

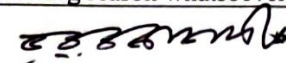
**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance  
Support to Sustainable Graduation Project  
Building#08, Planning Commission Complex  
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Memo No: 09.00.0000.228.07.129.23.12

Date:08/01/2025

**Request for Expression of Interest (REoI) for Hiring of consultancy services for a study on "WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies: Impact and Way Forward for Bangladesh"**

<b>General Information</b>		
1.	Ministry / Division	Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance
2.	Agency	Development Effectiveness Wing, ERD
3.	Name of Procuring Entity	Project Director, Support to Sustainable Graduation Project (SSGP)
4.	Procuring Entity package	SD-17-20(4)/24-25
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6.	Expression of Interest for	WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies: Impact and Way Forward for Bangladesh
7.	EOI Ref No.	09.00.0000.228.07.129.23.12
8.	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	08/01/2025
<b>Key Information</b>		
9.	Procurement method	QCBS (Quality and Cost-Based Selection)
<b>Funding Information</b>		
10.	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget
11.	Development Partners	DRGA-CF, Japan
<b>Particular Information</b>		
12.	Project/ Programme Code	223034000
13.	Project/ Programme Name	Support to Sustainable Graduation Project (SSGP)
14.	Eoi Closing Date and Time	29/01/2025 up to 12.00 PM
<b>Information for Applicants</b>		
15.	Brief Description of the Assignment	Marine overfishing threatens marine sustainability and food security, worsened by harmful fisheries subsidies and illegal fishing. SDG 14.6 aims to eliminate such subsidies. In 2022, WTO members agreed to ban subsidies linked to IUU fishing and overfished stocks, with exemptions for developing countries. However, no consensus was reached on subsidies. In Ministerial Conference held in 2023, a related draft proposal also failed to reach consensus. Now Support to Sustainable Graduation Project (SSGP) plans a study to assess the WTO agreement's impact and devise strategies. <b>(Details in the ToR)</b>
16.	Qualification & Experiences of the Consulting Firm	The shortlisting criteria are: 1. It shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract with a minimum of 05 (Five) years of general experiences in providing research/study/consulting services. 2. The consulting firm must have experience to successfully complete 04 (Four) research/studies to the Government of Bangladesh/UN bodies/public universities/development partners/multinational companies/INGOs/reputed research organizations in the related field over the last 05 years as specific experience 3. Reputation of an international standing in the delivery of credible analytical report; with minimum 03 years of experience 4. Availability of appropriate experiences and professional qualifications among Applicant's staff and adequate resources to carry out the assignment 5. The required average annual turnover of the consulting firm shall be at least of the amount of Tk. 100 (One Hundred) Lac over the last three years 6. A capacity statement summarizing their facilities and area of expertise (IT equipment, logistics support, transport and office space including technical resources and facilities available for the service). Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria: (i) Up to date relevant registration papers of the firm (s); (ii) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (iii) Firm's brochure; (iv) Audited financial reports for last three years; (v) Service experience record of Last five (05) years (including nature, total cost of Contract, total input in terms of man month, employer, location of service etc.); (vi) Updated trade license; (vii) Turnover of the consulting firm; (viii) any other information necessary to substantiate the shortlisting criteria listed above and/or included in the TOR (ix) Undertaking that the firm has not been debarred by any government organization or by development partner. <b>(Details in the ToR)</b>
17.	Other Details	A copy of the Terms of Reference (ToR) may be obtained from the address below during 09:00 to 17:00 hours or download from the ERD website at: <a href="http://www.erd.gov.bd">www.erd.gov.bd</a> . Eoi shall be submitted <b>on or before 29/01/2025 at 12:00 noon</b> in sealed envelope delivered to the undersigned and be clearly marked "Request for Expressions of Interest for Hiring of consultancy services for a study on "WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies: Impact and Way Forward for Bangladesh"
<b>Procuring Entity Details</b>		
18.	Name & Designation of the Official Inviting Eoi	A. H.M. Jahangir, Project Director (Additional Secretary)
19.	Address of the Official Inviting Eoi	Building#08, Room# 11, Economic Relations Division, Planning Commission Complex, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
20.	Contact Details of the Official Inviting Eoi	Tel. No.: 222216710 e-mail: <a href="mailto:wingchief10@erd.gov.bd">wingchief10@erd.gov.bd</a>
21.	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Eoi's without showing reason whatsoever.	

  
**A. H. M. Jahangir**  
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