market oriented agroecological extension service providers.
 - There will be increase in HHs facilitated in establishing market and service linkages with traders and service providers.
 - Participatory agroecological research framework will be developed and implemented with programme participants.
 - There will be increase in persons trained in income-generating activities or business management.
 - More land will be brought under climate-resilient management.
 - Numbers of MSMEs with bio-inputs tools, post-harvest processing and supported with chain-of-custody traceability system will be established.
- (ii) Improved access to climate-resilient productive infrastructure
- HHs will report improved physical access to markets, processing and storage facilities.
 - There will be an increase in construction and use of market-led infrastructures.
 - There will be an expansion of irrigated land for climate-resilient production.
 - Local governments will co-finance in PAPs.
- (iii) Improved wholesale aggregation and distribution of agroecological commodities
- A modern wholesale agriculture market will be constructed.
 - There will be an increase in agroecologically produced commodities accessing national and international markets.
- (iv) Strengthened policies, regulations, and institutions for smallholders agroecological production and trade
- There will be approval, ratification or amendment of existing laws, regulations, policies, or strategies.
 - Participation of rural POs and MSMEs in domestic and international trade fairs will increase.

3. Background of the assignment

The implementation arrangements of this programme will be led by MoALD in coordination with the respective Provincial Ministries of Agriculture (Lumbini, Karnali and Sudurpashchim) and the Ministry of Urban Development. Governance structure consists of a Programme steering Committee, Semlar Market Coordination Committee and three Provincial Programme steering Committee. The outline of implementation structure is given below.


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The programme's management structure comprises three key elements: a PCO established at the federal level hosted by the MoALD; one SPIU under DUDBC/MoUD; three PMOs in the Lumbini, Karnali and Sudurpashchim and subsequently, one CO will be established in Lumbini with two COs in Karnali. These COs will host technical staff providing specialized expertise in the required fields of agroecology, agriculture and livestock, engineering, social inclusion and business development.

Programme Coordination Office (PCO)

PCO holds overall responsibility for programme planning, technical guidance, implementation oversight and monitoring/supervision of PMOs and COs. Staffing comprises government-deputed personnel (Programme Coordinator, Deputy Programme Coordinators, Agriculture Officers, Planning Officer, Account Officer, Agriculture Engineer, Admin Assistant and Junior Technician) and contracted staffs.

Semlar Market Sub-Programme Implementation Unit (SPIU)

A SPIU will be established in Butwal Sub-Metropolitan City, Rupandehi District, Lumbini Province for day-to-day supervision of the construction of Semlar market infrastructure. Staffing comprises government-deputed Senior Divisional Engineer from DUDBC serving as Project Manager, supported by technical staff (Engineers, Assistant Engineers), administrative personnel (Account Officer and Admin Assistant) and staffs deputed by MoALD (Agriculture Officer and Agriculture Engineer). This team will be complemented by contracted specialists.

Provincial Programme Management Office (PMO)

PMO will be responsible for delivering the programme services and interventions in the three respective target provinces. Staffing comprises provincial government-deputed personnel (Programme Manager, Planning and Monitoring Officer, Agriculture Officer, Account Officer, Engineer, Admin Assistant and Junior Technician) and contracted staffs.

Corridor Offices (COs)

COs will be established in one district in Lumbini Province and two districts in Karnali Province. Staffing comprises provincial government-deputed personnel (Chief, Junior Technician, Accountant and Admin Assistant) and contracted staffs


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Programme staffing: The MoALD and MoUD will second staff to the PCO and SPIU respectively. Similarly, provincial ministries will second staff to their respective PMOs and COs. The federal and province ministries may revise the organization and management survey as needed during the implementation of programme in consultation with PCO. Similarly,

Based on the recruitment guidelines, specialized experts and programme management staff will be recruited, focusing on PO professionalization, agroecology and MSME development. This staff team will be accountable to the chief of the respective cost center or staff assigned by him/her. The representative organogram of the R-HVAP cost centers is as detailed in figure below,

