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Mekong - ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) Announcement of the 7th Call for MKCF Regional Project Proposals

Introduction

Following the launch of the Mekong – Republic of Korea (ROK) partnership in 2011, the Mekong – ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) was established in 2013 to support the implementation of cooperation activities initiated by the Mekong countries and the ROK under the Mekong – ROK cooperation framework.

The MKCF encourages cooperation in seven priority sectors outlined in the "Mekong – Han River Declaration for Establishing Partnership for People, Prosperity and Peace" adopted by Mekong-ROK Leaders during the 1st Mekong – ROK Summit in 2019.

The Fund provides grant for projects that are of regional in nature (Benefits more than one country in the Mekong region - Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Thailand). Such project is aligned on the priorities of the country to address national issues that facilitate regional integration process. It can be implemented in a single country. However, benefits should be shared among the countries in the Mekong region and the ROK.

Criteria

(1) The MKCF's Seven Priority Areas

The Fund provides grants to support catalytic and innovative activities in the seven priority sectors: (1) Culture and Tourism, (2) Human Resources Development, (3) Agriculture and Rural Development, (4) Infrastructure, (5) Information and Communication Technology (ICT), (6) Environment, and (7) Non-traditional Security Challenges.

(2) Examples of the projects

Sector	Examples of the projects
(1) Culture and Tourism	 Cooperation in preservation and restoration of cultural heritage sites Expansion of youth education in culture and arts and creative economy. Cooperation on Cultural tourism development, including creative industries on art, music including cultural exchanges and cultural entrepreneurship. Cooperation Projects to promote cultural and creative industries

	 Cooperation Projects to empower cultural professionals and
	enhancing networks, knowledge and exchange among creative
	agents among Mekong and ROK
	 Smart tourism - use of digital tools and services to advance
	<u> </u>
	sustainable and smart tourism, sustainable investment promotion
(2) II	in Mekong tourism sector.
(2) Human Resources	 Promotion of regional cooperation in education and skill
Development	development
	 Facilitation of safe labor migration within the Mekong region
	 Development of cooperative alliance among the Mekong
	countries for Technical and Vocational Education and Training
	(TVET) / Career and Technical Education (CTE)
	 Capacity building for MSMEs and entrepreneurs to enhance job
	opportunities and successful trade and investment environment
	in the Mekong countries
	■ Enhancing skills for post Covid-19 recovery
	■ Greening TVET, new skills, upskilling/reskilling on emerging
	industry needs.
(3) Agriculture and	 Development of regional agricultural value chain
	 Strengthening regional agriculture supply chains
Rural Development	 Cooperation in Mekong Agricultural productivity improvement
	rear an indirect and market development
	 Digital rural transformation for agricultural development in the
	Mekong region
(4) Infrastructure	 Capacity building in regional project management related to
	infrastructure (road, power communication etc.)
	 Cooperation projects on critical infrastructure development in
	rural areas for agriculture development
(5) Information and	 Cooperation in application of ICT for regional disaster risk
Communication	management / climate change adaptation (e.g. early warning
Technology (ICT)	system)
	 Estimation of crop production with ICT
	 Development of regional agriculture market information system
	 MSME Digitization and Fintech
	 E-commerce & paperless trade and customs facilitation
	 Development of alliance with the Mekong countries on ICT
	infrastructure / regional connectivity
	 ICT application in Post Covid-19 recovery
	 ICT application and broadband connectivity in rural and remote
	areas, application of ICT in disaster management, application of
	ICT in production sectors (industry, agriculture) and transport
	and logistics.
(6) Environment	 Cooperation in water resources management, rain water
(o) Difficult	harvesting, etc
	 Cooperation in Disaster management for natural hazards
	 Cooperation in Disaster management for natural nazards Cooperation in sustainable management of natural resources
	- Cooperation in sustamable management of natural resources

Climate change mitigation and adaptation measures		
 Sustainable transport and logistics 		
 Promotion of ESG in production sectors 		
 Green infrastructure for climate resilience in the Mekong 		
 Use and application of traditional knowledge in natural resources management, water conservation and management etc. 		
 Cooperation in clearance of explosive remnants of war, illegal drug trafficking, human trafficking Cooperation in prevention of in security areas to address transnational crime, terrorism and violent extremism 		
 Cooperation in cyber security to build an open and secure cyber space Safe Mekong, Combating Illicit Trafficking, surveillance techniques and transboundary coordination etc. 		

(3) Eligible Requirements of Proponent:

- Government agencies/Autonomous Organization from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam, Thailand (CLMVT) and organizations from the ROK.
- Non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and training institutes from CLMVT and the ROK.
- International Organizations, including UN Agencies, and other International Non-Governmental Organizations having operating offices in the Mekong countries and ROK.
- Experience in implementing development projects for at least 5 years.
- Assistance to individuals will not be provided.

(4) Budget / Duration

- The contribution of the Fund per project proposal is minimum of 300,000 USD and maximum of 1,000,000 USD.
- The fund encourages projects promoting 3-way (triangular) or 4-way (quadripartite) collaboration with other donors, including but not limited to the Mekong River Commission (MRC), Japan, United States (US), Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Canada etc. Extra budgetary funds should be leveraged, when needed, to facilitate such projects.
- The fund provides grants for joint activities with a regional or international entity, formalized through a cooperation agreement and is considered as regional.
- Activities which are not eligible for funding include construction of buildings and payment of rent or utilities.
- The time frame of the project should be 2-3 years.

Expression of Interest (EOI) Submission

- The proponent is required to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) when applying for the MKCF.
- The EOI should contain all the required components.
- The EOI as per the prescribed format should be submitted to the <u>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</u> of the respective country by **May 15, 2023**
- International Organizations, including UN Agencies, and other International Non-Governmental Organizations having operating offices in the Mekong countries and ROK should submit the EOI to ROK MOFA by May 15, 2023.
- Only shortlisted EOIs will be contacted for the next phase of application process.

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7TH Call for Regional Project Proposals

INTRODUCTION

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CLOSE ON 15 MAY 2023

The MKCF's Seven Priority Areas

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Culture and Tourism



Agriculture and Rural Development



Information and Communication Technology (ICT)



Human Resources Development



Infrastructure



Environment



Non-traditional Security Challenges







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1. Introduction: How to use this Manual

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of the Mekong-ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) Manual is to provide general information on operational rules and practices that are applicable to MKCF.

1.2. Target Audience

All actors involved in the MKCF.

This manual serves as a reference guide for Project Proponents and Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) of the MKCF and as an introduction to the MKCF for new arrivals.

2. Overview of the MKCF

2.1. Background

- Following the launch of the Mekong ROK partnership in 2011, the MKCF was established in 2013 to encourage and support cooperation in six priority areas¹ outlined in the *Han River Declaration* of 2011.
- It was agreed among five Mekong countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Thailand) and the ROK that the MKCF will be financed through an annual contribution from the ROK to MI and will be managed by MI in accordance with the *Terms of Reference* (TOR) adopted at the 3rd Mekong ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting in July 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. Moreover, at the 5th Mekong ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting in August 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the Ministers recognized the need for a more efficient management of the MKCF and agreed to task MI to act as a Coordinator for the MKCF.

2.2. MKCF Logo

The MKCF logo was created with the view to enhancing the visibility of the MKCF to the wider public. The logo was created by Mekong Institute and represents the cooperation among the constituent states of the Mekong countries and the ROK. The logo should be utilized in the MKCF supported projects such as in project activities, e.g. training, workshop, seminar, conferences, project reports, publications, meeting and training materials, physical assets, facilities and equipment.



