

OVERVIEW	
Title and brief description of the assignment	Ending Project Evaluation for Strengthening Climate Resilience in the Mekong Subregion (SCR) Project
Assignment location	An Thanh Dong commune- Cu Lao Dung district, Phong Nam commune- A Sach district and Song Phung commune- Long Phu district Soc Trang province
Contract start date	02 June 2025
How to apply	Interested candidates are invited to submit: 1) A proposal describing how the evaluation will be conducted (including a budget in a separate file) 2) Most recent Curriculum Vitae(s) 3) A written example of an evaluation of relevant work already carried out in line with the assignment.
Application deadline	31 May 2025
Specific considerations	

1. PURPOSE OF THIS CONSULTANCY

The procurement for consultancy services is to conduct Ending project Evaluation for SCR which implement from June 2022- June 2025 in Soc Trang province, Vietnam. This consultancy aims to evaluate the project ending results, how the project approach and strategies have been addressing the SCR priorities in Soc Trang Province and develop recommendations for future consideration to minimize the impact of disasters, climate risks, and socially inclusive climate change adaptation and disaster risk management plans.

2. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Oxfam is a global movement of people who are fighting inequality to end poverty and injustice. Oxfam confederation currently has 21 member organizations working in 79 countries. We share a vision of a just and sustainable world. A world where people and the planet are at the center of our economy. Where women and girls live free from violence and discrimination. Where the climate crisis is contained. And where governance systems are inclusive and allow for those in power to be held to account.

Oxfam in Vietnam believes that a reduction in poverty, injustice, and inequality will occur through the interaction between active citizens, accountable states and responsible private sector, and that it is fundamental to Vietnam's development. Oxfam in Vietnam contributes to a shift from the current growth-based development model to a Human Economy that cares about People and the Planet.

The Mekong region encompasses a significant portion of the estimated 60 million people who depend on the Mekong River and its tributaries for various essentials like drinking water, food, transportation, and commerce. The Mekong region is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and this is exacerbated by the complexity of the governance and management of the river and tributaries, accompanied by low technical and financial capacity in key locations. In the recent decades, there is greater frequency of extreme and unpredictable weather events causing flash flooding, persistent droughts and changing river water flows that have negatively

impacted on agricultural production, fisheries and use of local forests that local communities have depended on for generations for their livelihoods, food security, cultural heritage and their very existence.

The Strengthening Climate Resilience in the Mekong Subregion (SCR) project, spanning from 2022 to 2025, is funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). This project aims to improve the capacity of the Mekong riverine communities and local government authorities to minimize the impact of disasters and climate risks by working together to develop locally appropriate and socially inclusive climate change adaptation and disaster risk management plans. The project is implemented in 4 countries in the Mekong region (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam). The project interventions were designed based on the specific context and needs of the respective countries. The project is implemented through partnerships with local organisations including national, sub-national government and authorities, universities, and civil society organisations.

Oxfam in Vietnam is managed the project and it's coordinated by Soc Trang DARD (currently is coordinated by Department of Agriculture and Environment) and implemented by Soc Trang Division of Water Resources Management, Provincial Farmer and Women Unions through Project Team Management which was set up by Soc Trang People Committee. This project aims to improve the capacity of the riverine communities and local government authorities to minimize the impact of disasters and climate risks by working together to develop locally appropriate and socially inclusive climate change adaptation and disaster risk management plans at 3 communes namely: An Thanh Dong commune, Cu Lao Dung district, Phong Nam commune, A Sach district and Song Phung commune, Long Phu district, at Soc Trang province. The project implements and aims to achieve the following outcomes:

1. Target riverine communities are implementing inclusive Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation (DRM/CCA) plans
2. Local authorities are supporting communities to manage disaster and climate-related hazards
3. Improved hydro-meteorological data is used by riverine communities and Disaster Risk Management (DRM) authorities.