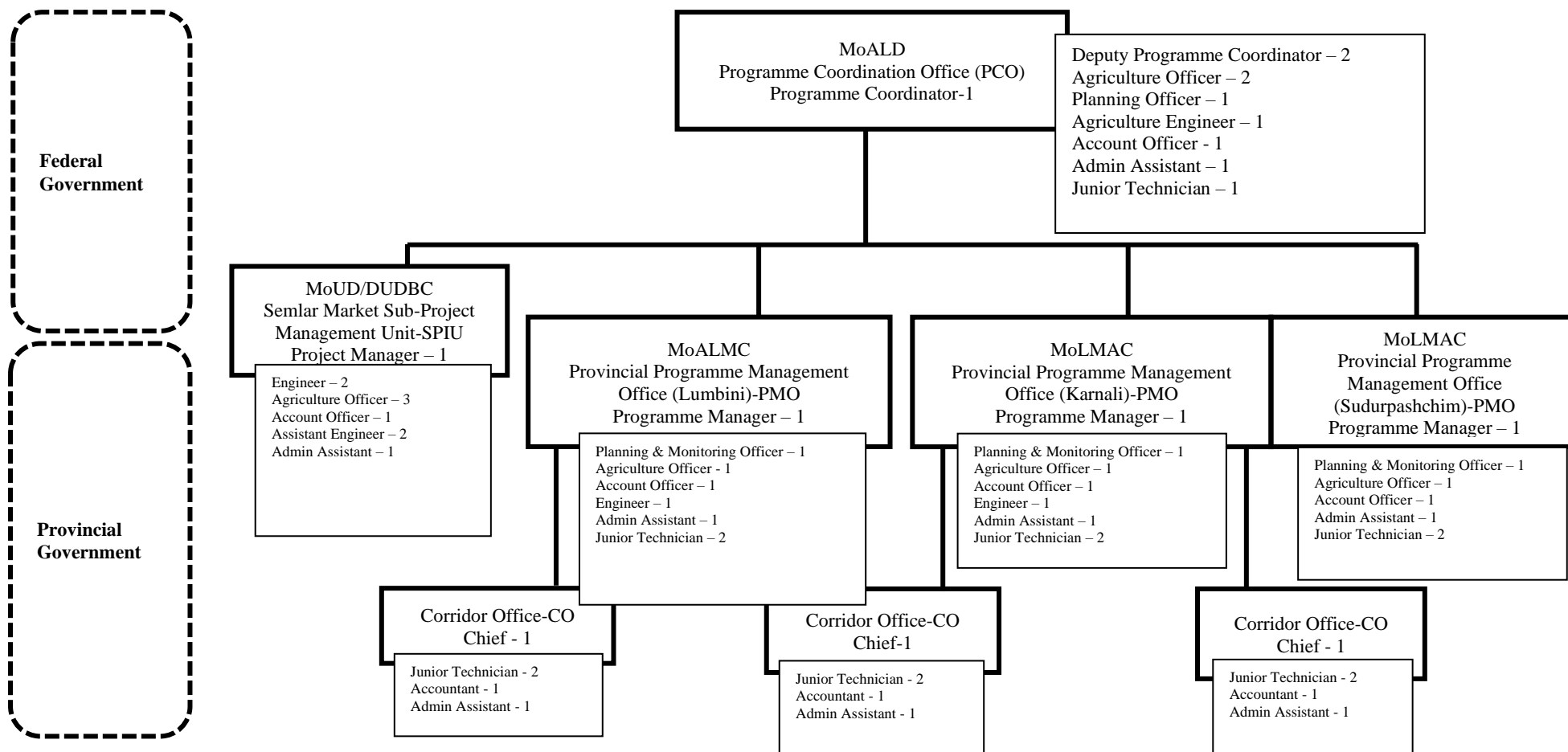

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* Each cost center team will be complimented by contracted staffs.

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The programme intends to hire following staffs through the process of procurement and recruitment for deputation at different cost centres.

S.N.	Position	Number of posts	Level	Remarks
1	PME & KM Coordinator	1	Expert	To be procured by the respective cost centres
2	Financial Management Specialist	1		
3	Procurement Specialist	1		
4	GESI and Targeting Specialist	1		
5	Agroecological Specialist	1		
6	VC & Business Development Specialist	1		
7	Env. & Social Safeguard Specialist	3		
8	ME and KM Specialist	3		
9	Engineer	1	Officer	To be recruited through provisions of recruitment guidelines
10	Rural Finance Officer	3		
11	Community, Farmer and Trader Liaison Officer	3		
12	Agroecology Crop Officer	6		
13	Agroecology Livestock Officer	6		
14	Business Development Officer	6		
15	Procurement Officer	4		
16	Fund and Financial Management Officer	3		
17	POs Strengthening Officer	3		
18	MEAL Officer	3		
19	MIS & Data Management Officer	3		
20	Financial Management Assistant	3		
21	Sub-engineer / Overseer	3		
22	Agricultural Technicians / JT (Plant Science)	21	Assistant	
23	Agricultural Technicians / JT (Animal Science)	19		
24	Asst Sub-engineer / Sub-Overseer	6		
25	Community Mobilizer /JTA level	80		
	Total	185		

4. Objectives of the assignment

The objectives of this assignment are to offer technical support to streamline the financial flow, financial reporting in meeting the standards of both Government of Nepal as well as those of IFAD. Consultant will also be responsible for collection of required financial information, consolidate them, prepare withdrawal applications and Programme financial statements/reports for submission to IFAD for reimbursement. S/he is expected to work closely with the government deputed Accounts Officer and ensure that the seamless flow of Programme resources and timely execution of Programme activities.


