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Addendum No. 1

GCA-PR-25-881 - Request for Proposals

Review of “Scaling up Investments in Nature based Solutions for Climate Resilience (Bangladesh)” Project grant supported by Global Affairs Canada

This addendum addresses and/or clarifies the following:

Questions & Answers:

Question 1: Considering the upcoming Bangladesh elections on 12 February and the observance of Ramadan from 17 February to 19 March, how does GCA anticipate these events will affect the proposed evaluation timeline?

Response 1: The proposed timeline accounts for the national election and the observance of Ramadan in Bangladesh. Due to possible election-related disturbances, GCA advises that the selected firm/ institution plan for travel to Bangladesh either before or after the elections. It would be advisable to prepare a contingency plan for the work, in case travel/ presence in Bangladesh is not possible. All offices are open during Ramadan for about 6.5 hours. As such, Ramadan should not cause any delays to the proposed timeline. Government holidays for EID in 2026 are such that many offices will be closed and/or people will be unavailable from March 20 to 28. This should be factored into the delivery schedule.

Question 2: Section R (Location) stipulates a mandatory 14-day mission to Bangladesh for "key team specialists." Is the Team Leader required to be part of this mission if the firm utilizes an established in-country team based in Dhaka?

Response 2: No, the team leader is not required to be part of the mission. The purpose of the in-country presence is to ensure close interaction with the GCA team, ensure some of the KIIs and FGDs are conducted in person, and conduct field visits. However, the Team Leader is expected to guide the in-country team member.

Question 3: The RFP mentions that the Service Provider will pilot the use of a "GCA developed scale (shared with Global Affairs Canada) to capture some statistical analysis to measure each sub-project's effectiveness and outcome." To ensure our methodology is fully aligned with your internal standards, could you provide additional details on this scale? Specifically, we are interested in information regarding the scoring rubric, data requirements, and thresholds.

Response 3: This scale was recently developed and will be piloted for this activity to capture impact pathways and "uptake." This will be shared with the selected firm/ institution post award.

Question 4: To ensure our proposed field methodology is comprehensive and our team composition is geographically diverse, could GCA provide further details on the nine sub-projects listed in the RFP? Specifically, we would appreciate clarification on the primary field locations and core GCA pillar alignment.

Response 4:

| Investment Sub-projects | Pillar |
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| | Primary Location |
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| 1. Bay Terminal Project (WBG) | NbS/ Infrastructure Chattogram |
| 2. Green Railway Logistics Project (WBG) | NbS/ Infrastructure Dhaka to Chattogram corridor |
| 3. Resilient Urban Territorial Development Project (RUTDP) (WBG) | Urban/ Infrastructure Dhaka |
| 4. Urban Climate Resilient Infrastructure Project (UCRIP-II) (KfW) | Urban/ Infrastructure Dhaka |
| 5. Narayanganj Green and Resilient Urban Development Project (NGURDP) (ADB) | LLA & Urban/ Infrastructure Narayanganj |
| 6. Climate Smart Rural Transport (CSmaRT) Project (WBG) | NbS/ Infrastructure 41 Districts + LLA Rajshahi |
| 7. Bangladesh Coastal Resilience Program (KfW) | LLA Khulna |

| Non-Investment Sub-projects | Pillar Primary Location |
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| 8. National Capacity to Enhance Access to Climate Finance through Institutionalized Training for Public Administrators in Bangladesh | Climate Finance Dhaka |
| 9. Integrated Social Development through Climate Resilient Water Services | Urban/ Water Dhaka |

Question 5: Is the project timeline flexible or contingent on permissions, approvals, and on-ground field realities?

Response 5: Since the project closes on March 31, 2026, this task/ evaluation report is due before then. As such, there is some flexibility on delivery dates of the deliverables outlined in the TOR (the earlier the better) but GCA aims to conclude submission of (and payment to the firm/ institution) the evaluation report by March 28, 2026.

Question 6: With respect to the scope of analysis across the nine sub-projects, is GCA expecting an equal depth of analysis across all nine sub-projects, or should the evaluation prioritize investment sub-projects over non-investment ones?

Response 6: In-depth analysis of all 9 sub-projects is not required. A strong sampling method can be proposed by the firm. Analysis of the model used to engage with IFIs is very important for institutional learning.

Question 7: With respect to the scope of analysis across the nine sub-projects, are there any sub-projects that GCA considers flagship or of higher priority for learning and Value-for-Money (VfM) analysis?

Response 7: This will be shared during the inception phase of this task.

All other requirements regarding the Request for Proposals remain the same.