**Report on decision of Implementing Entities (IEs) Selection**

**Under Extended Community Climate Change Project-Flood**

**(ECCCP-Flood)**

PKSF has designed the “Extended Community Climate Change Project- Flood (ECCCP-Flood)” to increase the resilience of the poor, marginalized and climate-vulnerable communities towards the adverse effects of climate change in flood-prone areas of Bangladesh with of Green Climate Fund (GCF). The project has been contributing to achieve three impact areas of the GCF i.e. 1) increased resilience and enhanced livelihoods of the most vulnerable people, communities and regions; 2) increased resilience of health & well-being, and food and water security and 3) Increased resilience of infrastructure and the built environment to climate change. Major adaptation activities that have been implementing at the community levels in the flood-affected areas are: cluster-based homestead plinth raises, reconstruction of resilient houses on raised plinths, construction of climate-resilient sanitary latrines, installation of tube wells, goat/sheep rearing in slatted houses, climate-resilient crop cultivation etc.

The ECCCP-Flood project will strengthen the adaptation capacity and increase the resilience of marginalized communities in 5 flood-prone districts (Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Gaibandha, and Jamalpur). The districts have been selected based on two criteria i.e. intensity and frequency of flood and density of poverty. Two lac people are expected to be benefitted from the project. The major activities of the project include raising homestead plinths, cultivating flood-resilient crops, installing tube-wells and flood-resilient sanitary latrines, livestock rearing, etc. The ECCCP-Flood project will provide significant co-benefits - such as improved health, food security, gender equality, women’s security, etc. that can help to adapt to the impacts of climate change and contribute to the green recovery.

PKSF always implements its projects through its partner organizations, which it selects through PKSF’s procurement policies and procedures. All these organizations are pre-qualified and enlisted through a transparent and fair technical procedure. The PKSF along with its Implementing Entities will implement the ECCCP-Flood project. PKSF has already developed credential development organizations at the grassroots level for poverty reduction through people-centered equitable and sustainable development. Currently, PKSF has 278 partner organizations throughout the country. This organization has long experience in various development activities including climate change and disaster management issues. Mobilization of poor people and provision of necessary training with appropriate financial supports have the initial and continuous interventions of these organizations.

The goal of the project is to increase the resilience of the poor, marginalized and climate-vulnerable communities towards the adverse effects of climate change in flood-prone areas of Bangladesh.

***Implementing Entity Selection***

A meeting of the Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) for selecting Implementing Entities (IEs) under Extended Community Climate Change Project-Flood (ECCCP-Flood) was held on June 15, 2020. The Chair of the Committee, Mr. Md. Fazlul Kader, Deputy Managing Director of PKSF presided over the meeting. The other members of the committee were Dr. Fazle Rabbi Sadeque Ahmed, Director (Environment and Climate Change); Dr. Akond Mohmmad Rafiqul Islam, Senior General Manager (Programme); Mr. Md. Abu Nashir Khan, Assistant General Manager and Mr. K.M. Marufuzzaman, Manager (Environment and Climate Change).

The Director (Environment and Climate Change) Dr. Fazle Rabbi Sadeque Ahmed explained the details of the appraisal process. He said that an ‘Expression of Interest (EoI)’ was published in four national dailies on 20 May, 2020 for selecting the implementing entities for the project (sample of paper cutting is attached). 29 Partner Organisations (POs) of PKSF submitted the EoI. The EoIs were evaluated based on criteria as per ‘schedule 3: project implementation framework’ of the Funded Activity Agreement (FAA) signed between the GCF and PKSF. These are:

1. Permanent existence of the organization in the Project Area;
2. At least five years of experience in implementing climate change related projects or programmes;
3. A good track record of financial transactions (At least 10 million Bangladeshi Taka (BDT 1 crore) annually for the last three (3) years);
4. To qualify for the selection process, the PO must be extraordinary, excellent or good based on the existing criteria of PKSF;
5. Valid legal documents such as registration, certificate of constitutions, approved executive committee list.
6. Other factors to be considered: financial efficiency, economic efficiency, operational efficiency, growth indicators, financial strength & risk management, accounting & internal control system, social performance, human capacity and governance. Each of the criteria has several indicators to assess performance.

The PEC opined that criteria i-v are must required criteria and the absence of any of them makes the organization ineligible. After considering the criteria (i-v), 13 EoIs were found eligible for implementing this project. Considering the criteria vi (financial efficiency, economic efficiency, operational efficiency, growth indicators, financial strength & risk management, accounting & internal control system, social performance, human capacity and governance) the 13 organizations are as follows:

1. Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO
2. National Development Programme (NDP)
3. Society for Social Services (SSS)
4. TMSS
5. Padakhep Manabik Unnayan Kendra (PMUK)
6. NAZIR (Natun Zibon Rochi)
7. Palli Shishu Foundation of Bangladesh
8. People's Oriented Program Implementation (POPI)
9. Village Education Resource Center (VERC)
10. Gram Bikash Kendra (GBK)
11. DAM Foundation
12. Self-Help And Rehabilitation Programme (SHARP)
13. RDRS-Bangladesh

Evaluating the submitted proposals by the GCF's approved criteria (i.e., Schedule 3 of the Activities Implementation Agreement), 13 organizations were initially found qualified. As per agreement with GCF, PKSF will select ten partners for the implementation of the project. Out of initially set 13 organizations, 04 (Palli Shishu Foundation of Bangladesh, Village Education Resource Center (VERC), DAM Foundation and RDRS-Bangladesh) were deemed ineligible due to lack of loan activities and minimal field presence in the proposed work area. After a detailed discussion and review, the committee confirmed the remaining nine implementing entities are supposed to implement the project at the field level. Thus, the committee has selected the top 09 scorers. These are:

1. Eco-Social Development Oranization (ESDO).
2. National Development Programme (NDP)
3. Society for Social Service (SSS)
4. Thengamar Mohila Sobuj Sangha (TMSS)
5. NAZIR ( Notun Zibon Rochi)
6. Padekkhep Manabik Unnayan Kendra (PMUK)
7. Gram Bikash Kendra (GBK)
8. Self-Help and Rehabilitation Programme (SHARP)
9. Peoples Oriented Programme Implementation (POPI).