

**Queries and Clarification for hiring of agency for Scoping Study and Value Chain Analysis under BTDP held on 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 at BRLPS Office, Patna.**

S.N.	Queries	Clarifications
1.	How many commodities have to be covered in the project?	It is clarified that total 7 commodities (6+1) including milk will covered in the project.
2.	What are details of commodities?	Prioritise value chain in the geographical areas within BTDP which have the potential to be developed as commodity specific clusters and shortlist at least six value chains of agriculture commodities and Dairy value chain that can be intervened in to create a high impact on the income of producers.
3.	How may blocks are to be covered under the project.	It is clarified that, the total 300 blocks are to be covered under 32 districts. The details of the blocks may download from website or to be provided. The excluded districts are Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Nalanda, Madhubani, Purnea and Khagaria.
4.	What should be tentative sample size?	Sample size as big as that shows the trend for value chain analysis and nullifying the sample errors
5.	Is study focuses only to highlight the opportunity to establish pro-poor value chain or it envisage a larger canvas incorporating the opportunity for all the market players?	Value chain analysis to be considered in large arena, but should be pro-poor's cover small holders
6.	Please provide draft of statement of undertaking for the financial proposal.	It is clarified that the details has been provided in financial proposal section 4 of RFP.
7.	Will the project provide any office space, equipment or support staff to the consultant? Kindly define what should the project will provide	It is clarified that project will not provide any office space to the consultant. Any equipment purchased by the consultant is reimbursable and it will be handed over to project after completion of the assignment.
8.	Are the deployment periods for the entire team fixed or minimum?	It is clarified that the deployment of team as provided in Section 6 of ToR.
9.	As part of market study during VCA, key markets will have to be covered along with interviews of all stakeholders. Does project is specifying categories of stakeholders and of interviews or is it upto to the consultant to propose?	Consultant may decide their own methodology. A detail approach and methodology may be submitted in standard format Tech-4 (page number 34-35 of RFP).

10.	Please advise how many key markets may be covered by the team per commodity (In Bihar and outside)	Consultants may covers markets of Bihar and national markets
11.	For assessing export market studies, the analysis will be using DGCIS data of the specific trade body (APEDA and Others)	Project will consider the reference of Government registered body.
12.	The interviews of VCA may be larger in number than physically possible to conduct through the team. Please confirm if consultant may quote survey costs separately in lump sum.	Lump sum cost may be given in remuneration part of fin-3. TOR has already mentioned the total man days/month required for this assignment.
13.	Will the project team accompany the consultants to any markets or villages during the survey or facilitate.	Project will not provide their staff but if facilitation required project will support.
14.	Will client share the data from Bihar Govt line department?	Data can be share if it is required from any department of GoB.
15.	When will effectiveness of contract is to be considered.	The effectiveness of contract should be considered from the day of signing of contract.
16.	Who will organize the workshop and bear the expenses for the workshop and the attendees/ invitees travel and stay and boarding costs.	Workshop will organize by the consultant.
17.	Do we have standardized sampling framework?	Methods/ place/ size should be adopted by consultants
18.	Should each bidder quote for a standard research element?	Any suggestions on the TOR may be indicated Tech-3 (page no. 33 of RFP), consultants are free to choose and quote accordingly.