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Subject: Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Selection of a Consulting Firm to Conduct 'End-Project Impact Studies' under RMTP of PKSF.

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) is an apex development organization established by the Government of Bangladesh in 1990 for poverty alleviation through employment creation. Since its inception, PKSF has been implementing various development programs and projects through its partner organizations (POs) all over Bangladesh. Currently, PKSF is implementing a six-year project titled 'Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP)' from January 2020. The project's goal is to increase the income, food security and nutrition of marginal and small farmers and microentrepreneurs across selected value chains. The development objective of the project is the sustainable growth of selected rural commodity value chains with comparative advantage, market demand, growth potential, and backward linkages to small farmers and microentrepreneurs.

The project has three components; 1) Value Chain Enhancement, 2) Financial Services, and 3) Institutional Strengthening and Project Management. Under the component 3, the project will conduct end-project impact studies. This study will measure the project performance against the log-frame of the project.

Objective of the End-Project Impact Studies

The main objective of the Studies is to measure project performance by comparing findings of the baseline Studies against some specific indicators. The Studies will analyze indicators related to profitability, suitability, adaptiveness, limitations, shortcomings of respective value chain interventions/activities as well as for financial services (microenterprise loan and special ME loan) and provide suggestions, recommendations, way forwards for respective value chain interventions/activities as well as for financial services (microenterprise loan and special ME loan) and other activities/interventions.

It can mention that the baseline Studies was conducted in 2021at the beginning of the project. The report of the project's baseline Studies will be provided by the Project Management Unit (PMU).

Specific Objectives of the End-Project Impact Studies

The specific objectives of the End-Project Impact Studies are to:

- To measure the progress of each of log frame output and outcome level indicators.
- To measure the effectiveness of Value Chain Interventions/activities in terms of with **b**) respective value chain suitability, adaptiveness, profitability,
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interventions/activities as well as for financial services (microenterprise loan and special ME loan) and suggestions, recommendations, way forwards for respective value chain sub-projects interventions/activities as well as for financial services (microenterprise loan and special ME loan)

- c) To measure the limitations/shortcomings of value chain interventions/activities of value chain interventions/activities as well as for financial services (microenterprise loan and special ME loan)
- d) To provide suggestions, recommendations and way forwards for the future value chain interventions/activities as well as for financial services (microenterprise loan and special ME loan).

Necessary Information:

01	Agency	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)	
02	Name of Procuring Entity	Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin, Additional Managing Director	
03	Title of Service	Selection of a Consulting Firm to Conduct 'End-Project Impact Studies' under RMTP of PKSF	
04	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka	
05	Expression of Interest (EOI) for	Selection of a Consulting Firm to Conduct 'End-Project Impact Studies' under RMTP of PKSF	
06	EOI Ref. No.	53.23.0000.001.03.037.25-2353	
07	Package No.	PKSF/RMTP(2024-25)/SD-17	
Key	Information		
08	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)	
Func	ling Information		
09	Budget & Source of Fund	PKSF and IFAD	
10	Development Partner	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	
Parti	cular Information		
11	Name of the Program	Selection of a Consulting Firm to Conduct 'End-Project Impact Studies' under RMTP of PKSF	
12	EOI Submission	EoI, in two sets (1 original & 1 duplicates) each with supporting documents, must be submitted (using shortlisting questionnaire with attached formats) in sealed envelope at the PKSF Bhaban, Plot: E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla	

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		Nagar, Dhaka-1207 directly or by marked on the envelope: Selectio Conduct 'End-Project Impact Studi	n of a Consulting Firm to es' under RMTP of PKSF
13	EoI Closing Date & Time	Date: 8th May 2025	Time: 2:30 pm
Info	rmation for the Applicant		
14	Brief Description of Assignment	In line with the objectives set forth, the areas covered by the baselin Impact Studies will include the results. The Studies should cover baseline Studies of the project. It additional indicators which are requesults (log frame, other output designing and End-Project studies should have to follow the branding and DANIDA. The comparisons an Studies, and End-Project Impact changes in different log frame indicators should be report should also contain some understanding of qualitative change during the project period. The report should be in such a way that it is accessible IFAD and other stakeholders. The have the reflections of the comofficials on the draft report. The reformance of respondents with their contact do The consulting firm will also organ Studies result-sharing event outs involve journalists, sector-related of from relevant ministries, university. The Studies must have to take compare the results of treatment grants.	respondents of the baseline of all indicators used in the The Studies should include uired to measure the project its and outcome). During report, the consulting firm g guideline of PKSF, IFAD and information of baseline to Studies highlighting the dicators and other long and included in the report. The case studies to provide an est of the project participants out may also contain various changes for the project written in plain English and to non-specialists including the End-Project report should ments made by the PKSF report should include the list estails and geolocations. The stakeholders, representatives to teachers and researchers. Control group and should

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Data Confidentiality and Privacy: PKSF will be the sole proprietor of all data and information collected under the study. The raw data collected under this study should not be shared with or used by any other person or organization without the written consent of PKSF.

