

TERMS OF REFERENCE
of
Consultancy Service for External Social Monitoring

Project	Dhaka and Western Zone Transmission Grid Expansion Project
Expertise	External social monitoring expert
Source	National
Objective and Purpose of the Assignment An independent local expert (external expert) will be engaged to carry out external monitoring and to verify monitoring information for the project. The external expert will be responsible for reviewing resettlement monitoring reports and providing guidance in accordance with land acquisition related resettlement plan (RP), Government of Bangladesh (GOB) rules, loan agreements, project administration manuals (PAM) and ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). Scope of Work The external expert will be responsible for periodic monitoring of the progress and status of land acquisition related RP implementation with regard to achieving objectives of the ADB's Safeguard Policy on Involuntary Resettlement. Independent evaluation will be done twice during the project implementation period. Detailed Tasks and/or Expected Outputs The activities of this position include for Transmission line and Substation, but are not limited to the following: i. <i>Review the progress and status of Resettlement Plan (RP) implementation and internal monitoring reports.</i> Identify of the key issues that need to be addressed. ii. Review compensation and entitlement policy compliance; adequacy of organizational mechanism for implementing the RP; and provisions for adequate budgetary support for implementing the RP. iii. Assess whether resettlement objectives, particularly vulnerable group assistance and restoration of livelihoods and living standard of the affected persons have been fulfilled. iv. Assess resettlement efficiency, its effectiveness, impact and sustainability in relation to policy and practices and to suggest any corrective measures. v. Appraise the accounting documents used in recording the payments of compensation to affected people by PGCB. vi. Involve in grievance redress mechanism and support settling complaints and grievances. Guide PGCB grievance log and documentation. vii. To provide inputs into the RP and assist RP update, if necessary. viii. The external monitoring should make necessary field visit and activities such as conducting formal and informal surveys/interviews/public consultations/focus group discussions and in-depth case studies to assess impact of resettlement.	

Minimum Qualification Requirements

The specialist should have an advance degree in environmental studies, social science or other related disciplines and with at least 7 years of related work experience in resettlement. The specialist should have an expert on resettlement and social issues especially in preparation of resettlement and social monitoring reports.

Minimum General Experience: 7 years

Minimum Specific Experience: 5 years (relevant to assignment)

Regional/Country Experience: Required

Deliverables	Estimated Submission Date	Type
External Resettlement Monitoring Report for Transmission line and Substation (if required).	bi-annually	Report
Final Evaluation Report	after completing land acquisition work	Report
Places of Assignment:	Days Estimated Dates	
Home office	176	2 months/year and for 4 years from the loan effective date. Early termination is possible if the land acquisition and compensation for both substations and transmission lines is completed.
TOTAL DAYS	176 (intermittent)	Max. Working Days/Week: 5 for Home Office, 6 for Field