Figure 1. MKCF logo

¹ 1. Infrastructure, 2. Information Communication Technology (ICT), 3. Green Growth, 4. Water Resource Development, 5. Agriculture and Rural Development, 6. Human Resource Development

3. Applying for the MKCF

3.1. General Information

The Fund provides a grant for projects that are of regional in nature². Such project is aligned with the priorities of the country to address national issues that facilitate regional integration process. It can be implemented in a single country. However benefits should be shared among the countries in the Mekong region and the ROK.

In other words, the regional project should address the needs of several Member States in the Mekong region. Such projects can consider national development objectives but are developed per regional development objectives as well.

3.2. The MKCF's Seven Priority Areas

- The Fund provides grants to support catalytic and innovative activities in the seven priority sectors: (1) Culture and Tourism, (2) Human Resources Development, (3) Agriculture and Rural Development, (4) Infrastructure, (5) Information and Communication Technology (ICT), (6) Environment, and (7) Non-traditional Security Challenges.
- Some examples of the projects for each priority sectors can be:

Sector	Examples of the projects
(1) Culture and Tourism	 Cooperation in preservation and restoration of cultural heritage sites Expansion of youth education in culture and arts and creative economy. Cooperation on Cultural tourism development, including creative industries on art, music including cultural exchanges and cultural entrepreneurship. Cooperation Projects to promote cultural and creative industries Cooperation Projects to empower cultural professionals and enhancing networks, knowledge and exchange among creative agents among Mekong and RoK Smart tourism - use of digital tools and services to advance sustainable and smart tourism, sustainable investment promotion in Mekong tourism sector.
(2) Human Resources Development	 Promotion of regional cooperation in education and skill development Facilitation of safe labor migration within the Mekong region Development of cooperative alliance among the Mekong countries for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) / Career and Technical Education (CTE)

² Project designed to address regional issue(s), project interventions designed and benefits more than one country in the Mekong region (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Thailand)

	 Capacity building for MSMEs and entrepreneurs to enhance job opportunities and successful trade and investment environment in the Mekong countries Enhancing skills for post Covid-19 recovery Greening TVET, new skills, upskilling/reskilling on emerging industry needs.
(3) Agriculture and Rural Development	 Development of regional agricultural value chain Strengthening regional agriculture supply chains Cooperation in Mekong Agricultural productivity improvement Rural finance and market development Digital rural transformation for agricultural development in the Mekong region
(4) Infrastructure	 Capacity building in regional project management related to infrastructure (road, power communication etc.) Cooperation projects on critical infrastructure development in rural areas for agriculture development
(5) Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	 Cooperation in application of ICT for regional disaster risk management / climate change adaptation (e.g. early warning system) Estimation of crop production with ICT Development of regional agriculture market information system MSME Digitization and Fintech E-commerce & paperless trade and customs facilitation Development of alliance with the Mekong countries on ICT infrastructure / regional connectivity ICT application in Post Covid-19 recovery ICT application and broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas, application of ICT in disaster management, application of ICT in production sectors (industry, agriculture) and transport and logistics.
(6) Environment	 Cooperation in water resources management, rain water harvesting etc Cooperation in Disaster management for natural hazards Cooperation in sustainable management of natural resources Climate change mitigation and adaptation measures Sustainable transport and logistics Promotion of ESG in production sectors Green infrastructure for climate resilience in the Mekong Use and application of traditional knowledge in natural resources management, water conservation and management etc.
(7) Non-traditional Security Challenges	 Cooperation in clearance of explosive remnants of war, illegal drug trafficking, human trafficking Cooperation in prevention of in security areas to address transnational crime, terrorism and violent extremism Cooperation in cyber security to build an open and secure cyber space

 Safe Mekong, Combating Illicit Trafficking, surveillance techniques and transboundary coordination etc.

NB - Projects proposals of entirely of research nature or academic research are not encouraged under this fund.

3.3. Eligible Requirements of Proponent

- Government agencies/Autonomous Organization from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam, Thailand (CLMVT) and organizations from the ROK.
- Non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and training institutes from CLMVT and the ROK.
- International Organizations, including UN Agencies, and other International Non-Governmental Organizations having operating offices in the Mekong countries and ROK.
- Experience in implementing development projects for at least 5 years.
- Assistance to individuals will not be provided.

3.4. Budget and Duration

- The contribution of the Fund per project proposal is minimum of 300,000 USD and maximum of 1,000,000 USD.
- The fund encourages projects promoting 3-way (triangular) or 4-way (quadripartite) collaboration with other donors, including but not limited to the Mekong River Commission (MRC), Japan, United States (US), Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Canada etc. Extra budgetary funds should be leveraged, when needed, to facilitate such projects.
- The fund provides grants for joint activities with a regional or international entity, formalized through a cooperation agreement and is considered as regional.
- Activities which are not eligible for funding include construction of buildings and payment of rent or utilities.
- The time frame of the project should be 2-3 years.

4. Project Proposal Formulation

4.1. Overview

• After the Call for Expressions of Interest (EoI) is announced, the potential proponents should follow the following procedure. The announcement of the EoI submission will be made on the websites of the Governments of the Mekong countries, Mekong Institute (MI) and through network of MI partners in the Mekong countries.



4.1.1 Steps

(1) Proponents shall need to submit an EoI to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of the respective countries. International Organizations, including UN Agencies, and other International Non-Governmental Organizations having operating offices in the Mekong countries and ROK based organizations should submit the EoI to ROK MOFA. The EoI should be submitted to the following focal points in the Mekong countries and RoK within the stipulated date.

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ROK	Mr. Seoyoung Park	rokmekong2014@mofa.go.kr	

- (2) The Focal Point of each MOFA in CLMVT and the ROK shall collect the EoIs and forward all the EoIs to MI. Screening by focal point of MoFA in Mekong countries is not required.
- (3) MI shall review the EoIs to shortlist according to the evaluation criteria. The evaluation will follow the following criteria.

No	Assessment Area(s)	Weight (%)
1	Relevance of the proposed project with the priority area(s) of Mekong-Republic of Korea Cooperation Plan of Action (POA) 2021-2025	30
2	How the identified issues will be addressed	20
3	Regional nature of the project (Identified regional issues and conceptualized in the project design)	20
4	Relevant project implementing experience of the proponent	15
5	Relevant experience of the proposed project team	15

- (4) MI shall review as per the above assessment criteria to shortlist the EOIs and submit to RoK.
- (5) The Approval Body at the MOFA-ROK shall make a decision on selection of the EoIs that will be developed into a full project proposal. Only shortlisted EoIs will be informed for the next steps.
- (6) MI shall notify the selected EoIs to the 6 Senior Official Meeting (SOM) leaders (5 Mekong Countries and ROK) for their information and support.
- (7) Proponents of the selected EoIs shall submit the full project proposals to MI within the stipulated date. In the case revisions are requested on the submitted full project proposal, MI will inform the proponent to revise and submit within a specific date.
- (8) During the full project proposal preparation phase by the shortlisted proponents, due diligence will be conducted to check the capacity of the proponent to implement the project technically and financially. This will be part of evaluation criteria to select the proposal. Shortlisted proposals may be disqualified if not found to be in compliance with the requirements of the full proposal.
- (9) The EoIs short listed for full proposals do not necessarily guarantee award of final selection of the project. The shortlisted proposals are subject to review and will go through a process of evaluation.
- (10) MI shall review the full project proposals as per the selection criteria and results of the organizational assessment (due diligence) to shortlist the full proposals for submission to RoK approval body. In case of countries with shortlisted project budget of less than 400,000 USD, additional project may be considered subject to the availability of funds and quality of the project proposal.
- (11) Foreign Ministers of the six countries endorse the full project proposals that will be funded by the MKCF in the form of a Co-Chair's Statement of the Mekong-ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting. If there is no Co-Chair's Statement, the final shortlisted projects are circulated to Mekong countries and ROK for endorsement and is used in place of Co-Chairs's Statement.
- (12) Once MI is officially informed of the endorsement of the projects by ROK, MI will inform the proponents about the endorsement. The PIA will be required to prepare for the launch of the project and will conduct the following:
- a) appoint and confirm the full-time project positions.

b) open a bank account (USD) in the name of the project at a local commercial bank, having experience in management of international / ODA fund.

