

Expression of Interest

Engagement of Consultant for reviewing of BftW project at Jharigaon field, Nabarangpur

The Regional Centre for Development Cooperation (RCDC) invites applications from interested professionals/agencies for engagement in its livelihood programme being implemented in Jharigaon Block of Nabarangpur District, Odisha.

Interested professionals/agencies are requested to submit their Expression of Interest (EoI), along with an updated CV, to the following address:

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The details of the Expression of Interest (EoI) are provided below.

SCOPE OF WORK OF PROJECT REVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE CONSULTANT

The consultant will carry out the review of the BFTW project to identify the improvement opportunities to strengthen the quality of the program ensuring sustainability of the process initiated at the community and individual beneficiary level.

The consultant should refer to the budget vrs expenditure sheet and reflect on value for money spent on each budgeted activities.

The review methodology will cover all the project intervention of the project implemented during 2025-26. Stratified sampling method will be applied for sample selection.

For collecting qualitative information, Focus Group Discussion and Individual interview method will be adopted.

The area of investigations will be the following:

Related to achievement against objectives:

Against each objective collect the signs of change and analyse the factors attributed to those signs of changes. Signs of changes are the evidences those represent who did what differently that can be considered as “outcomes”.

1. Indigenous communities have increased access to forest land and resources, including NTFPs and government support schemes.
2. Indigenous communities increasingly adopt eco-friendly agricultural and agro-forestry practices for increased food production, consumption and income opportunities.

Questions : In FGD find out the answer to the following questions.

1. How many families claim that their access to the forest has increased due to the project interventions? Ask for evidence of this change/ signs of change on before-after picture. (limit the discussion related to forest resources only). Also ask if no change in access to forest resources and why.
2. Ask if they see the benefit from the forest resource committees.
3. What more could have been done to achieve the objective 1.
4. How many families have adopted eco-friendly and agro- forestry practices? What are the new practices that increased their food production? Collect signs of change (who did what differently) as evidence of change in practices related to objective 2. If evidences are few then ask why? Record their feedback on quality and quantity of inputs and timeliness of support.

OUTPUTS related to Objective 1:

- Institutional capacity is improved, and they are federated to enhance food production.
 - What are the signs of change to support institutional capacity has been improved?
 - What really contributed in changed actions of the institutions
 - Which aspects of the activities contributed most to the changes in the institutions?
 - What could have been done more to strengthen the institutions?
 - What are the signs of change – the inputs are applied as a part of action plan?
 - Assess the degree to which FPO providing finance services to the shareholders.
 - How much profit has been earned by the FPO and how they have utilised the profit margin.
- The local self-governance system is strengthened.
 - What are activities implemented to strengthen the local governance system?
 - What are the signs of change due to the activities implemented?
- Village and GP-level government staff perform their roles and responsibilities.
 - What are the activities implemented that resulted in government staff performance changed?
- Eligible families and individuals are linked with various government social security schemes.
 - What are the schemes accessed by the beneficiaries due to the action of RCDC staff.
 - What is the value of the benefit in monetary term.
- Convergence of government programs is facilitated to enhance food and livelihood security.
 - How many families have achieved household level food security
 - Justify how the convergence of government program enhanced food and livelihood security? Food security refers to consistent access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food (in simplest term, 3 meals a day with safe water. Whereas livelihood security is capabilities, assets, requires for a sustainable means of living. Try to find out how many of 10 persons claim that they have achieved food security and how many claim they have achieved sustainable means of living.
- Two SHG federations and two FPOs will function and lead the development process.
 - SHGs should be practicing 'Panchasutras' i.e., Regular meetings; Regular savings; Regular inter-lending; Timely repayment; and Up-to-date books of accounts.
- Village forests are protected and managed by the communities.
 - How many acres of forest land has been protected by the villagers ?
 - What changed in forest coverage?

- Is the mechanism of protection sustainable? How ?
- The community is prepared to implement forest management plans, ensuring proper exercise of the Forest Rights Act and PESA.
 - Is the Community Forest Management Plan exist?
 - How the resource sharing is being decided ?.
- Recognition of IFR, CR, and CFR rights and community access to forests is enhanced.
- More common and forest land is brought under integrated farming.
 - How many common and forest land in acres have been brought under integrated farming?
 - What is the input cost and the market value of the outputs
- Collection of NTFPs and forest foods is increased to supplement the existing food basket.
 - Trend of various NTFPs harvested during last 3 years and what is the market value of that produce?
 - Is there any NTFPs processed and sold in the local market?
 - What are the NTFPs got better market price due to the project intervention?

