

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)  
(SELECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)  
Economic Expert**

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**Assignment Title: To Consult/ Advise/ Support Upper Arun Hydro-Electric Project Adivasi Janati Advisory Council for the preparation of Economic Development and Livelihood Programs under Indigenous People Plan (IPP)**

**Reference No. 124/082/082 UAHEP-AJAC (Economic Expert)**

Upper Arun Hydro-Electric Project Adivasi Janajati Advisory Council (UAHEP-AJAC) is responsible for facilitating, monitoring, and supporting the selection of programs for the implementation of the Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP) in close collaboration with the Upper Arun Hydro-Electric Project and Local Government. The organization has formed and established in 2022 at Bhotkhola Rural Municipality-04, Gola Bazar, Sankhuwasabha. Following a tripartite agreement signed on December 11, 2022—between the UAHEP, local government, and AJAC — the parties agreed to apply the IPP Implementation Directives. The assignment shall be carried out over **a period of four (4) months (120 calendar days)** from the date of contract signing upon satisfactory performance of consultant, business need and availability of budget. However, the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment and the template for Curriculum Vitae (CV) can be found at the following website:( [www.uahel.com.np](http://www.uahel.com.np)).

Such this context, UAHEP-AJAC invites qualified individual consultant to submit proposals for the assignment described in this Terms of Reference (TOR).

Major key responsibilities are as follows: Conduct socio-economic assessments and market analyses in the target villages to identify livelihood opportunities and priority value chains; Carry out baseline surveys, value chain analyses, and market studies, including assessment of potential cross-border trade opportunities; Assess local production potential based on available natural resources, environmental conditions, and traditional livelihood practices; Design economic development interventions focusing on agriculture, livestock, high-value crops, medicinal and aromatic plants, and other locally viable enterprises; Develop strategies for promoting local seeds, cash crops, livestock production, and climate-resilient livelihood systems; Strengthen market linkages and recommend mechanisms for improving access to regional and national markets. However,

**Required Qualifications and Experience:**

General Experience: Bachelor's degree in economics, Development Studies, or a related field; 7-10 years of relevant experience in development sectors.

Required Specific Experience: Master's degree in economics, Development Studies or a related field (PhD preferred); Minimum seven (7) years of professional experience in economic development, livelihood promotion, value chain development, rural enterprise development, or related fields; Demonstrated experience in socio-economic assessments, market systems



development, and livelihood enhancement programs.; Proven experience in designing and implementing community-based economic development initiatives; Experience working with Indigenous Peoples, rural communities, donor-funded projects, or hydropower development projects will be highly desirable; Strong understanding of agricultural production systems, tourism development, market analysis, and value chain strengthening.

The consultant should be registered in VAT in compliance with the prevailing VAT Rules in Nepal.

Interested and eligible individual consultants are requested to submit the following documents: Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV); Cover Letter; Technical Proposal (mentioning propose methods and approach); Copies of academic and professional certificates; and VAT registration certificate (if applicable).

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 9:00 to 17:00 during the official hours. Local time (Nepal Standard Time).

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in the written form to the address below by email by July 7, 2026.

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Bhotkhola Rural Municipality, Ward No.4, Gola Bazar, Sankhuwasabha  
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