Upon receipt the project bank account details, the proponent will sign and submit an Agreement on Fund Disbursement to MI.

The above should be completed within 2 months from the date of notification of RoK endorsement from MI.

(13) MI shall request for approval from the ROK to release the 1st installment (50%) and shall disburse the installment upon receipt the approval letter from the ROK. PIA will inform the date of launch of the project within 15 days of receipt of the first installment.

MI team will join the PIA at the project launching meeting where the PIA team is required to introduce the project team with assigned responsibilities, project details including M&E, work plan revisions, budget adjustments and finalization, partnership arrangements with another Mekong countries/RoK etc.

At the project launching meeting, MI will introduce the project monitoring and reporting guidelines. Any minor budget revisions or activities if deemed necessary may be incorporated at this stage.

- (14) In case there is a delay in launching the project after receiving the 1st installment of the project fund in the bank for more than 2 (two) months, MI may implement necessary measures (including termination of project) after consulting with ROK MoFA. Project not initiated within 1 (one) year after MI officially informs PIA of the endorsement of the projects will be terminated.
- (15) Once the Mid-term Report (the Project Progress and Financial Reports) are received and reviewed by MI and shared with ROK-MOFA, the 2nd installment (40%) MI will be disbursed. Any revisions on budget or project activity may be proposed with justification for review and consideration.
- (16) Upon completion of the project, the Project Implementing Agency will submit a Final Report (including the Financial Report) to the respective MOFAs and MI within 60 days after completion of the project.
- (17) The final installment of 10% will be released on satisfactory completion of all activities of the project with clear exit strategy.
- (18) The Project Implementing Agency is required to inform the interest earned(after adjustment of foreign currency) in the project bank account at the closure of the project.
- (19) Following the review of the Final Report, if necessary, MI can request correction and revision, and any unspent balance of the fund should be returned to MI's MKCF account within 30 days after the financial report approved by MI (in USD currency).

Bank Name	Bangkok Bank
Bank Address	147 Prachasamosorn Rd. Muang, Khon Kaen 40000, Thailand
Branch	Prachasamosorn Road
Currency	USD
Account Name	MEKONG-ROK COOPERATION FUND
Bank Account	840-101-0019-118355-501
Receiver address	123 Khon Kaen University Mittraparb Rd.Muang, Khon Kaen 40002
SWIFT	ВККВТНВК

4.2. Preparation of the Expression of Interest (EoI)

Proponents should submit an EoI as per the structure below:

A. Cover page (1 page)

- i. Name and address of Organization
- ii. Contact person (name, telephone, fax, and email)
- iii. Title of proposed project/sector
- iv. Country (s)/region
- v. Total project cost
- vi. Duration of project
- vii. Signature, name, title of the authorized representative of the Organization (applicant)

B. Technical (6 pages maximum)

- i. **Introduction:** Provide a brief background on the identified development issues in the Mekong region AND how the identified issue(s) will be addressed. Indicate the nature of the issue including its importance in the Mekong sub regional cooperation context, how it will be achieved and description of the target population, stakeholders and its regional implication.
- ii. **Objective:** State the short and long-term objectives of the project and how objectives relate to specific challenges or opportunities in the specific sector in the Mekong region. Also, explain how the project promotes cooperation between the Mekong countries and the ROK and contributes to the sustainable development of the Mekong region.
- iii. **Description of Specific Activities**: 1) Description of the identified issues in the context of Mekong region 2) How the regional challenges or opportunity will be addressed in the project, 3) Method(s) of approach to be applied, 4) Brief description of the activities to achieve the stated objective(s), 5) Potential partners in the Mekong region and role of the partners in the project.
- iv. **Anticipated Results**: Describe the expected outputs, outcomes and impact of the project.
- v. **Monitoring Framework:** Provide indicative measures to monitor and evaluate the results of the project and how the results will benefit or be shared in the Mekong region.

vi. **Team Members:** Please provide brief professional biography of the 2/3 full time project staff i) Project Manager, ii) Project Coordinator, and (iii) Project Finance Assistant (in case of projects with budget of above 500,000 USD). Provide ToR for the 2 or 3 full time project staff as per appendix 5 and provide updated CVs (max 5 pages) of the two aforementioned full-time project staff as per the sample format in appendix 6. It is encouraged that at least one member of the project team is from any of the other Mekong countries or RoK.

C. Financial (3 pages maximum)

- i. **Financial Statement:** Provide a brief statement as to why the proposed activities are feasible both technically and financially.
- ii. **Estimated Cost:** Provide an estimated budget (total cost), year wise (for multi-year project) and cost share.

D. Attachments

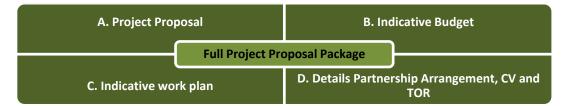
i. Any additional documents that provide information on Partnership arrangements (prebidding agreement, MoU, consent letter, etc.) with organizations in the Mekong countries, International organizations, trilateral/quadrilateral cooperation etc., previous experience in implementing development projects, institutional capabilities, and CV and TOR of the core project team.

The EoI must be written in English, typed, single spaced with 12-sized Times New Roman font. The EoI should not exceed 10 pages. The 10 pages do not include the attachments. The attachments must be concise and in a separate file.

The EoI will be reviewed based on their relevance, feasibility, and sustainability.

4.3. Full Project Proposal

The shortlisted EoIs will be invited to submit a full project proposal.



A. Project Proposal (Appendix 2)

The full proposal will include, but not limited to the following:

- i. Problem to be addressed
- ii. Background, problem analysis, and justification
- iii. Objective and success criteria
- iv. Outputs
- v. Indicative work plan
- vi. Management and implementation arrangements
- vii. Budget and funding arrangements

The proposal must be written in English, typed, single spaced with 12-sized Times New Roman font.

