

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**PROJECT TITLE: Consulting service to prepare a pre-feasibility study and review and finalize the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Concept Note “Towards climate change resilient coastal fisheries and aquaculture in Tonga”**

### **A. BACKGROUND**

Climate variability and change have existing and anticipated impacts on coastal fisheries and aquaculture in Tonga. A GCF project is being designed to enable the sector to become more resilient to these impacts through the adoption of resilient community-based coastal fisheries management, enhanced food security and livelihood through aquaculture and ecotourism, and strengthened governance, knowledge management and institutional and policy frameworks.

A draft concept note has been co-developed by the Pacific Community (SPC)'s Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems (FAME) division and the government of Tonga. It has been submitted to the GCF by SPC as an Accredited Entity and received review comments in mid-April 2020. Prior to further processing, the concept note now needs to be revised with a focus on improving the climate rationale and the interlinkage between observed climate change drivers, hazards and impacts with the proposed activities.

### **B. SCOPE OF WORK**

The objective of the consultancy is to collect missing data, with support from a local climate resilient fisheries specialist, a local gender equality and social inclusion specialist and a local data analyst to be housed under the Ministry of Fisheries, prepare a pre-feasibility study and revise the concept note based on the GCF comments.

The consultant is required to conduct the following activities, in close collaboration and consultation with SPC (both the Climate Finance Unit and the FAME division), Tonga's National Designated Authority (Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications), and other relevant stakeholders (including the Ministry of Fisheries as the local executing entity and the Ministry of Finance as the local Delivery Partner of Tonga's Rapid Readiness Support Programme):

1. Development of a pre-feasibility study:
  - Country background and context (geography, population, socioeconomic context, target sector analysis); policy context; past and ongoing projects and initiatives
  - Climate analysis and rationale (current, observed and projected trends, sectoral vulnerabilities and potential impacts, priority adaptation actions, barrier analysis)
  - Project description (including beneficiary selection, methodology, detailed activities and theory of change), feasibility assessment, implementation arrangements
2. In full consultation and coordination with SPC, review of the draft concept note by addressing the comments from the GCF, including but not limited to:
  - Strengthening the climate rationale (including baseline versus climate change situation) and justification for GCF involvement, demonstrating the strong impact of the project in terms of adaptation to climate change;

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- Revising the proposed interventions as deemed appropriate
- Revising the theory of Change and logical framework;
- Clarifying the implementation arrangements, including the nature and operation of projects partners;
- Strengthening the impact potential, country ownership, exit strategy (including mechanisms to sustain and replicate the activities with adequate consideration of the beneficiaries' views and supply chain issues).

### **C. EXPECTED KEY DELIVERABLES**

- a. Inception report
- b. Pre-feasibility study
- c. Revised Concept Note (addressing GCF comments received in April 2020 if deemed appropriate as well as GCF comments received once the concept note is resubmitted)

### **D. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

The implementation of all activities in a coherent manner is the responsibility of the consultant, under the supervision and coordination of the Ministry of Finance (Delivery Partner), and the Tonga NDA office (Department of Climate Change under Ministry of MEIDECC). The consultant will work in close collaboration with SPC Climate Finance Unit and FAME division, as well as the PMU and relevant staff under the Ministry of Fisheries as the executing entity from Tonga.

### **E. TIMELINE OF WORK**

The consultant has to complete the work defined in the scope of services within approximately 60 working days (at a rate of \$500 USD per w/day) over a period of four months from signing date.

### **F. DUTY STATION AND TRAVEL**

The assignment will be carried out from the consultant's office with planned travel. The consultant will need to find ways to organize and lead the consultations from his office (phone and videoconference mainly, including with multiple participants).

## G. QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

Education	Master's degree in environmental science, climate change, fisheries, development studies or related field
Experience & competencies	<p>At least 5 years of professional experience on climate change adaptation</p> <p>Sound knowledge of the fisheries and aquaculture context in the Pacific</p> <p>Demonstrated experience with multi-stakeholder and multi-disciplinary consultation processes</p> <p>Previous experience in feasibility studies, concept/proposal formulation for the Green Climate Fund, Adaptation Fund or Global Environment Fund is a strong asset</p> <p>Excellent analytical and drafting skills</p> <p>Attention to details and ability to think creatively</p> <p>Strong interpersonal skills</p>

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