



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-Nepal)

Minutes of Pre-Proposal Conference

**Pre-Proposal Conference for “Consulting Services for Ratmate
Livelihood Restoration Program (LRP) Implementation”**

MCA-NEPAL/ETP/QCBS/007

VENUE: ONLINE

26 August 2021

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I. INTRODUCTION:

The pre-proposal conference session was called to order by Mr. Luis Villalta, the Procurement Agent Manager of MCA-Nepal Procurement Agent. He welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their attendance. After the opening remarks, he also introduced the MCA-Nepal team attending the meeting. The pre-proposal conference took place online from 16:00 hours (Nepal Standard Time) on 26 August 2021.

II. AGENDA:

- Welcome by Procurement Agent
- Welcome Remarks by MCA-Nepal
- Presentations by MCA-Nepal and Procurement Agent
 - Project Background and Scope of Work Highlights
 - Environmental and Social issues including COVID19 Risk Management Plan
 - Highlights of important procurement requirements
- Question and Answers
- Closing Remarks

III. MEMBERS PRESENT:

No.	Name	Organization/Firm
1	Mahesh Acharya	MCA-Nepal
2	DP Sahu	MCA-Nepal
3	Shankar Yadav	MCA-Nepal
4	Prakash Basnet	MCA-Nepal
5	Rajendra P Thanju	MCA-Nepal
6	Mahendra Shrestha	MCA-Nepal
7	Ashish Bhandari	MCA-Nepal
8	Shyam Upadhyaya	MCA-Nepal
9	Sujan Koirala	MCA-Nepal
10	Sunit Adhikari	Consultant's representative
11	Govinda Khanal	Consultant's representative
12	Bharat Chalise	Consultant's representative
13	Ram Niraula	Consultant's representative
14	Neha Uprety	Consultant's representative
15	Jill Majerus	Consultant's representative
16	RIMC Pvt Ltd	Consultant's representative
17	John K'opiyo	Consultant's representative
18	Malay Mishra	Consultant's representative
19	Narendra Prajapati	Consultant's representative
20	Deepa Bhatta Baniya	Consultant's representative
21	Pratik Karmacharya	Consultant's representative
22	Ashok G. C.	Consultant's representative
23	Prakash Koirala	Consultant's representative
24	Tara Bahadur Khati	Consultant's representative

25	Luis Villalta	Cardno/Procurement Agent
26	Gokul Mishra	Cardno/Procurement Agent
27	Rakesh Kumar	Cardno/Procurement Agent
28	Ram Regmi	Cardno/Procurement Agent

IV. WELCOME REMARKS BY PROCUREMENT AGENT:

Mr. Luis Villalta, Procurement Agent Manager explained the objective of the pre-proposal conference. He further added that MCA-Nepal will highlight important Technical and Procurement aspects.

VI. WELCOME REMARKS BY MCA-NEPAL:

Mr. Mahesh Acharya, Deputy Executive Director, Project Delivery, MCA-Nepal welcomed all the interested consultants for this pre-proposal conference and provided a brief background of the Project.

VII. PRESENTATION BY MCA-NEPAL – SCOPE OF WORK:

Mr. Rajendra P Thanju, Quality Assurance Manager: Social Inclusion and Resettlement, introduced himself and provided the technical presentation including the main requirements of Consulting Services for Ratmate Livelihood Restoration Program (LRP) Implementation. The presentation is attached as Annex B of this minutes.

VIII. PRESENTATION BY MCA-NEPAL – ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL ISSUE INCLUDING COVID19 RISK MITIGATION PLAN:

Mr. Shyam Upadhyaya, Quality Assurance Manager: Environment, Health and Safety; provided a brief introduction about the Environmental and Social issues including COVID 19 Risk Management Plan. The template for COVID 19 Risk Management Plan will be provided with an Addendum to the RFP to be issued by MCA-Nepal.

IX. PRESENTATION BY MCA-NEPAL – HIGHLIGHT OF IMPORTANT PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENT:

Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Senior Procurement Specialist of Procurement Agent of MCA- Nepal clarified that in case there is discrepancy between presentation and RFP, the RFP with its related amendment shall prevail. Further, he went through the RFP and highlighted important points, where generally Consultants face problems during submission and evaluation. He also highlighted that Consultant should go through the RFP in detail before submitting their proposal.

X. QUESTION AND ANSWERS:

The Consultants were provided opportunity to ask questions, which were responded by MCA-Nepal team and Consultant. The Questions and Answers are attached as Annex C of this minutes.

XI. CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Mahesh Acharya, Deputy Executive Director, MCA-Nepal thanked all the participants for asking the questions and MCA-Nepal team and procurement team for responding to the questions. He also requested to submit any remaining questions from the consultant in written which will be responded in due course of time with MCA-Nepal response to queries.

