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PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

ONE (1) ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS SPECIALIST
(RPCO XIII)

1. Background

The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has obtained a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development - World Bank (IBRD-WB), amounting to FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS_ (US\$500,000,000) for the purpose of financing the ‘Philippine Rural Development Program (PRDP) ‘ to support the Government’s effort to reduce poverty among the rural communities in the country.

The PRDP is a six-year (2013-2018) initiative of the government envisioned to increase farm and fishery productivity and incomes in target areas in all 16 regions of the country. The program seeks to achieve this objective by improving access of farmers and other industry players to a strategic network of infrastructure, market information and support services. Specific investments and interventions are to be implemented under four central components of the program, namely: 1) Investments for AFMP Planning at the Local and National Levels (I-PLAN); 2) Intensified Building Up of Infrastructure and Logistics for Development (I-BUILD); 3) Investments for Rural Enterprises and Agricultural and Fisheries Productivity (I-REAP); and 4) Implementation Support to PRDP (I-SUPPORT).

2. Scope of Works

Under the general supervision of the Social and Environmental Unit Head, the Social Safeguards Specialist will be responsible in the provision of technical assistance to the RPCOs and partner LGUs in will ensuring the compliance and implementation of Safeguards policy program and adhering to the general procedures and guidelines of the World Bank (WB) in order to ensure quality output of program interventions. He/She will also ensure the timely delivery of units expected outcome in the whole APL 2 operations. He/She will work closely with consultants and other members of the PRDP PSO and RPCO team members. Specifically, the Environmental Safeguards Specialist will be tasked to undertake the following:

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Ensure effective installation and implementation of environmental safeguards framework and processes at municipal, provincial and regional levels.
 - i. Ensure effective application of Environmental Management Framework in all project components and processes
 - a. Ensure proper and effective application of the RA 1586 or the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System.
 - b. Ensure proper application of other existing national environmental laws and local environmental policies where the subprojects are located.

- ii. Ensure effective application of World Bank's Operational and Safeguards Policies
 2. Serve as safeguards advisor to other regional Environmental Safeguards Specialists/Focal Persons to ensure alignment among all project components on safeguard related issues.
 3. Conduct appraisal and Review of Feasibility Study, Detailed Engineering Design and Business Plan to check compliance to Environmental Safeguards Framework
 4. Recommend and guide in the formulation of appropriate measures in the Environmental and Social Management Plan.
 5. Review and monitor the implementation of Abbreviated Resettlement Plan
 6. Coordinate with the concerned M&E specialists on the status of I-BUILD, I-REAP subprojects to ensure integration of safeguards policy of the program in the whole project cycle.
 7. Lead the conduct of spot monitoring of subprojects and evaluation of safeguards compliance.
 8. Conduct of post review of subprojects issued with NOL by the Regional Program Coordinating Office.
 9. Prepare and submit timely and regular progress reports indicating status of full compliance with social safeguards framework/policy.
 10. Perform other tasks as Unit Head, Program Director/Deputy Program Director may assign
- 3. Qualifications**

Education:

Graduate of four (4) year course related to environmental studies.

Experience:

Minimum of two (2) years of professional experience on Environmental Safeguards, Work experience in Non-Government Organization, Donor funded projects and other relevant institution is an added advantage.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Knowledgeable on Philippine Environmental Laws, Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System and any related local laws and policies, Indigenous Peoples Right Act (IPRA Law), Land Acquisition Processes.
- Prior familiarity with World Bank safeguards policies
- Knowledge on environmental impact assessment and able to formulate environmental and social management plan.
- Strong written and oral communication skills

Reporting Responsibility

The Social Safeguard Specialist (SSS) will be directly reporting to the SES Component Head. The SSS will be based at the Regional Project Coordination Office – Butuan City.

Only applications received on or before January 22, 2016 at 05:00 P M will be considered. Short-listed applicants will be contacted for the schedule of written examination and interview.

Please submit application letter with 2x2 picture and comprehensive CV (which include complete details of specific previous job description and task) to the address below or email [to prdp13@gmail.com](mailto:prdp13@gmail.com).

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