

Procurement Notice
Two-Stage Open Competitive Selection
Request for Expressions of Interest

Assignment name	Sustainable Assets for Agriculture Markets, Business and Trade (SAAMBAT) – <i>Rolling Baseline Survey Firm (Major Impact Survey service provider)</i> ("The Assignment")
Request for EoI No.	C1/C/2019-2020/CFS-02
Country	Kingdom of Cambodia
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Type of notice	Request for Expressions of Interest
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Clarifications Any updates of and clarifications on this procurement notice shall be announced as updates on this notice, without any other notification. Consultants are required to periodically check the notice for updates. Failure to take the updates into account while preparing the Expression of Interest may result in disqualification or penalties to the scores in the evaluation.

- The Royal Government of Cambodia has received funding from the International Fund Agriculture Development (IFAD) and European Investment Bank (EIB) in the form of loan to implement Sustainable Assets for Agriculture Markets, Business and Trade (SAAMBAT) project. The project was approved in September 2019 with a duration until 2025. The Objective of SAAMBAT is to "Sustainably increase productivity of youth, enterprises and the rural economy" which in turn contributes to the Goal of "Reduce Poverty and Enhance Food Security." SAAMBAT is implemented through two Components: (1) Value Chain Infrastructure; and (2) Skills, Technology and Enterprise. These components are designed to deliver two key Outcomes: (1) Poor rural people's benefits from market participation increased; and (2) Poor rural people's productive capacities increased.
- The Executing Agency for SAAMBAT is the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD). MRD is responsible for overall project coordination, planning, financial management, procurement and monitoring and evaluation (M&E). MRD directly implements Component 1: Value Chain Infrastructure. The types and approximate quantities of infrastructure to be constructed / rehabilitated under Component 1 are shown in the following table:

Output Type	Planned Quantity	
	By Mid-Term	Final
Rural roads with DBST or concrete pavement	150 km	650 km
Farm Access roads with laterite surface	60 km	150km
Improvements to rural markets	15	50
Collection points, ferry crossings and other types	10	25

Component 2 is implemented by Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF). Sub-Component SC2.1: Skills for Rural Youth, will assist 5,000 rural youth to improve their employment opportunities and about 330 rural youth to start small enterprises. SC2.2: Technology and Enterprise for Rural Value Chains, will support development of digital technology applications for the rural economy and will assist about 10,000 farmers and other value chain actors to increase their use of digital technology for economic purposes. SC2.3: Policy Research and Strategic Studies, finances research and knowledge generation to support policymaking for rural economic development, including financing a major study on the feasibility of establishing regional wholesale markets for the safe / organic vegetable value chain.

SAAMBAT is designed as part of a programmatic approach to sustainably reduce long-term, multi-dimensional poverty, vulnerability and food insecurity through increased productivity of the rural workforce and economy. This will occur as a result of investments in infrastructure, vocational skills and increased use of information technology (supported by SAAMBAT) which complement the agriculture production and marketing support provided by ASPIRE and AIMS

About 200,000 rural households are expected to benefit from services supported by the project. These households will be located in 50 agriculture production areas known as Economic Poles. As SAAMBAT outputs include roads and other public infrastructure, any household in the EP may potentially be a direct beneficiary. The EP will be areas of approximately District size with an integrated economy based on smallholder agriculture and defined by physical features such as topography, transport and market infrastructure or a key value chain. EP will be selected in areas that have ongoing activities of ASPIRE and / or AIMS. It is planned to select EP in the following 12 Provinces: Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Kampong Cham, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Thom, Kampot, Kandal, Preah Vihear, Pursat, Takeo, Stung Treng and Svay Rieng.

Samples will include households at different distances from the main infrastructure outputs and will include non-users (i.e. non-beneficiary) households. This will permit estimation of relationship between distance and benefits experienced, and comparison of beneficiary and non-beneficiary households.

The provisional schedule for selection and implementation of infrastructure works in the 50 EP is indicated in the following table.

Activities	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Provisional Selection of EP (50EP)						
Feasibility Study and Design Phase 1 (16EP)						
Construction of Works Phase 1 (16 EP)						
Feasibility Study and Design Phase 2 (16EP)						
Construction of Works Phase 2 (16 EP)						
Confirm Selection of Phase 3 EP (18EP) at MTR						
Feasibility Study and Design Phase 3 (18EP)						
Construction of Works Phase 3 (18 EP)						

Each baseline sample will be selected by a single-stage random draw of 5 EP from each of Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3.

3. Overall Scope of Work

The service provider will be responsible to carry out the following tasks:

1. Study background documents, to be provided by MRD-PMU, including the COI Survey Guidelines and Template, and discuss with stakeholders including MRD-PMU and IFAD to understand the purpose, design, implementation plan and key results indicators of the SAAMBAT project;
 2. Develop a detailed sampling strategy for the PY1 baseline survey, based on the methodology in these TOR and to be agreed with MRD-PMU;
 3. Design and field-test a household questionnaire suitable to measure the required indicators in a robust and time-efficient manner;
 4. Estimate expected 5% confidence intervals for key indicators, based on field test results and previous experience with similar surveys;
 5. Prepare and submit to MRD-PMU an Inception Report including (1) sampling strategy; (2) questionnaire design; (3) fieldwork plan for PY1; (4) data cleaning and validation methodology; (5) data analysis and reporting plan for PY1; (6) contents and structure of baseline survey report; and (7) outline work plan for PY2-PY5;
 6. Draw a sample following the agreed sampling strategy. At this stage, no modifications to the sample for reasons of logistical convenience are to be permitted;
 7. Collect field data for PY1 baseline survey;
 8. Analyse PY1 baseline data, prepare and submit report;
 9. Conduct follow up surveys, analysis and report in PY2-PY5 according to the agreed workplan;
 10. Provide limited additional support to MRD-PMU for further data analysis as required.
4. Firms originating from all countries of the world are eligible to tender for works, goods and services contracts.
 5. The Client now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The Shortlisting Criteria are the following:
 - a) Firm's previous project experience in Rolling Baseline Survey Firm (Major Impact Survey service provider) 70%;
 - b) Firm's previous experience in projects in Southeast Asia countries 30%;Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
 6. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
 7. Following this Request for Expressions of Interest, the Client will establish a shortlist of maximum six (6) qualified and competent consultants on the basis of the shortlisting criteria set out in this Procurement Notice. **Only the shortlisted consultants will be invited to submit proposals.**
 8. Further information in respect of Terms of Reference (ToR) and Instruction to Consultant (ITC) including Consultant Declaration, Contact Sheet, and Forms can be obtained at the address below during office hours.
 9. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail by **11th September 2020 at 15:00 PM (Cambodia Time)**
 10. **Executing Agency (Client):**

Ministry of Rural Development,
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All communications shall be made by E-mail to the Contact Person above.