

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SOCIAL AND COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Contract ID No.: PPCR/DHM/S/IND-83			
Project	PPCR- BRCH (Building Resilience to Climate Related Hazards)		
Expertise:	Individual Consultant for Social and Communication Specialist		
Source	National	Category	Independent

1. Background:

Government of Nepal (GoN) has prepared Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR), which was approved by Climate Investment Fund (CIF). SPCR has identified four projects for investment in Nepal. One of them is the "Pilot Project for Climate Resilience (PPCR) - Building Resilience to Climate-Related Hazards (BRCH). Components A, B and C under BRCH are being implemented by the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM), Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation (MoEWRI). Component D of the BRCH is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD). A dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) has been set up at DHM for the implementation of project components A, B, and C.

The project aims at upgrading hydro-meteorological network, weather forecasting system and flood forecasting system. The process involves acquiring private and/or public land, construction of buildings and establishment and operation of telecommunication systems including radar. Assessment of social and environmental impacts considering the losses of agriculture products, deforestation, loss of natural habitats, impacts on indigenous population, electromagnetic radiation of telecom equipment, security of installations are some of the important social and environmental aspects of the project.

PPCR-BRCH at DHM requires consulting services from an individual consultant with expertise in social and communications expertise, who will work as a member of PMU to accomplish the objectives of the project.

2. Objective/Purpose of the Assignment:

The social and communication specialist will serve as the main focal person responsible for developing DHM's communication strategy and supporting its communication related needs, leading implementation of safeguards and social inclusion for the BRCH project and coordinating communications aspects relating to the BRCH project with communication related needs at the PPCR program level. The consultant will work for PMU, which has been established to support the implementation on of PPCR-BRCH. Under the supervision of the Project Technical Coordinator, s/he will report to the National Project Director (NPD)/Assistant Project Directors (APD) on the following responsibilities.

3. Scope of Work:

The incumbent will work closely with other members of Project Management Unit (PMU), System