The proposal must be a development cooperation project with a focus on specific developmental problems, be innovative and unique and be independently originated and developed by the proponent. The project should fulfill the regional criteria to benefit more than one Mekong country

B. Indicative Budget (Appendix 3)

I. Budget Arrangements (in USD)

- Adequate provisions for the cost of all proposed activities and personnel. Cost breakdown by line item specifying clearly for each cost item covers:
 - Unit cost (unit price in USD)
 - Quantity of items and
 - Total cost for each item
- The budget should show the detail for all costs categorized.
- The budget must show:
 - Description of each element of cost
 - Number of units of direct costs, and indirect costs (if approved)
 - Unit cost of each item (unit price in USD)
 - Sub-total for each category of costs and Total cost for each item

1. Personnel 2. Consultancy services 3. Direct Supplies and Services 4. Travel 5. Equipment 6. Other Direct Costs

B. INDIRECT COSTS

II. Project Category and Cost Norm

Project Category	Cost	Remarks			
A. DIRECT COSTS: are related to project activities					

1. Personnel:

- The proponent/PIA recruit full-time staff specifically for the MKCF funded project.
- For all personnel, indicate the percentage level of efforts. For the newly recruited staff, the ToR should be included as annexes in the project proposal.
- Regular staff of the proponent organization may join the project but on project deputation / secondment basis and such notifications should be provided in the proposal
- The salary for two full time positions are as below:

Project Manager: Max. US\$ 4,000/month

Project Coordinator: Max. US\$ 2,500/month

The proponent may recruit a position of Project Finance Assistant (maximum salary US\$ 1,500/month) if the total proposed budget more than US\$ 500,000.

The total personnel budget cost should not exceed 25% of the total direct cost budget

The proponent may engage additional staff (part time basis) for limited number of days and submit time sheets charge under the 7% management fee of the project budget.

2. Consultancy services (Professional):

- Consultants/Experts are identified and charged under the activity budget for specific outputs.
- ToRs of the consultants/experts for the identified activities should be submitted as annexes in the project proposal.

- All expenses related to acquiring the services of a consultant for a specific activity within the project. (i) design of capacity development program, e.g. curriculum development, training packages, and etc.; (ii) delivery of capacity development program; (iii) reporting and information dissemination; (iv) design of technical and policy study/research; (v) delivery of training and workshop; (vi) field survey and data collection; (vii) project documentation; (xiv) and other activities agreed by the Republic of Korea (RoK) through Mekong Institute (MI) to be performed by a. International Expert: An individual subject expert; or one is from an internationally or regionally recognized organization; b. National Expert: An individual subject expert; or one is from nationally recognized organization, Institute/University etc.
- The project staff(s) may not act as the consultant, and the payment for consultant is not allowed for project staff(s) who receive salary from the project.
- The costs include (all for consultant only):
- Consultant fee/Remuneration
- Reports, communication materials, and publications
- Airfare
- Ground transportation
- Accommodation

Other costs related with the payment process

2.1. International and	- The lump sum	- Procurement Method:
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National	payment by	Selection of Consultant
Consultant/Remuneration	assignment is not	 Maximum number of
fee	allowed	working days: 120
		days/calendar year or
	- Max:	equivalent lump sum
	US\$ 300/Working	amount
	Day (the fee may	- Note : Proof of university
	differ depending on	degree or work experience
	the position and	may be requested
	ranking of the	
	personnel).	
2.2. Reports, communication	, ,	
_	 Equivalent to 2 working 	
materials, and publications	days	
2.3. Airfare	days	
2.5. All fait	 Economy class 	
	Direct flight	
	- Actual costs	
2.4. Grannel transportation	Actual Costs	
2.4. Ground transportation	- Base rental price per day	
	·	
	subject to the market	
	rate applied in each	
	location in each country	
2.5. Accommodation		
	 For traveling within the 	
	Mekong region and	

	ROK> Max:			
	US\$ 100/night/person			
3. Direct Supplies and Service	s:			
 The costs include: Venue for the event (me Coffee breaks Lunch Translation services Training materials 	ertificates, photo, videos, etc.	red to carry out the project.		
coffee breaks, and lunch)	- Half-day: US\$ 25/Pax			
3.2. Translation services	 Max: US\$ 15/page (350 words/page) For Simultaneous Translation Max: US\$ 200/Working Day Other relevant and allowable 			
3.3. Other expenditures under Category 3	 Actual basis applied to each location in each country. 			
4. Travel (for the PIA and/or p				
 International travel costs must be related to the project activities and incurred by the PIA and/or participants who work/participate on/for the project. Participants are required to travel on the most direct and economical flights. Moreover, travel costs budgeted in line with planned activities and specified in the detailed budget. The costs include (all for the PIA and/or participants of the event only): Airfare (economy class) Ground transportation Accommodation Per Diem Travel insurance Other cost related to COVID-19 testing All flight seating must be economy class. For special cases, seating call can be rearranged if approved by the ROK MOFA beforehand. Note: Local travel costs should be placed in the 'Other Direct Costs' category. 				
4.1. Airfare	Direct flight	For roundtrip airfare from a Mekong country to the		

	Economy classActual costs	ROK, the Fund will cover up to 1,000 USD for an economy seat. - For roundtrip airfare within the Mekong region, the Fund will cover up to 800 USD.
4.2. Ground transportation	 Base rental price per day subject to the market rate applied in each location in each country. 	
4.3. Accommodation		
Accommodation in Mekong countries and ROK	Max: US\$ 100/night/person	
4.4. Per Diem		
Per Diem in Mekong countries and ROK	Max: US\$ 50/day	
4.5. Travel insurance	Actual costs and cover only during the period of travel	

5. Equipment:

- Costs of equipment should not exceed 10% of the total project budget.
- Equipment that are deemed necessary for the successful implementation of the project will be permitted.
- The proponent is required to send a justification letter(s) along with the project proposal explaining why purchase of equipment is necessary for project implementation.
- The car or the building construction for project office are not allowed
- ROK MOFA may reject the proposed equipment budget either fully or partly
- Asset created via procurement will be reported in the final project report.

6. Other Direct Costs:

- Includes all other project costs that do not fall under the definition of Personnel, Consultancy services, Direct Supplies and Services, Travel and Equipment. Those costs directly related to performance of the activities described in the grant proposal (application). Such costs must be reasonable, competitive and allowable as specified in expenditure categories.
- **B. INDIRECT COSTS**: are in support of all project activities of the implementing agency.

Indirect costs include overhead and administrative costs which are not directly attributable to the proposed grant activity.

1. Management fee	 Max: 7% of the total approved budget. The fee is charged based on actual expenditure of direct cost. Indirect cost budgeted will be considered on a case-by-case basis 	This fee includes project overheads, adjustment on any loss of foreign currency exchange, financial audits, meetings, travel and DSA of project staff and support staffs. Staff support cost are required to produce time sheets.
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- C. Indicative work plan (Appendix 4)
- D. Details of Partnership Arrangement, CV, and TOR (Appendix 5)

5. Procurement

5.1. Principles

Competition	Efficient and Effective Procurement	Impartiality, Transparency, and Accountability	Procurement Ethics	Eligibility
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Competition

 Procurement shall be carried out in an open competitive basis to the maximum practical extent. All eligible bidders shall be given equal opportunity to compete in providing goods and/or services to the MKCF recipients.

Efficient and Effective Procurement

 Procurement shall be conducted in a manner that maximizes the efficient use of the MKCF's resources and ensures that the goods and/or services procured effectively meet the requirements of the MKCF recipients.

Impartiality, Transparency, and Accountability

Procurement shall be conducted in an impartial, transparent and accountable manner, and all eligible bidders shall be given the same information. Fairness and transparency in the procurement process require that all suppliers and consultants competing for a specific contract do not derive a competitive advantage from having provided services related to the contract in question. Therefore, the procuring entity/project management unit shall, when practicable, make available to prospective bidders all reasonable and material information that would, in that respect, give a supplier or consultant a competitive advantage.

Procurement Ethics

All procurements should not be in violation of the national laws and regulations on procurement, including Conflict of Interest, Code of Conduct for Suppliers. Furthermore, the MKCF considers a conflict of interest to be a situation in which a party has interests that could improperly influence that party's performance of official duties or responsibilities, contractual obligations, or compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The MKCF through MI will take appropriate action to manage such conflicts of interest, or rejects a tender or proposal for award in case it determines that a conflict of interest has flawed the integrity of any procurement process.

