

Terms of Reference

Consultant for the Legalisation Process of PLASED (Platform for Socio-Economic Development) in Ratanakiri Province

INTRODUCTION

Building Community Voices (BCV) is a local NGO established in 2007 to share resources, ideas, skills, and technologies that would enable the views of the local communities and the indigenous community members to be heard through community media centers and local development initiatives in Cambodia.

Our Vision – A society in which all citizen exercises their rights to manage their resources for sustainable and equitable development in Cambodia.

Our Mission – BCV works to empower local communities to improve livelihoods while engaging in income-generating activities and awareness-raising while supporting them to voice their concerns with confidence.

Our Core - Values We operate its program based on five core values:

- 1) **Teamwork:** Our team members have different skill sets and we value each other toward working to achieve a common goal.
- 2) **Ownership:** Men and Women will have new initiatives in progressive economic development and they will take full ownership of those projects and activities.
- 3) **Diversity:** All citizens regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, social status, and age have important roles and contributions to Cambodia's sustainable development.
- 4) **Accountability:** We operate all programs with transparency and accountability manner we also demand that government institutions take higher accountabilities and openness to local communities they serve at all levels (national and sub-national).
- 5) **Yearning:** We believe that when we have a strong desire for improvement, knowledge, and growth. We can be more driven to learn, evolve, and make a positive impact.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

BCV is funded by the European Commission through the project “Support to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Support to Human Rights and Democracy (HR&D),” with reference Europe Aid/175673/DD/ACT/KH and grant contract No. NDICICSO/2023/448/125.

The CLESIDRA Action responds to the EU policy meant to contribute to an enabling and accessible environment for civil society, to a more inclusive CSO participation in policy dialogue, and to the strengthening of CSOs’ capacity to perform their roles as independent development actors more effectively. In particular, the Project is coherent with the LOT 1 global objective (“To contribute to an inclusive, participatory, empowered and independent civil society and democratic space in Cambodia.”), and with Specific objective 1 “To strengthen civil society capacity, participation and environment for functioning as independent actors of good governance and development”). The Action seeks in fact, to strengthen civil society organisations’ capacity and participation in multi-stakeholder dialogue for tackling socio-economic challenges and advancing sustainable and inclusive development in Ratanakiri province of Cambodia. (Impact). The Action will pivot around the constitution of a Platform for Socio-Economic Dialogue (PLASED), and a Comprehensive Service System (COSS), intended as main achievements reached through the 4 main project outputs: OP1- Capacity of CSOs, producers and LAs enhanced on multi-stakeholder dialogue and governance, inclusive socio-economic development, organisation’s management, and environmental risk mitigation. OP2- A multi-stakeholder platform for permanent dialogue and participatory decision making (PLASED) on local socio-economic development made operative. OP3 – Status and potential of 4 key local value chains (provisionally identified in: rice, cassava, forest products, eco-tourism) assessed in participatory way and corresponding strategies for their development elaborated and endorsed OP4 – A Comprehensive Services System (COSS) established as a branch of the PLASED to support the socio-economic development of the Ratanakiri Province. With this perspective, the Action will achieve its Outcome of innovative and democratic forms of multi-stakeholders’ partnership boosted and access to socio-economic resources of small producers, women, youth, indigenous and marginalised people improved in Ratanakiri province of Cambodia.

The objective of this assignment:

To provide legal support for legalisation process of PLASED (Platform for socio-economic development), a public-private organisation for the support of socio-economic development of Ratanakiri Province.

Scope of Works:

- 1) Identify the legal options for the establishment of PLASED, in accordance with the Cambodian legislation; the legal options must respond to the characteristics of PLASED identified by the PLASED Steering Committee and set out in ANNEX I;
- 2) Provide legal support in the drafting of PLASED statute;
- 3) Provide the necessary support for the registration and legalisation of PLASED with the competent authorities

The professional services must be carried out under the supervision of BCV, and in coordination with the other CLESIDRA project partners (FELCOS, ILS LEDA, UPWD).

Duration:

The professional services must be provided within 2 months, according to a specific working plan to be submitted prior to the commencement of the consultancy.

The duration of the consultancy may be extended if there are specific reasons and with the agreement of BCV.

Remuneration:

Please provide the ToR with your specific timeline of deliverables and remuneration, including WHT 15% or VAT 10% (please attach your VATIN).

Application Process

Interested candidates are invited to send a cover letter and professional resume (CV) before **February 28, 2025**, to the address provided below. Please do not send diplomas and certificates. These will be requested later if necessary. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview. CVs will not be returned.

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