

## **Ministry of Transport and Roads of the Kyrgyz Republic**

Central Asia Road Links Project, financed by World Bank

**Environmental Safeguard Specialist (with experience in Disaster Risk Management)**

### **TERMS of REFERENCE**

#### **Background**

Within the framework of Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program, the countries of Central Asia are working together to increase regional transport connectivity by coordinating investments in transport infrastructure and aligning respective policy and regulatory reforms to make the impacts of those investments sustainable. This is to improve the region's competitiveness, reduce poverty and expand trade, both among Central Asian economies, regionally, and globally. CAREC program focuses on investment and other activities along six transport corridors that link north, south, east and west through Central Asia. Specifically, the Governments of Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic approached the World Bank to consider financing for the Osh-Khujand road corridor as part of a regional program, using national IDA funds to leverage regional IDA funds which are additional to the national IDA country envelopes.

The proposed Osh-Khujand Road Corridor Improvement Project is proposed to form part of a regional program on priority road corridor improvements in Central Asia which is expected to have substantial positive impacts on poverty reduction and economic growth, not only because of the high population density along the catchment area of the corridor, but also high poverty rates and related impacts on cohesion and migration.

Ministry of Transport and Roads of the Kyrgyz Republic runs an Investment Projects Implementation Group of the World Bank (IPIG) to carry out consulting assistance to the Executing Agency for the successful implementation of the project financed by World Bank.

The Executing Agency requires to hire the services of an **Environmental Safeguard Specialist**, who will be responsible for the compliance with the national laws on environment as well as with the World Bank safeguard policies. The Environment Safeguard Specialist will also ensure that all environmental commitments and disaster risk management (DRM) issues outlined in the ESIA/ESMP are incorporated and implemented into the construction activities and work processes.

#### **Objective of the assignment**

The key objective of the assignment is to supervise and assist the project in implementation of ESMP during the implementation of the Central Asia Road Links Project and other projects implemented by the IPIG WB.

#### **Scope of services and responsibilities**

1. Environmental surveys and preparation of reports on project environmental impacts and disaster risk management during implementation;
2. Analysis and identification of disaster risk management issues during preparation and implementation of the projects;
3. To write ToRs for the EIAs, Third Party Monitoring and/or environmental audits for works that might be assigned in future to IPIG for implementation;

4. Cooperation, requesting, collecting and analyzing information on environmental/DRM issues received from all parties involved in project implementation;
5. Supervising, providing oversight for and supporting contractors in achieving their responsibilities as outlined in the ESMP.
6. To ensure that the contractors prepares site-specific environmental management plan and gets it approved from 'The Engineer'/Client before the start of physical works.
7. Carrying out frequent field visits and conduct monitoring for ESMP implementation.
8. Identifying and preparing environmental induction and training materials; training calendar and conduct/manage ESMP training for the IPIG personnel, supervision consultant and contractors' staff;
9. Responding to and documenting environmental incidents/accidents and DRM issues based on the field reports;
10. To ensure and help contractors and supervision consultant in documenting and maintaining record (written, photographic) for the environmental safeguards and DRM issues including occupational and community related accidents during the project implementation.
11. Preparing quarterly progress reports for submission to World Bank and other stakeholders as defined in the ESMP and other documents.
12. Assistance to consultants in project monitoring, assessment of ecological and DRM impacts, in preparing project monitoring reports on all key indicators;
13. Submission of regular information on project implementation progress and its outcomes to IPIG, MOTC and other stakeholders;
14. Identification of problems and obstacles encountered during project implementation in relation to environment and DRM;
15. Project implementation in compliance with the regulative documents (grant agreement, financing agreement, operational guidelines and etc.);
16. Daily monitoring of consultants' and contractors' performance under the project regarding timeliness of environmental reports submission and compliance of these reports with TOR;
17. Participation in all project meetings between Client and Contractor, and representation of environmental and DRM issues at such meetings (this is crucial to keep safeguards in the daily information flow and decision making processes);
18. Liaison with environmental and DRM authorities;
19. Execution of other official commissions of the IPIG Director.

### **Reporting Relationship:**

Environmental Safeguard Specialist will be reporting to IPIG Director

### **Qualifications and Experience:**

- Higher education in ecology, environmental sciences or allied sciences;
- Work experience (not less than 3 years) in international organizations, and organizations financed by international donors as environmental or safeguards specialist in addition to 3 years of similar experience with the national organizations;
- Work experience in the implementation and preparation of EIAs/EMPs,;
- Good knowledge and experience (at least 3 years) in the area of Disaster Risk Management;
- Good computer skills, all Microsoft Windows office applications;

- Fluency in written and spoken English.

**Duration of the assignment**

The duration of assignment is 12 (twelve) months, with three months' probation period. The term of engagement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties involved.