Eligibility

An eligible supplier or consultant is an organization or an individual that complies with national laws on procurement and is determined by the procuring entity to be a supplier or consultant who is legally and financially capable of providing the goods or services in the country or countries where such goods or services are to be provided.

5.2. Misprocurement

• If procurement is not carried out as agreed or prescribed, the MKCF through MI shall declare misprocurement and cancel that portion of the MKCF allocated to the goods and / or services that have been misprocured.

5.3. Methods of Procurement

Open tendering and request for proposals

The objective of open tendering is to provide all eligible suppliers or consultants with timely and adequate notification of requirements and an equal opportunity to bid for the required goods or services. In turn, this is expected to lead to competitive pricing, product innovation, and performance improvements. The project implementing agency shall open all tenders at the stipulated time and place, and tenders received after the stipulated deadline may be rejected, as stipulated in the procurement document. Open tendering may be conducted by issuing a request for proposals, especially when it needs to consider the financial aspects of proposals separately, and only after completing the examination and evaluation of the technical, quality and performance characteristics of the proposals.

Restricted tendering

Procurement may be undertaken by means of restricted tendering when:

- The subject matter of the procurement, by reason of its highly complex or specialized nature, is available only from a limited number of suppliers or consultants; or
- The time and cost required to examine and evaluate a large number of tenders would be disproportionate to the value of the subject matter of the procurement.

Request for quotations

Procurement may be undertaken by means of a request for quotations from approximately three suppliers or consultants, to assure competitive prices, for the procurement of readily available goods or services, or standard specification commodities of small value. Requests for quotations shall indicate the description and quantity of the goods or services, as well as the desired delivery (or completion) time and place. The evaluation of quotation shall follow the basic principles provided in these Procurement Regulations. Quotations may be submitted by letter, facsimile or by electronic means. The terms of the accepted offer shall be incorporated in a purchase order or brief contract.

Single-source procurement

Single-source procurement may be undertaken in the following exceptional circumstances:

- The subject matter of the procurement is available only from a particular supplier or consultant, or a particular supplier or consultant has exclusive rights in respect of the subject matter of the procurement, such that no reasonable alternative or substitute exists, and the use of any other procurement method would therefore not be possible;
- In exceptional cases when there is an extremely urgent need for the subject matter of the
 procurement, such as in response to natural disasters, and engaging in any other method of
 procurement would be impractical because of the time involved in using those methods;

- The procuring entity, having procured goods, equipment, technology or services from a supplier or consultant, determines that additional supplies or services must be procured from that supplier or consultant for reasons of standardization or because of the need for compatibility with existing goods, equipment, technology or services, taking into account the effectiveness of the original procurement in meeting the needs of the procuring entity/project management unit, the limited size of the proposed procurement in relation to the original procurement, the reasonableness of the price and the unsuitability of alternatives to the goods or services in question;
- The procuring entity determines that the use of any other method of procurement is not appropriate for the protection of essential security interests or confidential information; or
- When the estimated value of the procurement contract is regarded as a low value under the applicable regulation.
- Refer the below mention table for procurement threshold limit for goods and services.

Procurement thresholds for Services and Goods

Туре	Purchase volume	Request/Review	Approval	1. Open tendering and request for proposals	2. Restricted tendering	for	4. Single source procurement
Goods Service	/USD 0 - USD 500	Project Assistant or Project Officer	Project Officer Project Manager				-Quotation (i any) -Receip (Invoice)
Goods Service	USD 501 - USD 5,000	Project Officer	Project Manager			- Purchasing selection	reasons choses for the single
Service -Consultant -Sub- contractor	USD 5,001 and above	Project Officer	Project Manager and Committee (If needed)	- Company profile / Consultant's CV - Proposal / TOR - 3 information quotation or more - Announcement - Purchasing selection report - Agreement / Contract - Receipt (Invoice)	selection report - Quotation		
Goods Equipment	USD 5,000 and above (>=)	Project Officer	Project Manager	- TOR / Specification and properties - Company profile - 3 information quotation or more - Purchasing selection report - Agreement / contract Receipt (Invoice)	TOR / Specification and properties- Company profile - 3 information		

5.4. Handover of Asset Purchase via Procurement of Project Assets under the MKCF project.

- If project is closed earlier due to some unforeseen circumstances, in such situation all the project
 - assets will be returned by PIA to MI
- All the assets purchased under the MKCF project, at the end of the project all assets will be assessed and included in the final reported, where following section will be covered by the PIA. a) Name of asset, b) Original value of the asset c) Current Status of Asset, d) Location of Asset (PIA premises or Community).

6. Financial Management and Disbursement

6.1. Financial Management and Disbursement Arrangements

- Financial management and disbursement arrangements required under this Manual aim to achieve the following objectives:
 - To enhance transparency in financial management and use of funds to ensure that project resources are spent in full compliance with the covenants under the Agreement on Fund Disbursement with efficiency and effectiveness;
 - To provide clarified requirements and procedures for project management and implementation, including Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) tasks.
- The funds shall be spent for intended purposes as specified in the Agreements on Fund Disbursement. To this end, all selected organizations (fund recipients) must adopt adequate financial management controls:
 - A separate bank account (or subaccount) in United States Dollars (USD) held at financial institutions (commercial banks) for the purpose of depositing and expending the grant fund disbursed must be established.
 - The account name must be the official name of the PIA and/or title of the project.
 - No other funding shall be deposited into this account, and no expenditures which are not for eligible costs under the approved fund shall be paid from this account.
 - No funds disbursed under the approved fund may be transferred to other bank accounts owned by the recipients that contain funds from any other sources.
- A disbursement schedule is prepared for each fund. This schedule details the content of, and due date for each report the PIA is required to submit under the Agreement on Fund Disbursement. In addition, the schedule specifies the amount of payment and the indicative disbursement date for each scheduled funding. The payments schedule is included in the Agreement on Fund Disbursement.
- The 1st installment (50%) shall be disbursed upon receipt of the approval letter from the ROK and signed Agreement on Fund Disbursement.
- Upon approval of the Mid-term Report (the Progress and Financial Reports) by MI, the 2nd installment (40%) MI will be disbursed to PIA.
- The final installment of 10% will be released on satisfactory completion of all activities of the project with clear exit strategy.
- All funds will be denominated and funded in United States Dollars (US\$).

