

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(CONSULTING SERVICES - INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)**

**Lebanese Republic**

**Government of Lebanon**

**Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR)**

**GREEN, AGRI-FOOD TRANSFORMATION FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY - GATE**

**Ref: GATE-IC-Proc-01**

**Assignment Title: PROJECT MANAGER**

The Republic of Lebanon represented (The Borrower) represented by the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) as a representative to the Borrower will implement the Green, Agri-food Transformation for Economic Recovery (the "GATE" or "Project"), funded by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD or the World Bank or the Bank). The total project cost is Two Hundred Million United States Dollars (US\$ 200,000,000). The Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR), an implementing agency of the Client, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for consulting services to be procured under this project.

The consulting services include providing support to the CDR as a **Project Manager** under the project.

The full TOR version can be found on CDR website [www.cdr.gov.lb](http://www.cdr.gov.lb) , click on the Procurement tag for more info.

The Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) is in the process of establishing a project coordination unit to assist the CDR in the implementation of the Green, Agri-food Transformation for Economic Recovery (GATE), now invites eligible local experts ("Individual Consultants"), to indicate their interest in providing the required Task. Interested individuals should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Tasks by submitting their Expression of Interest ("EOI") and Curriculum Vitae("CV"). The shortlisting criteria are:

**Qualifications Requirements:**

- Bachelor degree in Engineering / Environmental or Agricultural.
- Minimum of 5 years of relevant working experience in managing agricultural/infrastructure projects preferably related to the implementation of international agreements in collaboration with international organizations preferably in World Bank-funded projects, and public administrations.
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**It is preferable to limit the EoI to a maximum of 10 pages including the CV as per attached CV format. Pages beyond 10 will not be reviewed.**

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers for Goods, Works, Non-Consulting services” dated February 2025 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Shortlisted Consultants will be invited for interview, upon which a Consultant will be selected for negotiation in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection described in the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers.

The Deadline for receiving EOIs is to be on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 12:00 o’clock noon Beirut local time.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) must be delivered to the address below by hand or carrier including one original, one copy and one electronic CD ROM. Electronic Submissions are not accepted.

***Address:***

*Council of Development and Reconstruction (CDR)*

*Tenders Department*

*City: Beirut*

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## CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) FORMAT

<b>Position Title</b>	{e.g., }
<b>Name of Expert:</b>	{Insert full name}
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	{day/month/year}
<b>Country of Citizenship/Residence</b>	

**Education:** {List college/university or other specialized education, giving names of educational institutions, dates attended, degree(s)/diploma(s) obtained}

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**Employment record relevant to the assignment:** Starting with present position, list in reverse order. Please provide dates, name of employing organization, titles of positions held, types of activities performed and location of the assignment, and contact information of previous clients and employing organization(s) who can be contacted for references. **Past employment that is not relevant to the assignment does not need to be included.**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Employing organization and your title/position. Contact information for references</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Summary of activities performed relevant to the Assignment</b>
[e.g., May 2005-present]	[e.g., Ministry of ....., advisor/consultant to...  For references: Tel...../e-mail.....; Mr. Hbbbb, deputy minister]		

Membership in Professional Associations and Publications:

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Language Skills (indicate only languages in which you can work): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Adequacy for the Assignment:**

Detailed Tasks as per the TOR Scope of Work	Reference to Prior Work/Assignments that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Assigned Tasks
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**Individual Consultant's contact information:** (e-mail ..... , phone.....)

**Certification:**

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience, and I am available, as and when necessary, to undertake the assignment in case of an award. I understand that any misstatement or misrepresentation described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal by the Client, and/or sanctions by the Bank.

{day/month/year}

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Name of the Individual Consultant

Signature

Date

## **GREEN, AGRI-FOOD TRANSFORMATION FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY - GATE**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION**

#### **PROJECT MANAGER**

### **I. PROJECT BACKGROUND**

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GATE Project aims to improve the resilience of farmers and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Lebanese agri-food sector. The project is designed to facilitate access to finance, support climate-smart investments, and restore critical infrastructure services to sustain and enhance the agricultural value chain. Through targeted interventions, it seeks to increase agricultural productivity, strengthen food security, and promote sustainable economic growth. The project is structured into key components focusing on value chain investments, infrastructure development, enabling regulatory improvements, and knowledge management.

The Project is structured into five main components, each designed to strengthen the resilience of Lebanon’s agri-food sector and support farmers and SMEs.

#### **Component 1: Climate Smart Investments in Agri-food Value Chains (US\$71 million):**

The objective of this component is to provide access to finance to strengthen the resilience and improve the competitiveness of farmers and SMEs involved in agri-food value chains. The component will promote climate smart practices, create higher value addition, improve links between farmers, agribusinesses and markets, and unlock diversification opportunities. The project will finance activities specifically designed to benefit women and seek to contribute to reducing some of the gender gaps identified in terms of access to finance, inputs, markets, technical capacity building activities, improved confidence and negotiation skills as well as addressing social norms through a carefully designed behaviorally informed outreach campaign, also targeting men.