OUTPUTS related to Objective 2:

- Irrigation facilities are created for farming in needy areas.
 - How the needy area has been identified?
 - How Irrigation facilities benefitted to small and marginal farmers?
 - How the beneficiaries contributed to the irrigation project?
 - How sustainable the irrigation project?
- Organic/eco-friendly farming systems are adopted by farming communities.
 - On whose land organic farming system has been introduced
 - What is the input cost and output for different produce justifying the benefit?
 - Is this sustainable?
 - What are the challenges?
- Quality seeds are available, improving the seed sovereignty of tribal communities.
 - How many varieties of indigenous seeds have been produced and used in how many acres by the beneficiaries due to the project intervention.
- Indigenous seeds are conserved and used.
- Vegetable cultivation is promoted among target communities.
 - What are the changes in vegetable cultivation in the area due to the project intervention?
 - What are the cost benefit analysis.
- Homestead lands are effectively utilized, especially for growing nutritious vegetables.
 - Cost benefit analysis on vegetable cultivation
- Uncultivated (dry and upland) areas are brought under cultivation.
 - How many acres of dry land upland areas brought under cultivation and how ?
- Cropping practices are improved for higher production.
 - What are the changes in cropping practices brought in due to the project intervention benefiting how many farmers.
- Seven farmers' learning centers are operational in the project area.
 - How the farmers are being benefitted by the farmer's learning centers?
- Inter and intra-village conflicts are resolved, and common lands are brought under cultivation.
 - What was the role of the project ?

- School enrollment increases, and dropout rates are reduced.
 - What was the role of the project ?
- Unemployment decreases as landless families engage in agricultural support activities and are provided opportunities to take up livestock/poultry as livelihood options.
 - How landless families were supported for agricultural activities? Howmany unemployed youths were supported through livestock/ poultry? What is the success rate?
- Migration reduces due to the availability of employment within the GP.
 - How many families stopped migrating due to the project created employment opportunities in the villages.
- Distressed sales of assets are reduced, and poor families are freed from debt traps.
 - Check with 10 poor families and find out what is their current debt level and how old is their debt.

Find out the following from local institutions:

Anganwadi Centers:

- How many children under 5 years old are severely acute malnutrition and Moderately Acute Malnutrition status.
- How many vulnerable children are not getting parental care

Primary school

- How many children (boys and girls below 14 years) are not going to school.

Panchayat Institution

- How many poor families still do not have concrete roof house?
- How many families do not have access to safe drinking water?
- How many families do not have toilet
- How many families do not have agricultural land
- How many families are migrating to distant places in search of work
- How many families do not have irrigation facility to their crop land.
- How many old age persons have not got old age pension
- How many widows have not got widow pension
- How many unmarried girls above 35 years are not getting pension.
- How many disable persons are not getting pension
- How many mentally retarded person not getting pension

After completion of field level observation and response from the beneficiaries, the consultant should come up with the following analysis:

1. What are the activities implemented have given high benefit to the beneficiaries
2. What are the activities implemented have given moderate benefit to the beneficiaries
3. What are the activities implemented have given low benefit to the beneficiaries.
4. What are the reason for high performance of the activities
5. What are the reason for low performance of the activities
6. How well the stakeholders were engaged in the activity implementation
7. How well community members were involved in the activity implementation
8. What are the needs that most of the beneficiaries feel their top priorities (list of needs and their order of importance)
9. Why their relationship with is gradually reducing

10. What they suggest to rejuvenate the forest resources

Period of the work: 1st June 2026 to 31st July 2026

Reporting Authority: Executive Director, RCDC

Budget for this work:

- The budget available for this consultancy is up to Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only).
- The travel, accommodation and other expenses will be reimbursed as per RCDC policies.
- Tax deduction will be made as applicable from time to time.

Last date for Submission

- CVs and other relevant documents for this consultancy must reach to the RCDC Head Office (HO), Bhubaneswar, on or before 15th May 2026. Consultants may submit their documents by hand or through any other suitable means.