6.2. Financial Documentation

- Fund receipts and expenditures are requested to be properly accounted and recorded in the financial management systems of a PIA. The following are the key documents that must be maintained and easily accessible for supervision, M&E, and audit purposes:
 - Fund Disbursement Agreements
 - Bank statements showing transactions of fund receipts, exchange rate for converting USD to local currency and payments;
 - Supporting documents, including procurement contract, invoice, receipt, payment voucher, travel documents, training and workshop-related documents, minutes/ToR for consultancy services, and others evidencing that project activities are in progress or fully completed;
 - Financial reports
 - Original documents should be maintained by the PIA for at least 5 years

The financial documentation shall be prepared in line with the documents required for the project activities and costs as specified in the following table:

Project Category	Financial Documents	Remarks				
A. DIRECT COSTS: are related	A. DIRECT COSTS: are related to project activities					
1. Personnel:						
1.1. Project Manager 1.2. Project Coordinator 1.3. Project Finance Assistant**	 Copy of Agreement or Contract or Special Service Agreement (SSA) Original (or Certified Copy of) Bank Transfer Slip or Receipt signed Signed TOR CV 	- Proof of university degree or work experience may be requested				
2. Consultancy services (Profes	ssional):					
2.1. International and National Consultant/Remuneration fee (Resource Person, Subject expert, Facilitator)	 Copy of Agreement or Contract or Special Service Agreement (SSA) Original (or Certified Copy of) Bank Transfer Slip or Receipt signed by Consultant/Expert Detailed session summary Signed TOR CV 	- Proof of university degree or work experience may be requested				

	- Time sheet	
2.2. Reports, communication materials, and publications	 Copy of Agreement or Contract or Special Service Agreement (SSA) Original (or Certified Copy of) Bank Transfer Slip or Receipt signed by Consultant/Expert Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts 	- Proof of university degree or work experience may be requested
2.3. Airfare	 Boarding Pass(es) / ticket(s) Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts 	
2.4. Ground transportation	- Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts	
2.5. Accommodation	- Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts	
3. Direct Supplies and Services	S:	
3.1. Meeting/Training Package (consists of venue, coffee breaks and lunch)	 Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts Meeting/training minutes or report 	
3.2. Translation services	 Copy of Agreement or Contract or Special Service Agreement (SSA) Original (or Certified Copy of) Bank Transfer Slip or Receipt signed by the translator 	
3.3. Other expenditures under Category 3	- Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts	
4. Travel (for the PIA and/or p	articipants of the event):	

4.1. Airfare	 Boarding Pass(es) / ticket(s) Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts 	
4.2. Ground transportation	- Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts	
4.3. Accommodation	- Original Invoice and/or Receipts	
4.4. Per Diem	- Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts	
4.5. Travel insurance	- Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts	
5. Equipment:	- Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts	
6. Other Direct Costs:	 Original (or Certified Copy of) Invoice and/or Receipts Quotation based on the amount of purchase 	
B. INDIRECT COSTS		
1. Management fee		
1. Management lee	Overheads for the projects including Travel (air, bus, train, car) & hotel accommodation receipts of project staff, time sheet for support staff (e.g. finance, project assistant staff), stationaries, internet, telephone and other utilities.	

- * All invoice and/or receipt should be attached on the provided Receipt format (Appendix 7-10).
- ** for projects more than 500,000 USD

6.3. Financial Reports

- The **Mid-term Financial Report** must show the amount budgeted for each line item, the amount expended against each budget line as of the date of the report, including the remaining balance in each line. Totals must be shown for each of the three columns with explanations for material and irregular variances. Also, financial reports must also indicate bank account balance against received and disbursed amounts, which are reconciled with the bank statements issued by designated financial institutions.
- The **Final Financial Report** is the consolidation of the Mid-term Financial Report that must accurately present all financial information on grant fund receipt and use of funds for intended purposes. The structure of the final financial report is the same as the mid-term financial report.
- All supporting documents as indicated above shall be submitted to MI as an integral part of the financial reports and attached by (i) Approved Proposal with approved budget; (ii) Copy of agreed work plan, and (iii) Copy of Disbursement Letter.

7. Result-Based Monitoring Implementation and Performance

7.1. Reporting

- MI has adopted the model of results-based monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system based on a well-constructed results framework. The system will use guidelines for systematic result-based M&E of progress and performance and outcomes, including reporting formats, field visits data collection, case studies for reporting, organized learning, and sharing input to policy dialogue.
- Result-based M&E of Project Implementing Agency will be undertaken on the basis of their periodic progress/performance and financial reporting as well as regular monitoring visits.
- MI will assist the PIA to efficiently implement the awarded funds through establishing a quality assurance system to assure that implementation is moving in the right direction toward achievement and accomplishment of designed objectives and results in a timely manner.
- Project Implementing Agency will be required to submit a Quarterly Monitoring Report, Mid-term Progress Report, and final report. The reports should be against the respective results indicators. Reporting deadlines will be specified in the Agreement on the Fund Disbursement. All reports and related documents must be in English and should document the project activities and generated results and outcomes, lessons learnt and the expenditures up to the date of the report.
- All of the reports must be written in English, typed, single spaced with 12-sized Times New Roman font.

7.2. Mid-term Progress Report

- A Mid-term Progress Report shall contain a description of the work accomplished to date, generated results and outcomes, lessons learnt; problems addressed during project implementation, describe strategies designed to overcome the problems, and a brief outline of the activities planned for the remaining project period.
- Any problems, e.g. concerns and issues, arising out of the project implementation that was not anticipated should immediately be brought to the attention of MI. If action is needed or requested, MI will discuss with PIA to determine what actions may be taken within the reporting/project implementation periods.

7.3. Final Report

- The Final Report should cover all of the above for the period covered by the report in which the funded activities were carried out, information with which to evaluate the project achievements and impact, a statement of all the eligible costs, and a full summary statement of the fund's receipts and expenditures and payments received.
- The Final Report should include evidence that the full scope of work set in the indicative work plan has been successfully conducted, including, among other items, (i) a technical narrative summarizing the project's outcomes against the results framework, (ii) practical recommendations resulting from the accomplished work, and (iii) an account of outreach and

dissemination activities undertaken. Also, the PIA should submit any training or meeting materials that were circulated to the participants.

7.4. Monitoring Visits

- MI will assign focal person(s) to oversight, follow-up with PIA, and visit the PIA during the project implementation. The purpose of these monitoring visits is to discuss the progress based on the information the PIA has provided in the proposal and the indicative work plan. These monitoring visits also provide an opportunity for providing technical assistance, coaching and mentoring the PIA. The visits serve an integral part of the capacity development approach.
- Monitoring visits will allow MI to monitor physical/technical progress, and the administrative, financial and internal control systems of the grantees, and assess the results of technical assistance or capacity development provided to the PIA.
- MI will conduct site visits to the PIA office to help and support the compliance in accounting, financial, procurement, and controls requirements in line with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and International Audit Standards (IAS). This will ensure the effective and efficient use of the fund and proper management of resources while providing technical assistance and capacity development support as needed.

8. Internal and External Audits

- All expenditures will be externally audited by an independent and reliable audit firm, if required. The external financial audit of each grant fund is an integral part of the consolidated audited financial statements of MI.
- An external audit shall review not only the expenditures of the PIA during the project period and audit the schedule of receipts and expenditures of the grant funds, but will also check the existence, adequacy, and effectiveness of internal control system. Receipts for expenditures of grant funds in the audit report should be reconciled with the amounts reported by the PIA. If inconsistencies are found, payments to the PIA may be suspended while MI conducts investigation.
- The audit report on the project financial statements must be supported by a Management Letter. Schedule of required report and external audit report is described in the following table.

REPORT	SUBMISSION						
Mid-term report (Progress and financial reports)	As indicated in the Agreement on Fund Disbursement						
Final report (Completion and financial reports)	No later than sixty (60) calendar days after the completion of project						
Annual External Audit Report with a Management Letter	To be notified by MI						
Final External Financial Audit Report with a Management Letter	To be notified by MI						

The reporting requirements can be summarized in the following chronological order by (i) Mid-term Progress Report, (ii) Final Report. The PIA shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence relating to the Fund in accordance with International Accounting Standards, International Reporting Standards and International Standards on Auditing. The PIA shall assume full responsibility for effective and proper administration of funds. The PIA's original accounting, financial and procurement records, as well as all fund documents (including narrative reports, Agreement on Fund Disbursement, and amendments) shall be made available to MI, external auditors, and the ROK.