The meeting was closed around 5 PM by thanking all the participants for attending the meeting and wishing them success in the procurement process.

Annexes:

Annex A: Attendance Register (from Zoom)

Annex B: Technical Presentations

Annex C: Questions and Answers

Annex D: Recording of the Pre-Proposal Conference

ANNEXES/ATTACHMENTS:

Annex A

Attendance Register at the Pre-proposal Conference

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Rakesh Kumar (Host)

Annex B

Technical Presentation



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Environment and Social issues including COVID19

(To be sent as an Addendum to the Request for Proposal)

Note: In case of any discrepancy between presentation and RFP, the information presented in RFP shall prevail.

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Ratmate LRP Implementation



Pre-bid webinar
Technical Presentation

Rajendra P Thanju
Quality Assurance Manager:
Social Inclusion and Resettlement

August 26, 2021

Presentation Outline



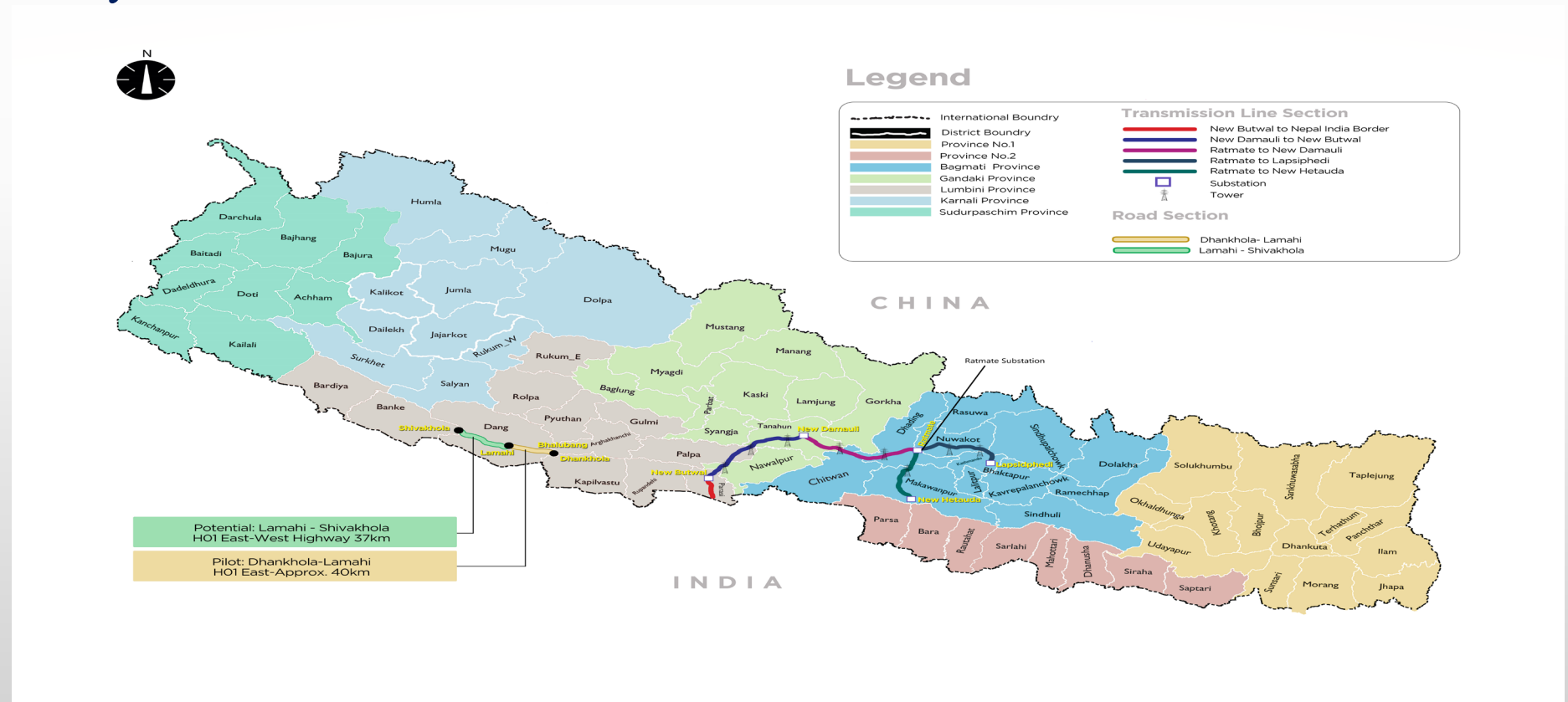
- Location of Ratmate Substation
- Safeguard Documents
- Mitigation Approach
- Status on Acquisitions
- Ratmate LRP Implementation
- Tasks for Ratmate LRP Implementation
- Areas of Emphasis
- Deliverables

