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Terms of Reference



For consultancy services to develop local (indigenous) school curriculum in Sekong and Salavan Province

Duration:	30 (thirty) days
Working period:	30 September, 2019 to 31 October 2019
Base location:	Vientiane, with travel to Sekong and Salavan provinces, Lao PDR
Project:	Leading the Change (LtC), Greater Mekong
Supervised by:	Project Manager, Leading the Change, WWF-Laos

Vientiane, September 2019

1 Background

1.1 WWF-Laos

WWF has been working in Laos since the late 1980s in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Our country programme office was first established in Vientiane in 2001. Since then, our team has grown to over 40 Lao, international and volunteer staff working on over 10 projects countrywide with offices in Vientiane, Champassak, Salavan and Sekong provinces. WWF-Laos is part of the WWF Greater Mekong Programme Office, which operates in 5 countries: Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos. Find out more at www.wwf.org.la

WWF has been a strong, credible and recognized global force in the world of conservation for the past half-century as we have strived to deliver on our mission of building a world where people thrive in harmony with nature. In Laos, with our 2015-2020 Strategic Plan, we aim at increasing our conservation impact by focusing on direct threats to wildlife, forests, and water ecosystems, and by increasing our influence and credibility in the Lao PDR.

WWF's vision for Laos is that the human footprint stays within the country's capacity to maintain the full spectrum of biological diversity and ecosystems, and the key services they provide, to enhance Lao people's livelihood resilience and contribute to the sustainable conservation of the overall ecological integrity of the Greater Mekong Region.

1.2 Leading the change programme

Leading the Change (LtC) programme in the Greater Mekong is aiming at empowering people and communities in target areas to effectively exercise their rights, influence decisions and equitably receive benefits from natural resources, and contribute to the sustainable management of key ecosystems and habitats. In particular, the proposed programme aims at strengthening CSOs and CBOs to effectively influence planning, decision-making, and good governance of natural resources.

The programme intends to strengthen the technical and organizational capacity of CSOs and CBOs to scale up community conservation actions for local and upstream impact. WWF will bolster policy research, advocacy, analysis and monitoring capacity in civil society to empower their participation in policy and decision-making processes with regards to Natural Resources Management (NRM). The programme will also improve knowledge management by developing and promoting existing toolkits, guidance and good practice documentation; and facilitating south-south & peer-to-peer civil society exchange.

2 Rationale and objectives

This consultancy will support building capacity of partner CSOs and local government counterparts in the development of local and indigenous school curriculum. Through this consultancy, we aim at achieving two objectives:

- 1) Build the capacity of technical staff of partner CSOs as well as that of local government technical agencies as well as community members and leaders.
- 2) Complete sets of local curriculums inclusive of indigenous knowledge and obtain approval from relevant education offices at all levels to mainstream their use in the target area.

Working closely with WWF and partner CSOs technical staff and under the supervision of the WWF Laos Project Manager, the consultant will provide:

- Guidance in Government-approved standard procedures on the development of local curricula, using a step wise and inclusive approach;
- Technical and practical trainings to technical staff of WWF-Laos, partner CSOs, local government and communities;
- Produce resources relevant to the development of local curricula, including handouts, guidelines, etc. as well as certificate of training to successful trainees.

The WWF Laos Project Manager will be responsible for field work logistical arrangements.

3 Tasks

3.1 Preparation

- Review the project documents and other relevant literature, guidelines and legislations on the social and education context of the project area;
- Develop tools and methods for development of local (indigenous) curricula (to be approved by the Project Manager);
- Develop a work plan for the field work and trainings.

3.2 Field work and trainings

- Attend consultation meetings
- Brief/train WWF and technical agencies on what the procedures are;
- Consult villages to design curriculum;
- Create curriculum;
- Train stakeholders on how to use the curriculum;
- Monitor, review, refine.

4 Deliverables

Key deliverable outputs consist of:

- 1) Two sets of local curriculum are created;

- 2) Ensure that the curriculums are approved by MOES and make them valid for use;
- 3) One technical including practical training session on how to create curriculum provided to stakeholders;
- 4) One technical including practical training on how to use the curriculum provided to stakeholders.

All deliverables are to be approved by the WWF Laos Project Manager before finalization.

5 Technical assistance input

Description of tasks	# days
Preparation	5
Field works and trainings	20
Gaining approval and reporting	5
Total	30

6 Required qualifications and experience for the consultant

- Lao national (knowledge of Mon Khmer languages practiced in Sekong and Salavan Provinces an advantage);
- Master or higher degree in education and/or indigenous knowledge promotion;
- Prior extensive experience in development of local and/or national curricula;
- Be familiar with the educational context of Laos (particularly ethnicity in Southern Laos);
- Thorough knowledge of standard procedures, laws and legislations on the development and approval of local curricula.

Please send your application to WWF-Laos

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