Appendix 1: Expressions of Interest (EoI) Template

A. Cover page (1 page)



Mekong-ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) Expressions of Interest (EoI)

1.1. Name and Address of	
Organization (in Mekong countries	
or ROK)	
1.2. Contact Person	
- Name	
- Telephone	
- Fax	
- email	
1.3. Title of Proposed Project	
1.4. Project Classification (check all	□ Culture and Tourism
that applies and underline the most	☐ Human Resources Development
key area.)	☐ Agriculture and Rural Development
	□ Infrastructure
	☐ Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
	□ Environment
	□ Non-traditional Security Challenges
1.5. Country(s) / Region	
1.6. Total Project Cost	
1.7. Duration of Project	
1.8.	
- Signature of the proponent	
- Name	
- Title	
1.9 Canaral Description of Organize	otion

1.9. General Description of Organization

(Briefly describe the legal status, vision, mission, programs, and relevant experiences to proposed project with the maximum length of 300 words)

B. Technical

1.1. Introduction (approx. 500 words)	 Provide a brief background on the identified development issues in the Mekong region Indicate the nature of the issue including its importance in the Mekong sub regional cooperation context. Explain how it will be achieved and description of the target population, stakeholders and its regional implication
1.2. Objectives (approx. 500 words)	 State the short and long-term objectives of the project how objectives relate to specific challenges or opportunities in the specific sector in the Mekong region.
1.3 Addressing regional issues (approx. 500 words)	 Explain how the project promotes cooperation between the Mekong countries and the ROK to address the identified regional issue(s). What institutional arrangements will be adopted in the project to collaborate with partner organisations (s) in the Mekong countries and RoK (if any) Provide details of the partner organisations in Mekong countries and/or RoK
1.3 Description of Specific Activities (approx 500 words)	 Description of the identified issues in the context of Mekong region. How the regional challenges or opportunity will be addressed in the project Method(s) of approach to be applied Brief description of the activities to achieve the stated objective(s) Potential partners in the Mekong region and role of the partners in the project.
1.4. Anticipated Results (approx. 500 words)	 Describe briefly the expected outputs, outcomes and impact of the project. Measures to minimize potential adverse impact on environment and livelihood of the local people where appropriate.

1.5. Monitoring Framev (approx. 300 words)	1. Provide indicative measures to monitor and evaluate the results of the project and 2. how the results will benefit and shared in the Mekong region. A chart with explanation may be provided.
1.6 Team Members	Please provide brief professional biography of the Full Time Project Team members. 1. Project Manager 2. Project Coordinator 3. Project Finance Assistant Provide updated CVs (max 5 pages) of the three full-time project staff as per the sample format in annexure. It is encouraged that at least one member of the project team is from any of the other Mekong countries or RoK.

C. Financial (3 pages maximum)

1.1. Financial Statement	Provide a brief statement as to why the proposed activities are feasible both technically and financially.
1.2. Estimated Cost	Provide an estimated budget (total cost), year wise (for multi-year project) and cost share.
	Provide details of any contribution including from third parties (USD):

The cost proposed including:

A. Direct Cost

- 1. Personnel (maximum of two-full time project personnel are allowed and salary cost should not exceed 25% of the total cost), CVs and ToRs are required to be submitted along with the concept paper. It is encouraged that at least one member of the project team is from any of the other Mekong countries or RoK
- 2. Consultancy services (Professional) ToRs of the services need to be provided indicating number of days.
- 3. Direct supplies and services

- 4. Travel
- 5. Equipment
- 6. Other direct cost

B. Indirect Cost

1. Management fee (Max. 7% of the project budget) includes project overheads, financial audits, meetings, travel and DSA of project staff and support staffs. Staff support cost are required to produce time sheets. The fee is paid based on the actual expenditure of direct cost.

C. Attachments

Any additional documents that provide information on Partnership arrangements (pre-bidding agreement, MoU, consent letter, etc.) with organizations in the Mekong countries, International organizations, etc., past experience in implementing development projects, institutional capabilities and CV and TOR of the core project team.

Appendix 2: Full Project Proposal Template (once the EoI is shortlisted)

(1) Summary page



Mekong-ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF)

	Project Proposal
MKCF	
Project Classification	n (check all that applies and underline the most key area)
☐ Culture and Tourism	n
□ Human Resources I	Development
☐ Agriculture and Rui	ral Development
□ Infrastructure	
	mmunication Technology (ICT)
□ Environment	
☐ Non-traditional Sec	urity Challenges
Project Title	
-	
Brief Description of	the Project
-	
Country / Region	
-	
Budget	
Total budget (USD):
Total budget r	equested from MKCF (USD):
Total contribu	tion if any including from third parties (USD):
Proponent	
Name	
Address	
Date of Submission	dd/mm/yyyy

(2) Full Proposal Format



Mekong-ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) Project Proposal

Project Information			
1.1. Project Title			
1.2. Country (s) / Region			
1.3. Date of Submission			
1.4. Proponent Contact Details			
Contact person, position	-		
Organization	-		
Email address	-		
Telephone number	-		
Mailing address	-		
1.5. Project Area (check all that appl	ies and underlin	ne the mo	ost key area)
☐ Culture and Tourism			
☐ Human Resources Development			
☐ Agriculture and Rural Developmen	nt		
□ Infrastructure			
☐ Information and Communication T	Technology (ICT	Γ)	
□ Environment			
□ Non-traditional Security Challenge	es		
Project Milestone			
Estimated implementation start date		dd/mm/	<u>/yyyy</u>
Estimated implementation end date		dd/mm/	
Project duration			_year(s) month(s)
Description of Financial Elements			
Project cost (USD)	Contribution (USD)	Total Project Cost (USD)
	if any		
General description of organizatio			
Briefly describe the legal status,	vision, mission,	, progra	ms, and relevant experiences to
proposed project			

Project background and justification (approx. 500 words)

Briefly describe the reasons behind selection of project idea and how is it relevant to the identified priority sector (s) of MKCF and its significance in enhancing regional cooperation among the Mekong countries and RoK

Problems (to be addressed) (approx. 300 words)

Briefly describe the problem (s) and how the project intends to address the problem (s).

Project Objective (approx. 500 words)

Briefly describe the Overall objective, Specific objectives, and outputs the project intended to reach in contribution to (1) national (2) regional priorities and (3) consistency to the MKCF Priorities?

Project Description (approx. 500 words)

Describe the main activities (Refer to (3) Indicative Work Plan

Provide information on how the activities are linked to objectives that the project intends to achieve

Regional nature of the project (with the maximum length of approx. 300 words)

Describe how the problem or issue affects more than one Mekong country and requires regional actions and how it will be addressed in the project.

Explain how the project promotes cooperation between the Mekong countries and the ROK to address the identified regional issue(s).

Partnership with organisation(s) in Mekong countries and RoK (approx. 300 words)

Explain how institutional arrangements will be adopted in the project to collaborate with partner organisations (s) in the Mekong countries and RoK (if any)

Describe the project activities that will be conducted jointly with the Mekong and/or RoK partner organisation (s)

Target beneficiaries and Project Coverage (approx. 300 words)

Briefly describe whom the proposed project will directly and indirectly benefit. Geographical coverage of the project.