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5. Scope of work

Being consistent with Programme Implementation Manual, Financial agreement between Government of Nepal and IFAD, decisions of Programme Steering Committee and suggestions of Implementation support and review missions, the consultant is expected to have expertise in following areas and shall undertake following roles and responsibilities

Area of Expertise
<p>A. Accounting & Financial Reporting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting Standards & Frameworks: Nepal Financial Reporting Standards (NFRS) and Nepal Accounting Standards (NAS), International equivalents (IAS/IFRS) and their application, Fair value measurement, financial instruments recognition, presentation, and disclosure. Case Study Application: Analyzing real-world accounting and auditing scenarios, Prescribing solutions based on standards and best practices. <p>B. Auditing & Assurance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Auditing Standards & Regulations: Prevailing Nepal Auditing Standards, Guidance Notes and Practice Statements. Internal Control & Compliance: Evaluating internal control systems, Risk-based auditing approaches, Due Diligence Audits (DDA) for mergers and acquisitions. <p>C. Financial Laws & Regulations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Legislation: Financial Institutions Act, Company Act, Insolvency Act, Secured Transactions Act, Anti-Money Laundering laws, Foreign Exchange regulations. Insurance laws, Tax laws, Contract laws, Cyber laws, Consumer protection laws, Arbitration laws. <p>D. Financial Sector Management</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Stability & Strategy: Financial Sector Development Strategy (FSDS), Corporate governance in financial institutions. strategic plans and monetary policy: Financial Consolidation & Restructuring, Mergers, acquisitions, and corporate restructuring, Merger negotiations, SWAP ratios, and due diligence. Risk Management: Liquidity, credit, operational, and market risks, BASEL III norms, ICAAP, and stress testing.. Money & Capital Markets <p>E. Financial Management & Corporate Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Managerial Finance: Financial planning, budgeting, and control, Working capital management, Long-term investment decisions under certainty and risk. Capital Structure & Valuation: Cost of capital, dividend policy, capital asset pricing model (CAPM), Capital budgeting techniques: NPV, IRR, payback period.


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3. Corporate Strategy & Planning: Strategic financial planning and capital allocation, Leasing, pricing strategies, and debt financing.

4. Portfolio Management: Portfolio analysis, performance measurement, Efficient market hypothesis, use of derivative securities, Ethical, legal, and professional standards in portfolio management.

F. Economic & Regulatory Environment

1. Nepalese Economic Overview: Key economic indicators, trends, and challenges, Interaction between monetary and fiscal policies.

2. Financial System Structure: Banking and non-banking financial institutions, Current issues and challenges in Nepal’s financial system.

G. Case Study & Problem-Solving

1. Applied Financial Analysis: Real-world problem-solving financial management, Critical analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of financial scenarios, Recommendation formulation based on standards and practices.

Terms of Reference


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- Assist in preparing the AWPB.
- Prepare annual Fund flow plan based on the AWPB.
- Calculate the annual fund requirement for programme activities as per the AWPB.
- Assess the necessary accounting and management report requirements including trial balance, bank reconciliation (cash flow statements) and WA.
- Assist the Account officer for the preparation of Programme expenditure by category, by component and activity and the MIS requirement.
- Maintain essential financial recording, stock management and reporting system as per the PIM.
- Assist the Programme coordinator and the Account Officer in timely WA with supporting documents and sent to IFAD within the agreed time schedules.
- Timely preparation and submission of all programme consolidated reports to relevant offices.
- Facilitate flow of funds in accordance with the approved AWPB in-line with FA.
- Facilitate annual audit by the Auditor General's Office and ensure the submission of audit reports to IFAD.
- Facilitate in the preparation and maintenance of consolidated programme, Log of Audit Observations and Table of Summary Report of Audit Observations on a regular basis for their settlement.
- Assist PCO/SPIU/PMO/CO accountants in the preparation of statements of accounts for regular reporting and auditing, and in the speedy resolution of audit objections and observations (Monthly).
- Ensure collection of timely statements from SPIU/PMO/CO.
- Assists in orientation and necessary training to Admin & Finance Officer and other staff involved in programme financial management.
- Prepare financial reports to be submitted to the GoN and IFAD.
- Ascertain that the activities of cost centers are undertaken as per the normal financial rules and report the discrepancies if any.
- Undertake any other duties as directed by Programme Coordinator