**Component 2: Climate-Smart Infrastructure and Services for Agri-Food Sector Development (US\$100 million):**

The objective of this component is to restore service delivery, build operational capacity and ensure the sustainability and climate-resilience of public infrastructure underpinning the agri-food sector. It will be structured across two subcomponents: Subcomponent 2.1. Improving rural community infrastructure for agriculture; and 2.2. Restoring access and protecting agency-managed infrastructure and services underpinning agriculture.

**Component 3: Improving the Enabling Environment and Restoring Support Services (US\$21 million)**

The objective of this component is to restore and strengthen the capacity of sector institutions to support the recovery and transformation of the agri-food sector.

**Component 4: Project and Knowledge Management (US\$8 million)**

This component will support the coordination and management of the implementation of the project. It will finance overall project management, including inter alia: (a) coordination among different stakeholders; (b) monitoring and evaluation (M&E), including reporting climate benefits to the MoE to comply with the Paris Agreement reporting requirements; (c) project Environmental and Social Standards (ESS); (d) hiring of a gender specialist; (e) project fiduciary administration, internal controls, and audits; (f) communication and information activities, and (g) the establishment and maintenance of a grievance mechanism (GM) and a citizen's engagement mechanism. timely communication of results. This component will also finance a third-party monitoring (TPM) mechanism, as well as timely communication of results. In addition, the project will recruit a Service Provider (NGO) specialized in child labor prevention and response and who will be responsible for supporting the project in preventing, mitigating, monitoring, and responding to such risks during implementation. It will finance the development of an action plan to combat child labor and a roadmap to improve social protection for farmers.

**Component 5: Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) (US\$0 million allocated initially)**

This component will have zero funding allocation at the onset and will only be triggered in emergency circumstances; the project will support the preparation of a procedure manual governing the CERC operations.

Each component is designed to work together, ensuring a holistic approach to strengthening Lebanon's agri-food sector and supporting economic recovery.

In order to facilitate project implementation, the CDR is establishing a Project Coordination Unit (PCU), to be staffed by professionals, who will lead or support the achievement of the respective project component objectives.

Subcomponent 1.2 of the Project will be implemented by Kafalat which shall provide loans to eligible agribusinesses to finance investments, working capital, and technical services. Kafalat will maintain a Project Management Unit (PMU), staffed with financial and risk management experts, to handle loan disbursement, monitoring, and compliance with World Bank guidelines.

Subcomponent 2.1 of the Project will be implemented by the Green Plan. This sub-component involves investments in climate-smart infrastructure and services. It will work closely with municipalities and stakeholders to develop and prioritize projects such as hill lakes, road rehabilitation, and irrigation improvements. Green Plan will establish a dedicated PMU to oversee implementation and ensure proper coordination.

Consequently, CDR will be responsible for coordinating with both Kafalat and Green Plan and consolidating fiduciary aspects. While Green Plan and Kafalat will manage their respective components independently, CDR will facilitate alignment and coordination to ensure coherence across the project.

## **II. SCOPE OF WORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Project Manager (PM) within the PCU at the CDR will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the project, including overall coordination, planning, management, implementation, monitoring & evaluation, and reporting of all project activities as well as for the overall technical quality and guidance of the project's work.

### **Overall responsibilities**

- Assume operational management of the project in consistency with the project documents (Loan Agreement GA, Project Appraisal Document PAD, Environmental and Social Commitment Plan ESCP, Environmental and Social Environmental Framework ESMF, etc.) and relevant policies and procedures.
- Ensure that the project outputs are achieved as identified in the project documents and as advised and instructed by the Project Steering Committee.
- Liaise with the implementing entities and the World Bank
- Carry out coordination activities with government agencies, local authorities, and relevant stakeholders.
- Supervise PCU staff and local or international consultants, suppliers and contractors working for the project.

- Ensure the compliance of the project to the provisions of the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006, and revised in January 2011 and as of July 1, 2016 (“Anti-Corruption Guidelines”).
- Ensure the implementation of the grievance mechanism in compliance with the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP).
- Ensure that Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) guidelines are followed at the project sites.
- Organize and manage the project activities according to project work plans to produce the envisaged outputs.
- Ensure timely preparation and submission of Project Progress Reports, Mid Term Report and Completion Report as required.
- Work on building the capacities of the PCU staff that are ancillary to the project in the different areas of project implementation and in project monitoring through training activities including on-job training and related activities.
- Organize and undertake consultations with experts and seminars.
- Organize and coordinate evaluation of the project.

### **III. QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS**

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### **V. REPORTING LINE**

The Project Manager will report directly to the CDR Head of the irrigation, water, sewage and infrastructure projects department and collaborate closely with technical teams, field staff, and relevant stakeholders.

## **VI. DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT**

The initial contract duration is 11 months, renewable based on performance and project requirements.

## **VII. LOCATION**

The position will be based at the CDR Offices, with occasional field visits as required.