

**TA-9738 IND: Strengthening Capacity to Design and Implement Water and Rural Infrastructure Facility - HDTLCP Economic and Financial Feasibility Specialist (53145-001)**

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**Terms of Reference (Individual Consultant)**

Expertise	<b>Economic and Financial Analysis</b>	Consultant Source	<b>National</b>
Expertise Group	<b>Economics/Financial Analysis</b>	TOR Keywords	<b>Economic and Financial Analysis, Eco Tourism. Rural Livelihood</b>

**Objective and Purpose of the Assignment**

ADB is supporting the Government of Uttarakhand with the Holistic Development of Tehri Lake & its Catchment Project (PPR ID 11606). The project seeks loan assistances from two multilateral development banks, namely the New Development Bank (NDB, \$75.7 million) and ADB (\$127.3 million). The components posed to ADB in 2022 focus on integrated tourism cluster development around Tehri Lake. Tourism in India is growing rapidly contributing 9.2% of India's gross domestic product and supported 8.1% of its total employment before the COVID-19 pandemic. International and domestic travel is expected to recover from the pandemic decline, tourism development has a great importance to sustain local economy and livelihoods. Tehri Lake was created after construction of the Tehri Dam was completed in 2006. Chief Minister of Uttarakhand announced development of Tehri Lake Region as a new international tourist destination in 2011, and the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) prepared the Perspective Plan for Tehri Lake Area in 2016. The proposed project will support comprehensive and sustainable development of Tehri Lake and its catchment area comprising 156 villages and a 60,000 population.

The project's tentative outcome will be tourism attractiveness and environmental conditions in Tehri Lake and its catchment area improved. Expected tentative outputs of the projects are:

- (i) Infrastructure and institutional capacity for sustainable tourism development enhanced. This output will create six thematic tourism clusters around Tehri Lake.
- (ii) Environmental sustainability and climate change adaptation of Tehri Lake catchment area enhanced. This output will mitigate increased footprint from tourism, economic, and residential activities and will enhance reduce vulnerability of the residents and visitors.
- (iii) Livelihood and cultural value enhanced and demonstrated. This output will enhance livelihood of residents, especially women and other vulnerable population, who lost their main source of livelihood from the dam construction.

ADB fielded a consultation mission during 19–23 September 2022 to discuss the project processing requirements and milestones with the UTDB. The results of the discussions were recorded as aide memoire (to be shared with selected consultants). In the mission, it was agreed that ADB will engage a team of the following consultants to conduct upstream work at the pre-concept stage utilizing an ongoing technical assistance—TA 6910-IND: Supporting Institutional Knowledge Development and Capacity Building for Planning of Innovative and Sustainable Projects and Programs—as part of Output 1 of the TA. The team is expected to prepare a high-impact project with strategic and cross-sector development significance and will also assist the executing agency, UTDB, in early-stage conceptualization through analytical studies for developing the loan project. The upstream work consulting team will comprise:

- (a) Tourism destination development specialist (international, 44 working days, intermittent);
- (b) Rural infrastructure specialist (national, 44 working days, intermittent);
- (c) Economic and financial feasibility specialist (national, 33 working days, intermittent);
- (d) Public-private partnership specialist (national, 22 working days, intermittent);
- (e) Climate change and environment specialist (national, 33 working days, intermittent); and
- (f) Livelihood enhancement, gender, and social specialist (national, 33 working days, intermittent).

**Scope of Work**

The executing agency, UTDB is proposing the Holistic Development of Tehri Lake & its Catchment Project with various subproject components in six clusters comprising; (i) water adventure and dam learning cluster in Koti, (ii) rural and eco-tourism cluster in Tiwargaon, (iii) cultural gateway cluster in Dobra Chanti, (iv) commercial and information cluster in New Tehri, (v) organic and historic cluster in Madanegi, and (vi) comprehensive Tehri Lake cluster. These subprojects are at the mixed stages of maturity, viability/feasibility, and readiness; and require further screening and enhancement in terms of (i) technical, economic, and financial soundness; (ii) suitability for ADB's sovereign financing in view of ADB's priorities in Strategy 2030, climate change and food security financing, Sustainable Development Goals, and value for money in terms of private sector involvement; (iii) readiness for ADB

financing assuming the project will be considered for approval in early 2024; and (iv) and other factors.

This economic and financial feasibility specialist is expected to assess the subproject components from economic and financial viability perspective through coordination with the executing agency/UTDB, detailed project report (DPR) consultants engaged by UTDB, and other consultants engaged by ADB in parallel especially, Rural infrastructure specialist (covering the overall assessment) and PPP specialist (advising on PPP suitability and modalities).

**Detailed Tasks and/or Expected Output**

- The expert will assess the subproject components and report the following and any other findings:
- a. Economic and financial feasibility of each the components and recommendation of excluding some of the subprojects, if any, from ADB’s project scope and qualitative/quantitative reasons why;
  - b. Suggestion for additional project components, if any, required to be added to ADB’s project scope essential to enhance the overall project’s economic and financial viability and qualitative/quantitative reasons why; and
  - c. Needs and measures to redesign any the project components (e.g., to be the least cost option) and enhance capacities of the executing/implementing agencies (e.g., capacity development plan) to further enhance the economic and financial viability, which will be addressed during the project processing stage (after the concept clearance).

**Reporting and Timing**

The consultant will work for 5 months with 33 days of intermittent inputs from 10 January 2023 (expected commencement) under the guidance of the UTDB leadership and ADB’s project team comprising Principal Rural Development Specialist, SAER (project lead) and Associate Project Officer (Infrastructure), INRM (country focal).

The consultant will present (i) a detailed work plan in the first week of the assignment that indicates dates for field visit, who to meet for discussions and how to obtain relevant data required for the tasks; (ii) an interim report and presentation before and during ADB’s reconnaissance mission expected in April 2023; and (iii) a final report at the end of the assignment. The consultant is expected to travel to Uttarakhand, India and the project site twice—the first in early 2023 and the next during the reconnaissance mission (expected in April 2023).

**Minimum Qualification Requirements**

The individual consultant will have 10 years of relevant experience in economic and/or financial assessment of projects. He/she will have proven experience in working with ADB or other multi-lateral development agencies. He/she is required to hold a bachelor degree in a relevant field (economics, finance, business, etc.). A post-graduate degree is preferred, but not a requirement.

Minimum General Experience **10 Years**  
 Minimum Specific Experience (relevant to assignment) **10 Years**  
 Regional/Country Experience  **Required**  **Desired**  **Not Required**

**Deliverables**

Details	Name	Type	Estimated Submission Date
<a href="#">+ Show</a>	Inception Report	Report	17-Jan-2023
<a href="#">+ Show</a>	Interim Report	Report	31-Mar-2023
<a href="#">+ Show</a>	Final Report	Final Report	30-Apr-2023

**Schedule and Places of Assignment (chronological and inclusive of travel)**

Schedule Type  **Continuous**  **Intermittent**  
 Max. Working Days/Week Home Office **5** Field **6**

City and Country	Working Days	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Other Details (use if place selected is Others)
Home Office, Other	3	10-Jan-2023	31-Jan-2023	
Other City, India	6	01-Feb-2023	11-Feb-2023	New Delhi, Dehradun, Tehri and other cities
Home Office, Other	10	12-Feb-2023	02-Apr-2023	
Other City, India	4	03-Apr-2023	08-Apr-2023	New Delhi, Dehradun, Tehri and other cities
Home Office, Other	10	09-Apr-2023	30-Apr-2023	
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>			

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