As the SCR project is concluding in June 2025, a **Rapid Endline Evaluation** will be conducted to assess the project's overall impact, effectiveness, and sustainability. This rapid endline evaluation will serve as a complementary analysis to the Midterm Review, ensuring that the identified gaps left unaddressed during the MTR are thoroughly examined. And this Rapid Endline Evaluation will also be used to determined how well the project has met the intended objectives and year-end target indicators based on the project NCE document.

The evaluation findings will be shared with the public, stakeholders, and the People We Work With (PWWW), including donors, partners, and communities. And therefore, it is important to note that this evaluation is not only integral to measuring the achievement of the project's intended outcomes but also need to align with Oxfam and DFAT's evaluation requirements. By adhering to these standards, the assessment ensures accountability and transparency while providing critical insights to guide future programmatic strategies.

3. EVALUATION OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the assignment is to evaluate the key achievement, shortcoming and lesson learnt from the implementation of SCR project in Soc Trang province.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- (1) **IMPACT:** To identify the changes brought by the project, especially the changes in technical capacity, structure and mechanisms for an inclusive disaster risks management/climate change adaptation (DRM/CCA) in terms of Knowledge, Attitude and Practices. and how changes will continue to support the DRM/CCA in the community for the benefit of marginalized groups beyond the project period.

- (2) **EFFECTIVENESS and EFFICIENCY:** To evaluate the efficiency of the resource allocation and utilization in the project and the results include the achievement of end-of-year target indicators and positive changes as per agreed project results framework.
- (3) **Sustainability:** To assess the long-term viability of the project's interventions, ensuring that inclusive DRM and CCA strategies and outcomes continued beyond the project's completion.
- (4) To evaluate the Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) outcome, and
- (5) To draw out lessons learned and formulate actionable recommendations for future programming on inclusive DRM/CCA for DFAT, Oxfam, and partner organizations.

In order to achieve the evaluation objectives, the assignment needs to answer the following evaluation questions:

KEY QUESTIONS

Evaluation Objectives	Key Questions	Themes
To identify the changes brought by the project, especially the changes in technical capacity, structure and mechanisms for an inclusive DRM/CCA in terms of Knowledge, Attitude and Practices. and how changes will continue to support the DRM/CCA in the community for the benefit of marginalized groups beyond the project period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What specific changes in knowledge, attitudes, and practices have been observed as a result of the project's interventions? • How have the project's technical capacity, structures, and mechanisms evolved to support inclusive Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)? • In what ways will these changes continue to benefit marginalized groups beyond the project's conclusion? • How have local stakeholders adopted and integrated the project's approaches into their decision-making and response mechanisms? 	Impact
To evaluate the efficiency of the resource allocation and utilization in the project and the results include the achievement of end-of-year target indicators and positive changes as per agreed project results framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What positive shifts have been observed based on the agreed project results framework? • Was the resource allocation efficient in achieving the end-of-year target indicators? • Were there any resource allocation challenges that impacted the efficiency of project implementation? 	Effectiveness and Efficiency
Sustainability: To assess the long-term viability of the project's interventions, ensuring that inclusive DRM and CCA strategies and outcomes continued beyond the project's completion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What mechanisms, including financial, technical resource, and policy changes, exist to support the continuation of project outcomes beyond its completion? • Are local governments, partners, and communities equipped to continue implementing DRM/CCA strategies? 	Sustainability
To evaluate Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How effectively were gender, disability, and social inclusion considerations integrated into project activities? 	GEDSI

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What specific outcomes have been achieved in promoting inclusivity and equitable access to DRM/CCA initiatives? • Were there any gaps or barriers in engaging marginalized groups? How can these be addressed in future programming? 	
To draw out lessons learned and formulate actionable recommendations for future programming on inclusive DRM/CCA for DFAT, Oxfam, and partner organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What key successes and challenges emerged from the project's implementation? • What lessons can inform future programming on inclusive DRM/CCA? • What specific recommendations for the project to consider for fostering the impact, efficiency, and sustainability in the next phase? • How can the findings be leveraged to refine the project MEAL framework? 	Lessons Learned and Recommendation

