

LOAN 54426-001 IND: Ahmedabad Peri-urban Livability Improvement Project - APLIP/IC1/01-10 Individual consultants to be posted at a Project Management Unit -1# EHS Specialist (PMU)

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Expertise Expertise Group	Environment, Health & Safety Project Management/ Institutional Development	Consultant Source TOR Keywords	National APLIP, EHS Specialist (PMU), Gujarat
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Objective and Purpose of the Assignment

Government of Gujarat (GoG) has applied for loan financing from Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Ahmedabad Peri-urban Livability Improvement Project (APLIP). The Urban Development and Urban Housing Department (UDUHD) of GoG will be the executing agency (EA) and Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA) will be implementing agency (IA) for APLIP. The expected outputs of the APLIP are (a) Basic urban infrastructure in Ahmedabad peri-urban area improved comprising of water supply, sewerage, storm water drainage and junction improvement on Saradar Patel Ring Road; and (b) Capacity of state urban development authorities, urban local bodies, and communities in urban service delivery improved.

AUDA is planning to appoint few individual consultants in a Project Management Unit (PMU) and two Project Implementation Units (PIUs) to support in various activities like (i) procurement and contracts management, (ii) project implementation, (iii) compliances to social and environment safeguards, and (iv) compliances to gender equality and social inclusion, as per ADB requirements.

AUDA will recruit three individual consultants on full time basis one each in PMU (Manager-Environmental Safeguards) and 2 PIUs (Assistant Manager – Environmental Safeguards) to support in implementation of the APLIP. The consultants will be responsible for preparing, reviewing, and finalizing all environmental safeguard documents (due diligence, environmental assessment, and monitoring reports) implementing, supervising, monitoring, and reporting on all environmental safeguards tasks, along with environmental safeguards staff of project management consultants (PMC).

Scope of Work

The consultant will be responsible for all tasks related to environmental safeguards and will assist AUDA in implementing the APLIP in compliance with ADB’s Safeguards Policy Statement, 2009 (SPS 2009) and applicable government law and regulations. The consultant will be responsible to prepare, update and finalize environmental safeguards documents, oversee the implementation of environmental management and monitoring measures, consultations and disclosure and grievance redress, and submission of environmental monitoring reports to ADB, and implementing any corrective actions as needed to ensure compliance.

Detailed Tasks and/or Expected Output

The consultant will support, assist, and facilitate AUDA in achieving the overall objective of APLIP by performing following activities, but not limited to:

Overall Project Compliance Tasks

1. ensuring project compliance with all applicable national, state, and local laws and regulations relating to environment, health and safety, labour welfare, etc.
2. ensuring project compliance with ADB SPS 2009, and with safeguards-related loan covenants.
3. familiarize with the ADB compliance requirements as specified in project safeguards documents, loan agreements, project administration manual etc; and apprise PMU, PIUs, consultants and contractors on compliance requirements.
4. Establish a system to ensure environmental safeguards compliance of the project, including for safeguards report review and approvals, and developing monitoring and reporting checklists, formats and methods and reporting to be used by PIUs, consultants and contractors.
5. Assist / guide PMU and PIUs in obtaining all necessary statutory clearances timely, including coordinate with regulatory agencies as required.
6. Oversee stakeholder engagement and meaningful consultations throughout the project implementation in compliance with the SPS 2009.

7. ensure timely disclosure of all safeguard reports such as Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) reports, Environmental Management Plans (EMPs), Semi-annual Environmental Monitoring Reports (SEMRs), etc.) in project websites, subproject locations and in a form accessible to the public.
8. Assist PMU and PIUs in establishing and operating grievance redress mechanism (GRM), identifying grievance redressal committee (GRC) members, organize capacity development activities for GRC members, project staff and contractors in the GRM.
9. Organize periodic capacity building and training programs on safeguards and OSH for PMU, PIUs and contractors' staff.
10. Support PMU in other outputs as may be required for ADB loan processing and implementation
11. Ensure quality assurance of all outputs and documents submitted to ADB

Project Design, Bidding and Pre-construction

1. Coordinate closely with technical teams to integrate environmental concerns into project design and implementation.
2. Update / review and finalize all environmental safeguards reports, such as IEE reports, SEMRs and assist PMU in onward submission and obtaining ADB clearance.
3. Ensure that bids and contracts include necessary provisions and budget for implementation of environmental safeguards and ensure that ADB approved IEE is included in bid and contract documents.
4. Ensure that design stage EMP measures are integrated into design, coordinate closely with design teams to ensure compliance.
5. Ensure that approved IEEs reflect the latest project design, and that IEEs are updated as needed timely, and submitted to ADB to obtain clearance.
6. Oversee and ensure that all preconstruction requirements are met prior to commencement of works.

Construction / Implementation

7. Oversee implementation, conduct periodic visits to construction work sites and facilities, consultation with workers and community, to confirm compliance with all measures and requirements set forth in the IEEs, the EMPs, and SEMRs.
8. provide technical and administrative support to PIUs to ensure compliance with ADB SPS, 2009 and EMPs / SEMP are fully implemented by the contractors, and recommend necessary corrective actions to be taken for non-compliances.
9. Ensure supervision and monitoring of EMP implementation by PIUs and consultants, and reporting at various levels.
10. consolidate monthly/quarterly monitoring reports from PIUs and submit semi-annual monitoring reports to ADB.
11. Ensure that any unanticipated environmental and/or social risks and impacts arise during implementation are reported to ADB promptly along with corrective actions.
12. Ensure that grievances brought about through the GRM are addressed in a timely manner.

The consultant shall be responsible for his/her own health and safety in relation to the assignment and shall comply with the country specific requirements and regulations in relation to COVID-19, and also ensure that the same is followed by all the agencies at the workplaces.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

The expert shall have a bachelor's or a master's degree preferably in Civil Engineering / Planning / Environmental Engineering / Environmental Science, or equivalent.

Minimum General Experience **8 Years**
 Minimum Specific Experience (relevant to assignment) **5 Years**
 Regional/Country Experience Required Desired Not Required

Deliverables

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+ Show	Quarterly report	Report	01-Jun-2023
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+ Show	Quarterly report	Report	01-Dec-2024
+ Show	Quarterly report	Final Report	01-Mar-2025

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

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

City and Country	Working Days	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Other Details (use if place selected is Others)
Ahmedabad, India	600	01-Mar-2023	17-Jun-2025	
Total	600			

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