



VACCANCY ANNOUCEMENT

National Consultant Communication Officer

Location:	Department of Climate Change (DCC) Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)
Project Title:	Building resilience of urban populations with ecosystem-based solutions in Lao PDR (Urban EbS Project)
Application Deadline:	July 14, 2021.
Type of Contract:	Individual Consultant (IC)
Language Required:	English
Duration of Assignment:	One year, with possibility of extension of up to five years subject to performance reviews.
Duty Station:	Department of Climate Change, MONRE.
Duration of assignment:	As soon as possible

Background Information

The project “Building resilience of urban populations with ecosystem-based solutions in Lao PDR” was approved by the Green Climate Fund Board on November 2019 with a GCF grant of US\$ 10 million. United Nations Environment Programme serves as the Accredited Entity for the project. Activities will be executed by the State of Lao, PDR through the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and UNEP. The project will be implemented across five years covering four provincial capitals in the country: Vientiane Capital, Paksan, Savannakhet, and Pakse.

The project aims to shift the paradigm of urban flood management in Laos from a limited, hard infrastructure approach towards an integrated approach that enhances climate resilience. This will be achieved by mainstreaming integrated flood management strategies into planning frameworks and implementing urban ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) to decrease climate-induced flooding. The project will be implemented in four cities that have been shown to be the most vulnerable to climate change through climate risk modelling and consultations with relevant planning institutions in Laos. Project interventions will directly benefit 74,600 people and restore 1,500 ha of urban wetland and stream ecosystems. The project focuses on:

Component 1. Technical and institutional capacity building to plan, design, implement and maintain integrated urban Ecosystems-based Adaptation (EbA) interventions for the reduction of climate change induced flooding

Output 1.1 Strengthening of institutional capacity for integrated flood risk management and implementation of urban ecosystems-based adaptation and males and females with increased awareness of climate threats

Output 1.2 Integrated Climate-resilient Flood Management Strategies and urban EbA guidelines developed for Vientiane, Paksan, Savannakhet and Pakse, and effective Flood Risk Management Committees as coordination mechanisms

Component 2. Rehabilitation and protection of ecosystem in response to climate variability and change

Output 2.1 Area of wetland restored contributing to flood reduction and sustainable management of the Nong Peung wetland in Paksan

Output 2.2 Area of urban streams restored contributing to flood reduction and sustainable management of urban streams in Savannakhet and Pakse

Output 2.3 Area of permeable paving solutions installed in public areas contributing to flood reduction in Vientiane, Paksan, Savannakhet and Pakse

Duties and Responsibilities

Lead the implementation of activities on Conduct awareness-raising campaigns in each of the four target cities for communities and the private sector on urban EbA and flood management including:

- Design and organizing of workshops and Development of campaign materials;
- Managing of local consultants for awareness campaigns in provincial capitals;
- Liaison with institutions such as Urban Development Administration Authority, NGOs, youth groups water user associations, and community-level organizations and other required activities;
- Develop the project's communication strategy, including developing key messages for dissemination;
- Lead communication activities and development of communication and knowledge products and promotional materials with a view of leading to behavioral change;
- Conduct interviews, collect photos, and write stories, particularly human-interest stories on positive impacts of the project;
- Manage dissemination of knowledge products developed by the project;
- Develop tools to verify results of project against indicator 1.1.2 Number of males and females with increased awareness of climate threats and participating in implementation wetland and stream management plans and cleaning of drainage;
- Track and measure how behavioral change results from communication products and interventions, lines;
- Ensure project stakeholders, including the private sector, with a view to ensure beneficiaries are aware of project objectives, activities, and outputs as well as the value of freshwater ecosystems as consistent with the Stakeholder Engagement Plan in Annex 12: Environmental and Social Action Plan;

In coordination with the Environmental and Social Safeguards consultant:

- Ensure project beneficiaries and stakeholders are aware of the project grievance redress mechanism;
- Maintain register of project feedback, complaints, and grievances and working with the project team, help ensure that these are addressed in a timely and satisfactory manner;
- Support the activities and organization of community wetland and stream and drainage management committees to ensure communication of key messages that lead to behavioral change;
- Support the Project Coordinator in liaising with districts, MPWT, and NUOL and other partners for follow up activities;
- Support other project activities as required.

Required Skills

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Strategic thinking
- Leadership skills
- Team player

Required Experience and Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in communications, marketing, journalism, broadcasting, or similar field;
- Demonstrated experience in developing communication strategies;
- Demonstrated experience in carrying out community-level campaigns;
- Proficiency in Lao and English

Interested candidates are invited to submit their CV and cover letter with contact details of at least three professional referees including a financial proposal by July 14, 2021 to:

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Only short-listed Candidates will be contacted for interview.