



CARE International in Vietnam

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NATIONAL CONSULTANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN EQUITABLE MANGROVE BENEFIT SHARING SYSTEM

Project Title: Disaster Resilient Coastal Communities in Hau Loc and Nga Son Districts, Thanh Hoa Province
Location: Hanoi with field trip to Thanh Hoa province
Duration: 7.5 working days in May/June 2013

1. Background

CARE International in Vietnam is a Non-Governmental Organisation representing the CARE International network in Vietnam since 1989. CARE in Vietnam (CARE) contributes to the global effort on eliminating poverty and hunger, particularly for vulnerable and marginalized groups. In Vietnam, to achieve this, we work with Vietnamese partners across sectors such as health services, rural livelihood development, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

CARE has been working with Da Loc commune villagers in Hau Loc District since 2006 to establish the Da Loc Community Based Mangrove Forest Management system (CBMFM). Central to the successful results thus far, has been the combination of community participation in planting and maintaining the 257 hectares of mangrove, with a step by step CBMFM process of mangrove management and participatory land use planning; establishing groups to lead each activity, a Community Mangrove Management Board (CMB) and village rules and regulations. In addition, integration of support for household livelihood improvements, fresh water irrigation supply and environmental education provided village members with additional benefits, which reinforced their commitment to the mangrove management. In a landmark decision, the district authorities agreed to grant rights of sustainable use and management of 200ha mangroves planted by the project to three coastal villages in collaboration with local authorities, demonstrating their support to community rights for mangroves management and use.

The application of community-based approaches to natural resource management in Vietnam presents particular challenges as Vietnam is a country whose modern political system has been shaped by top-down economic planning approaches. There is, however, increasing understanding of the benefits of community engagement, including in the area of natural resource management and a gradual shift in implementation practice. This project will build on this emerging openness to working with communities by providing more examples of what can be achieved through greater community involvement in decision-making and joint ownership.

Up to date, 28 coastal villages in three communes, Da Loc in Hau Loc district, Nga Thuy and Nga Tan in Nga Son district, Thanh Hoa Province have been supported for mangroves reforestation. In addition, the project supported local community capacity building on mangroves planting, management, nursery garden, etc. Those activities are aiming to increase the resilience of coastal communities in Hau Loc and Nga Son districts by strengthening Community Based Disaster Risk Management through improved preparedness planning and disaster mitigation measures including mangrove reforestation.

Local people highlight a range of livelihood benefits including firewood collection, honey production, collecting snails, shellfish, fishing and potentially, ecotourism associated with exploring the mangrove and bird-watching. However there is no mechanism for those people who benefits from the mangrove, paying for mangrove maintainance in return. There is a need of the local community and authority for the establishment and implementation of a system to support community use and benefit from the mangrove forests. The system will identify user options within legislative frameworks; facilitate the organization and regulation of uses and the fair distribution of economic benefits in ways acceptable for both communities and authorities.

2. Objective

The objective of the consultancy is to facilitate the development of an equitable mangrove benefit sharing system to regulate the use and benefits of the mangrove forest. The implementation of the system will contribute to strengthen community structures for disaster risk reduction and sustainable mangrove management and use of 28 coastal villages in Thanh Hoa Province.

3. Scope of works

The work of the consultant will include, but not be limited to the following tasks:

- Studying current legal documents, regulations and experiences related to management and use of mangroves, particularly those are related to mangrove benefit sharing system
- Reviewing all project documents related to mangroves such as Code of Conduct for CBM system etc. and development of workshop agenda
- Consultation with related stakeholders and facilitating the establishment of an equitable benefit-sharing system within the community based mangrove management system in two communes, with focus on ensuring equity, transparency and accountability of income generated from mangrove and compensation for community members' protection activities

4. Expected outputs

The ultimate outputs of the consultancy include:

- A detailed legal document and experiences report on management and use of mangroves, particularly those are related to mangrove benefit sharing system
- Satisfactory delivery of a workshop and consultations with related stakeholders on an equitable benefit-sharing system establishment for two communes

- One equitable benefit sharing system and detailed implementation plans for two communes (Da Loc and Nga Thuy Communes) are agreed for implementation among communities and authorities

5. Timeframe

This mission should be completed by 30th June 2013, so it can start as soon as possible with the tentative time frame as follow:

Activity	Expected outputs	Expected time	Working days
Discuss and agree on TOR, schedule	Agreed TOR and schedule	May	0.5
Studying current legal documents, regulations and experiences related to management and use of mangroves, particularly those are related to mangrove benefit sharing system	A detailed legal document and experiences report on management and use of mangroves, particularly those are related to mangrove benefit sharing system	May/June	1
Reviewing all project documents related to mangroves such as Code of Conduct for CBM system etc. and development of workshop agenda	Agreed agenda between consultant and CARE staff	May/June	1
Consultation with relevant stakeholders and facilitating the establishment of an equitable benefit-sharing system within the community based mangrove management system in two communes, with focus on ensuring equity, transparency and accountability of income generated from mangrove and compensation for community members' protection activities	Satisfactory delivery of consultation workshop/meetings on an equitable benefit-sharing system establishment within two communes An equitable benefit sharing system and detailed implementation plans within two communes are documented and agreed for implementation among communities and authorities	June	5 (including travels to project sites)
Total working day			7.5

6. Preparation and Logistical Support

- The CARE project team will facilitate the consultant through the provision of all required logistical support, such as accommodation and transportation to/from/within project area as well as arrangement of trainings.
- The consultant will use fees to pay for per diem & personal communication costs during the consultancy.

7. Qualification

- Extensive knowledge and experience in mangroves use and management, integrated coastal management in Vietnam
- Extensive experience in working with coastal community and authority in Vietnam
- Facilitation experience
- Demonstrated analytical, communication and report writing skills

8. Application

CARE International in Vietnam offers a competitive remuneration package commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested candidates, please send **a cover letter and a CV** to email: nvnghi@care.org.vn and cc to nhue.nc@care.org.vn. **Closing date to apply for this position: 14 May 2013.** The short-listed applicants will be contacted for interviews. Please no telephone contact after submitting the application.

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