4. SCOPE OF WORK

EPE plans to give greatest focus to the criteria of Effectiveness, and Relevance, as speaking most directly to the Outcomes and approaches detailed in project documentation and in the Theory of Change. This EPE would also add the point as to how efficiency SCR has combined highly diverse activities, partnerships and stakeholder engagement across widely different country contexts to achieve coherent results, integrated gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) in implementing the different project activities. All findings and recommendations from the evaluation will present in the final Ending Evaluation Report for future on disaster risks management and climate change resilience in the Soc Trang province.

Specific tasks related to this scope of work are outlined as:

1. Develop the ending project proposal evaluation with specific methodology and its budget estimate.
2. Finalisation of fieldwork schedule and questionnaire package (for individual, in-depth interview and focus group discussion) in consultation with Oxfam in Vietnam.
3. Data review and primary data collection, with fieldwork at project site in Soc Trang province.
4. Present first draft of the evaluation report to OiV and SCR partners in Vietnam at workshop for checking of analysis, findings, recommendations and revise accordingly to the requirements/ advises.
5. Submit the final evaluation report.

5. METHODOLOGY

The consultant requires to propose details of evaluation methodology and approach, and plan to collect the primary data, information at project site and review the secondary data for analysing and writing an evaluation report.

Oxfam in Vietnam will support a consultant/ team to arrange the administration process and get approval from the provincial authority to conduct the ending project evaluation at project site.

6. DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

Key timeline

The consultant is expected to deliver the following outputs:

Activity / Milestone	Outputs or Deliverables		Timeline
Review the project documents and develop a plan for conducting the ending project evaluation.	A plan for conducting the ending project evaluation.		1 st week of June
Develop questionnaires for interviewees (incl. individual, in-depth interview and focus group discussion).	A package of questionnaires		1 st week of June
Interview/ collect primary data/ information at field site (excluding travel days)	A package of collected data and information		2 nd week of June
Analysis data and write a report	A draft evaluation report		3 rd week of June
Prepare presentation and present the findings, recommendations from the evaluation report to PMU, OiV and partners.	A presentation prepares and present to PMU, OiV and partners.		3 rd week of June
Prepare and finalize evaluation report after receiving recommendations/ suggestions from PMU, OiV and partners.	A completion of evaluation report		4 th week of June

7. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSULTANT

The consultant/ team should have the following competencies:

- At least five years relevant experiences working/ in conducting ending project evaluation on climate change mitigation and disaster risks management, climate-smart agriculture gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) in the Mekong context.
- Having experience with Oxfam / NGOs / working in development, disaster risks management, climate change mitigation and GEDSI
- Proficiency in writing report with **OECD DAC Criteria** and follow DFAT's [accessibility requirements](#) to meet the requirements of the DFAT Development Evaluation Policy and Transparency Requirements.
- Having master's degree in Climate Change and Disaster Risks Management, Nature Resources Management and knowledge and experience in gender and development studies is plus.
- Having experience to work with disaster risks management and climate change mitigation in the Mekong sub-region.
- Strong professional writing skills in English.

8. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Interested consultant(s) are invited to submit the following:

- Profiles and CVs of the team members highlighting relevant experience and qualifications.
- A detailed technical proposal that aims to achieve the mission objectives within suggested timelines and elaborates at least the following key parts: methodology, detailed workplan, quality control plan, team structure.

- A financial proposal including a detailed breakdown of costs, number of working days, consultancy rates, and logistical costs required.

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How to Apply: The Proposal should be submitted in English by email with subject mentioning “**Final Evaluation- SCR project**” to HR.Vietnam@oxfam.org.

The closing date for application: 1st June 2025.

We regret that only short-listed applicants will be contacted for an interview.