Structure of the Report: Report of the End-Project Impact Studies should contain at least the Log frame update, Executive Summary, Methodology, Findings table, analysis along with Qualitative analysis, lessons interpretations, recommendation, Annexes (the questionnaires and others as required). Moreover the 'Findings table, analysis along with interpretations' chapter should be divided in three parts according to the components of the project. The components are Value Chain Enhancement; Financial Services and Institutional Strengthening and Project Management. All these chapters should be written according to the logframe indicators specified in the project logfrmae. Besides the logframe indicators, these three chapters should reflect the profitability, suitability, adaptiveness, limitations and shortcomings of project interventions for these three components. The consulting firm may add additional chapters to improve the quality of the report.

IFAD has main three cross-cutting issues which also should be considered with as an integral part of this Studies. All the findings to cover logframe and other indicators also should also be analyzed on the basis of these three cross cutting issues where is applicable. Those three-cross cutting issues are **Nutrition**, **Gender & Youth** and **Environment & Climate** related issues. Moreover, the consulting firm should provide three different chapters in the End-Project Impact Studies to identify and describe the project impact on **Nutrition**, **Gender & Youth** and **Environment & Climate** issues. The consulting firm will describe those chapters in light of standard indicators used in IFAD's relevant documents, widely accepted indicators to measure those cross-cutting issues and project core documents. This is why this ToR has included three positions of

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		Nutrition, Gender and Environment Specialist in the team composition. The consulting firm should read Nutrition, Gender & Youth and Environment related documents and guidelines of IFAD. From those documents the consulting firm will have a clear guidance on these issues of IFAD. The consulting firm will also have to read the Project Design Report (PDR) to understand the whole project as well as the cross-cutting issues and RMTP's position in these regards of cross-cutting issues. Details are described in
15	Qualification & Experiences	the Terms of Reference (ToR). a. The consulting firm should have minimum 10 years of experience in conducting a variety of quantitative and qualitative surveys and studies specially baseline, mid-term and final impact studies of different development projects. b. Income tax assessment certificate/acknowledgement certificate; Trade license; VAT certificate; and Registration certificate; c. a financial audit report of at least last three years; d. List of organizational committee members/board of directors; e. Required logistics (such as: computers, printers, photocopiers, physical office, communication etc.); f. List of existing senior management and assignment related professional manpower; g. A brief description regarding the most expertise areas during especially related to this assignment; h. List of ongoing assignments/studies; i. The consulting firm should have the study related necessary permanent experts. However, qualified consultants required for this study can be hired from outside of the organization on a contract basis. The consultants to be employed have to fulfil the applicable conditions of part B, C and D of schedule 9 of the Public Procurement Rules-2008 of the Government of Bangladesh. j. In case of Joint Venture, must have a legal agreement among the firms where the name of the leading firm need to be mentioned. Lead firm needs to fulfil all above conditions.



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16	Documents should be submitted along with EOI	 a) Profile of the firm (including Name, Address, Telephone/cell, Fax, Email, Website etc) b) List of logistics (such as: computers, printers, photocopiers, etc.) c) Office space d) Copy of updated certificate of income tax and value added tax, income tax assessment certificate/acknowledgement certificate. e) Copy of valid Registration certificate and Trade license f) Copy of bank solvency certificate along with last 3 months financial transaction statement from the EOI submission date g) Financial audit report of at least last three years.
17	Association with foreign firms	Not Encourage
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Proc	uring Entity Details	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
18	Name and Designation of the Official Inviting EOI	Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin, Additional Managing Director & Procuring Entity, PKSF
19	Address and contact details of official inviting EOI	PKSF Bhaban, Plot: E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Phone No.: 880-02222218331-33, 02222218335-39 Email: jashim@pksf.org.bd

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