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Ecosystem based development, management and conservation of the Saint Martin's Island Project
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Terms of Reference (TOR)

Package Name: Consulting firm for Supporting Alternative income generation (AIG) and Promoting Eco-Tourism activities.

Background of the project:

Saint Martin's island also locally knows as *NarikelJinjira* is located on the southern-most tip of Bangladesh. Roughly between 20^o34'-20^o39' N and 92^o18'-92^o21' E separated by a channel of about 15 km from the mainland. It enjoys subtropical monsoon climate. This is an island of unique ecosystem and the only place in Bangladesh where corals are found. The island is nationally very significant for ecological, social, environmental, economic and scientific reasons. NarikelJinjira is a sedimentary continental island without any coral reefs, even though corals form an important component of the sub atoll rocky habitat. A total of 66 coral species belonging to 22 genera have been recorded on the island.

The island is fragile and is under manifold threats relating to overexploitation of mollusks, coral resources and increases in human population. Total area of the island is about 3.34 sq.km and population over 7 (Seven) thousand.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has declared the island as an Ecologically Critical Area in 1995. To manage the ECA with applicable conservation measures the project "Ecosystem Based Development, Management and Conservation of Saint Martin Island" has been taken.

The main objective of the project are as follows:

- i. Conserve the Biodiversity of St. Martin's Island and conserve the ecologically important Fish, Mollusk resources, Sea Grass, Sea Weeds and Algae and the only Coral Bearing Island of the Country-NarikelJinjira [Saint Martin's Island] and Associated Area's with the Participation of Local people.
- ii. Conservation of other Flora and Fauna of the Island and Associated Area's.
- iii. Establishment of Marine Sanctuaries around Cheradia and Exclusive Marine Protected Area.
- iv. Establishment of Turtle Breeding Ground.
- v. Develop waste management system.
- vi. Development of Eco-Tourism in the Island.
- vii. Improve the socio-economic status of people of the Island through alternative income generating activities, eco-tourism activities and by establishing value adding mechanism on products on the island.

The objectives of the assignment on the NGO/Consulting firm to be appointed for the project for Supporting Alternative income generation (AIG) and Promoting Eco-Tourism activities is to implement the following activities:

- The selected consulting firm will implement the following activities for AIG:
 - Vegetable and fruit growing in 15 households along with appropriate training.

- Multi-layer vertical farming in 15 households along with appropriate training.
- Provide high yielding coconut plant (1000 pcs) to at least 30 households along with appropriate training to Cultivation.
- Provide sewing machine to (20+20=) 40 households along with appropriate training to make souvenir crafts and tailoring & needle Crafts.
- Promote community members, teachers and students and young generation to participate and form community based eco-tourism organization;
- Design and implement a tourist guide-training program;
- All the deliverables have to be finalized in the process of rigorous consultation with the relevant stakeholders as well as with final endorsement of DOE. A training and AIG support plan has to be included in the range of activities for this assignment.

Qualification & Experience Required:

- At least ten years working experience in relevant/similar work/activity in GoB and development partner supported projects.

Duration of the assignment:

- The duration of the assignment will be 06 months.

Deliverables:

- Inception report with item of AIG and Ecotourism along with training methodology and training manual.
- Report of the physical work accomplished.
- A detailed report including the list of participants for both AIG and Ecotourism with their involvement in the particular items of AIG and Ecotourism.
- Training completion report for each training with the analysis of the lessons learnt.
- Assignment completion report with detailed description of the activities accomplished and outcomes achieved.



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