6. Reports and schedule of deliverables

The Consultant shall submit the following reports and deliverables during the contract period. All reports shall be submitted in both hard and soft copies (editable format) and shall be subject to review and approval by the Programme Coordinator.

a. Inception and Financial Management Framework


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Within three month of contract signing, the Specialist shall submit a draft Inception Report outlining the financial management approach, budgeting framework, financial reporting schedule, internal control mechanisms, risk management plan, and compliance checklist aligned with donor and government requirements.

b. Monthly/Quarterly/Half yearly Report

The consultant shall submit the Monthly report of the assigned work as per the ToR and contract at the appropriate format designed by Programme Coordination Office.

c. Annual Report

The consultant shall submit the Monthly report of the assigned work as per the ToR and contract at the appropriate format designed by Programme Coordination Office. Other necessary reports will be submitted by the Consultant as per requirement and tenure duration.

d. Other reports as per programme requirements.

7. Consultant’s qualifications and experience

Minimum qualification:

- a. Master’s degree in Finance, Financial Accounting, Economics, Business Administration or equivalent

Minimum general Experience

- a. At least 7 years experiences related to financial operations in foreign aid funded projects.
- b. Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team and facilitate the working of other team members
- c. Excellent communications skills - spoken and written, both in English and Nepali and possess good report writing skills.

Minimum specific experience:

- a. At least 5 years of experience working with financial operations and contract management positions.
- b. Practical experiences of preparing withdrawal applications, programme financial statements and other periodic financial reports of donor funded project/programme.
- c. Sound Knowledge of Nepalese and International Accounting Standards, MS Office suite including MS Excel and computerized accounting software including ERP software.
- a. Excellent Computer skills with proficiency in Word, Excel, Power Point and data management software (SPSS, STATA etc.)

8. Location and period of execution

The duty station of the consultant will be R-HVAP, PCO office at Kirtipur, Kathmandu with frequent visits to the programme area in Karnali, Lumbini and Sudurpashchim Provinces. A Rolling annual contract will be made with a probation period of six months. The annual contract can be extendable up to end of Programme based annual review, programme planning trajectory, design modifications, joint


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review/ supervision mission’s recommendations or lessons learned during implementation and satisfactory performance of the consultant.

9. Project coordination

R-HVAP, PCO, Kirtipur will be will be responsible for managing the supervision of the consultant and the administration of the contract.

10. Services and facilities to be provided by client

The Client shall provide the Consultant with access to all relevant project documents, reports, policies, data, and background information necessary for the effective implementation of the assignment and coordination with concerned ministries, departments, provincial and local offices, and other stakeholders as required. Subject to availability and without creating any obligation, the Client will provide limited office space, basic office furniture, internet access, and meeting facilities within the project office. All services and facilities provided by the Client shall be limited to the minimum necessary to ensure effective delivery of the assignment, in order to avoid over-dependence and minimize implementation risks.

In case official travel outside the designated duty district is required and approved by the Client, travel allowance and related expenses shall be provided in accordance with the prevailing Government of Nepal norms applicable to the Under Secretary level.

11. Services and facilities to be provided by the consultant

The Consultant shall be required to use his/her own laptop computer and vehicle for the performance of the assignment. However, subject to availability, the office may provide these facilities to the Consultant without creating any obligation on the part of the office.

12. Selection method and criteria

The selection of the Consultant shall be carried out in accordance with the ICS method as prescribed for selection of Individual Consultant in the IFAD Procurement Handbook. The selection process will include the evaluation of CV and relevant supporting documents as per the following criteria

S. N.	Criteria	Weightage
1.	Academic qualification	25%
2.	General Experience	20%
3.	Suitability for the assignment/ relevant Specific Experience	40%
4.	Technical competency	15%
	Total	100%
	Pass score	70%

The experience claims should be supported by valid documentary evidence, such as experience certificates, completion certificates, or other relevant official documents. Any experience claimed


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without adequate supporting evidence shall not be considered for evaluation. Evidence for each completed survey project or assignment must be submitted; otherwise, no marks shall be awarded for the respective claimed experience.

Following evaluation, only the highest-ranked individual consultant shall be invited to submit a combined technical and financial proposal. The proposal shall be subject to negotiation to finalize the scope, methodology, deliverables, and remuneration. If negotiations with the selected consultant fail to result in an agreement, the Procuring Entity may invite the second-ranked candidate for negotiation.

The final selection shall be based on the qualifications and experience of the consultant, ensuring value for money, transparency, fairness, and compliance with IFAD procurement principles.


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