Location of Ratmate Substation



- Province: Bagmati
- District: Nuwakot, Municipality: Belkotgadhi,
- Nearest Town: Battar
- North of Kathmandu City

Location Map



SAFEGUARD DOCUMENTS



- Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF)
- Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP)
- IFC PS
- EIA/ESIA
- Social and Gender Inclusion Plan (SGIP)

Mitigation Approach



- Better-off Approach: to ascertain that affected entities are at least no worse off than they were prior to the project.
- Lands and Assets valuation at *Replacement Cost Principle* with no deduction for depreciation
- Capital Gain Tax paid by MCA-Nepal

Acquisitions Approach:

- As per Land Acquisitions Act, 2034
- Comply with IFC PS 5

Status on Acquisitions



- Total land area acquired: About 20 Ha
- Total parcels no.: 195
- Private parcels: 189 land
- GoN parcels: 6 parcels.
- Total structures: 199 including Nuwakot Itta Udyog.
- 17.5 ha of land area from 181 parcels have been transferred to MCA-Nepal ownership.
- Compensation paid: NPR. 1 Arab 42 Crores (1420 Million NPR) to 98 PAPs out of 104 PAPs.
- Total nos. of affected households: 65
- Eligible PAPs for LRP: 235
- Final Status: Completed except few difficult cases: In process



Ratmate LRP Implementation

Need of LRP:

- RAP and LRP are to be prepared and implemented as per MCC policy and IFC PS.
- Implementation timeline 24 months

Basic Rationale:

- Besides providing compensation for acquired land and property, wherever livelihood is affected as a result of involuntary resettlement, strategies shall be developed to restore the lost livelihood.

Ratmate LRP Implementation



Eligible for LRP:

- 65 households identified to be eligible for LRP.
- 235 individuals PAPA's aged 16 to 65 were eligible for LRP.

LRP Program

- Agriculture Enhancement Livelihood Program - 92 PAPA's are eligible.
- Skill Development -143 PAPA's are eligible.

The implementation of these activities will be based on the choices of the PAPA's in view of specific individual eligibility criteria.

Ratmate LRP Implementation



LRP programs:

- Agricultural Enhancement
- Skills Based Livelihoods
- Financial Literacy and Life Skills Training
- Setting up a Cooperative



Tasks for Ratmate LRP implementation

- Task 1: Research into Potential Livelihood Skills Courses.
- Task 2: Consultation with Affected Persons to confirm choices.
- Task 3: Program Design
- Task 4: Agricultural Enhancement Program
- Task 5: Vocational Skills Trainings
- Task 6: Financial Literacy and Life Skills Training
- Task 7: Setting Up a Cooperative



Areas of Emphasis

- Concept of supporting to compensate lost livelihood/income during training period.
- Some startup seed money to be provided for the eligible participants.
- Documentation of the whole process, proper monitoring, change of implementation strategy if required may be possible in active consultation with MCA-Nepal and as and if agreed by MCA-Nepal
- High level of sensitivity towards PAPs shall be maintained.

Deliverables



- Inception report with detailed work plan
- Consultation Reports
- Monthly Progress Reports
- Quarterly Progress Reports
- Draft LRP Implementation Completion Report
- Final LRP Implementation Completion Report



Thank You!



Annex C

Questions and Answers

Q1: I have some observations in the LRP program, you have told that, PAP is 235 maximum, in the price summary sheet, these PAP excluding Point 2 and 3 (of Price Summary FIN-2). Does it mean whether the participants of 92 of point 2 and participant of 143 for point 3 is inclusive or exclusive of the participants mentioned in point 1? (Page number 88)

A1: Total number of expected PAP is around 235, out of which 92 PAP has opted Agriculture Enhancement Training and 143 PAP has opted for Skill Based Livelihood Program Training. The point 2 and 3 are cost related to training only. All other cost needs to be included under point 1.

Q2: Just wanted to reconfirm that the COVID risk mitigation plan will be shared with us later on?

A2: We are going to issue the COVID risk mitigation plan as an addendum. Since this needs approval of MCC, thus we will take some time. Thus, we wanted to let you know in advance during this pre-proposal conference.

Q3: Regarding VAT registration for the proposed consultants, does it mean that you are expecting the international consultants also to register in the VAT system in Nepal?

A3: International consultants who establish local office are required to register in the PAN or VAT system in Nepal.

Annex D

Recording of the Pre-Proposal Conference

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/999817ttv8s2se2/AACxMdIwCQmQFh_XvYG2dPDra?dl=0