



Scope of Work

Research Consultant for Political Economy Analysis

Background on IFES:

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) is an international NGO that supports the building of democratic societies around the world. Since 2006, IFES Nepal has been working with the Election Commission of Nepal (ECN) and local civil society partners to enhance citizen participation in electoral and political process and strengthen civil society, governance, and transparency in Nepal.

As a global leader in democracy promotion, IFES advances good governance and democratic rights by:

- Providing technical assistance to election officials.
- Empowering the underrepresented to participate in electoral and political processes.
- Applying field-based research to improve the electoral cycle.

Since 1987, IFES has worked in over 145 countries – from developing democracies, to mature democracies. To learn more about how and where we work visit www.ifes.org.

Objectives and Scope of Work:

The political economy analysis aims to identify the underlying political, social, and economic dynamics that impact the implementation of IFES programs in Nepal. Specifically, the analysis will:

- Identify key stakeholders, including state actors, civil society organizations, and private sector actors, and assess their interests, influence and incentives regarding the sector.
- Examine the broader political landscape, including any historical or ongoing conflicts, and how these may impact the project.
- Analyze the policy and regulatory environment, looking at relevant laws, regulations, and policies, and their implications for the project's success.
- Assess the potential risks and opportunities associated with the project, including any potential unintended consequences or adverse effects.

Key Deliverables:

- As requested provided targeted political economy analysis, including findings, analysis, and any recommendations.
- As requested, provide presentations to relevant stakeholders, including donors and other project partners.
- Any additional materials, such as data sets, interview transcripts, or analytical tools, that were used in the analysis.

Duration and Timeline:

The Consultant is expected to commence the work as soon as possible as anticipated by the project. A consultant contract will be signed for a maximum anticipated level of effort is not to exceed 30 billable

days in total over a period from March to August 2024 for multiple assignments focused on political economy analysis. These assignments are expected every two weeks or as needed.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate for this role will possess the following qualifications:

- Advanced degree in political science, international development, economics, or a related field.
- A minimum of 10 years of relevant experience in conducting political economy analyses and evaluations in complex development contexts.
- Strong analytical skills, with the ability to synthesize complex information and draw actionable insights.
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to present findings and recommendations to diverse audiences.
- Familiarity with the local political, social, and economic context of the project area, including any relevant languages and cultural nuances.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders, including government officials, civil society organizations, and community members.
- Experience working with donors and other international development organizations preferred.
- The consultant will be expected to work closely with the project team and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that the political economy analysis is rigorous, relevant, and actionable.

The interested candidate meets the above qualifications should send an updated CV along with daily remuneration/rate, inclusive of taxes, to rmaharjan@ifes.org no later than **4:00 PM on March 10, 2024.**