Value Add for the MKCF Involvement/ Potential (approx. 300 words)

Please specify why the MKCF involvement is critical for the project and the potential of the project to contribute to the achievement of the Fund's objectives

Project Sustainability (approx.300 words)

Explain how the project sustainability will be ensured in the long run, after the project is implemented with support from the MKCF

Management Arrangements (approx. 500 words)

Describe the project management structure of the project, coordination mechanism with the Mekong country partners, relevant stakeholders, MKCF secretariat and MoFA.

Describe briefly the implementation arrangement of joint activities with the partner organisations (s) in the Mekong countries and or RoK

Describe briefly the human resource inputs i.e. full-time project staff, part time staff, Experts and consultant's bio and roles and responsibilities (refer to ToR and CV format at appendix 5 and 6)

Outcomes, Outputs, Activities and Inputs at Project level									
Expected Result	Indicator	Means of	Target		Remarks				
		Verification	Mid-	Final					
			term						
Project outcomes									
1.									
2.									
3.									
Project outputs (that contribute to ou	itcomes)								
1.									
2.									
3.									
Activities	Description								
1.1.									
1.2.									
2.1.									
2.2.									

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework

HIERARCHY OF RESULTS	RESULT STATEMENT(S)	OBJECTIVELY VERIFIABLE INDICATORS (OVIs)	DEFINITION How is it calculated?	BASELINE What is the current value?	TARGET What is the target value?	DATA SOURCE / MEANS OF VERIFICATION How will it be measured?	FREQUENCY How often will it be measured?	RESPONSIBLE Who will measure it?	REPORTING Where will it be reported?
Impacts									
Outcomes									
Outputs									

Appendix 3: [proposal package] Indicative budget

he budget should be presented in this section and provided in a separate Excel file							

Appendix 4: [proposal package] Indicative Work Plan

	MONTH																							
TASK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Output 1. (Result	- T	OTAL	BUD	GET A	IS AC	CUMU	ULATI	ON O	F AC	TIVITY	Y BUL	GETS	5											
Statement)																								
Activity 1.1. xxxx	- Bi	- Budget: xxx USD																						
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Activity 1.2. xxxx	- Bi	udget	: xxx	USL)																			
Activity 1.3. xxxx - Budget: xxx USD																								

Appendix 5: TOR

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF KEY PROJECT CONTRACTED PERSONNEL

No.	Name	Organization	Position	e-mail / phone	Remarks
1	Dr./Mr./Ms.				e.g. TOR No.
2					
3					
4					

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF FULL TIME PROJECT STAFF

	TOR No. xx
Position	Project Manager
Duty Station	
Responsibilities	
Requirements	
Date	DD/MM/YY

	TOR No. xx
Position	Project Coordinator
Duty Station	
Responsibilities	
Requirements	
Date	DD/MM/YY

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF CONSULTANTS/EXPERTS

	TOR No. xx
Position	
Duty Station	
Responsibilities	
Requirements	
Date	DD/MM/YY

Appendix 6: CV

CVs of Proposed Project Team with passport size photo

- 1. Name:
- 2. Proponent Organization:
- 3. Proposed Position:
- 4. Date of Birth: Nationality:
- 5. Complete personal contact details:

Address:

Mobile:

Email:

6. Education:

•

7. Membership in Professional Associations:

•

8. Other Trainings:

•

- **9. Countries of Work Experience:** [in the last 10 years]
- **10. Languages:** [Mother Tongue/Excellent/Good/Fair/Poor]

Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing

11. Employment Record:

Date from -to	Location	Employer organizations and reference persons	Position	Work Undertaken that Best illustrates Capability to Handle the project
Month /year To date	City /country	Name and position of reference person + email + telephone	Title of position held	Project Title / budget / donor / achievement - include also main project features, activities performed, project coordination activities, etc.

Month /year - Month /Year	City /country	Name and position of reference person + email + telephone	Title of position held	/ achievem main activities	ent - inc project	get / donor clude also features, ed, project ties, etc.
12. Other	relevant info	ormation (e.g., Publication	ons)			
Certificat						
I, the unde	ersigned, certi	fy to the best of my know	vledge and bel	ief:	Yes	No
i)						
ii)	I am employed by the proponent organization					
iii)	iii) I was part of the team who wrote the Expression of Interest (EOI) for this proposed project					
the EOI/pa	roposal. I con	n informed by the propon firm that that I will be av ted, in accordance with th	ailable to carr	y out the a	ssignment	for which
	I understand that any willful misstatement may lead to disqualification or dismissal, and any other MKCF disciplinary action.					al, and any
Name:			Date:			
Signature:						

Appendix 7: Agreement on Fund Disbursement (to be signed)



Mekong – ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) Agreement on Fund Disbursement

Project Implementing Agency (xxx) will be responsible for implementing the project titled xxx supported by the MKCF as follows:

Project Title			
Project	Name of the agency	Head of the	full name
Implementing	Address: xxxx	Organization	title
Agency			email address
			phone number
Project	Insert the date for the	Project	Insert the date for the
commencement date	first activity in the	implemented date	final activity in the
	indicative work plan		indicative work plan
	of the approved		of the approved
	proposal		proposal
Mid-term Progress	DD/MM/YY	Final report	DD/MM/YY
Report		Submission date	
Submission date			

The total budget approved and endorsed for this project is xxx USD. (*insert name of the PIA*) agrees that MI disburses the 1st, 2nd and final installments to the bank account given as below, and in case of failure to provide the required financial documents, (*insert name of the PIA*) is obligated to return the respective amount to MI's MKCF account. Moreover, the remaining balance allocated for one budget item cannot be used for other disbursements and should be returned back to the MKCF account as well.

Payment	Amount (USD)	% of the total budget	Remarks
1 st installment		50%	Once signed 'Agreement of fund disbursement' is received by MI
2 nd installment		40%	Once the mid-term report is received and confirmed by MI
3 rd installment		10%	Upon satisfactory completion of all activities

				of the project with clear exit strategy
Total			100%	
				'
Name of the Bank				
Address of the Bank				
Swift Code				
Recipient's account na	me	The account s	should not be a p	personal one.
Recipient's acc	count			
number				
Recipient's address				
Director General/Ex Director/CEC Department Name of Project Imple Agency)			Executive Director Mekong Institute
SignatureDate			S	Signature Date
Director/Manag Department/Divi Name of Project Imple Agency	sion	ng		Coordinator MKCF Mekong Institute
Signature Date			S	Signature Date

Appendix 8: [Receipt format] (1) Purchase Receipt

Purchase Receipt (Ref. number:)					
Description (eg. Purpose)	Amount	Date			
ased as above.					
Receipt					
e boarding pass should be provide	d here also	•			
	Description (eg. Purpose) ased as above. Receipt ne original receipt here.	Description (eg. Purpose) Amount ased as above. Receipt ne original receipt here. ne boarding pass should be provided here also			

Appendix 9: [Receipt format] (2) Outward Remittance Receipt
Outward Remittance Receipt (Ref. number:)
Project Title / Country:
Project Manager:
Project Duration:
Bank name of the recipient: Account number of the recipient: Currency: Amount:
Receipt
Please attach the original bank slip here. You can use a separate A4 paper if needed.

Appendix 10: [Receipt format] (3) Cash Payment Receipt

Cash Payment Receipt (Ref. number:)
Project Title / Country:
Project Manager:
Project Duration :
Name of the recipient:
Affiliation of the recipient:
Position of the recipient:
Nationality:
Passport Number:
Total amount paid (e.g. honorarium):
I hereby verify that I received the amount specified above for
Recipient's name:
Recipient's signature:
Date:

Appendix 11: Workshop / Meeting Minutes

Workshop / Meeting Minutes (Ref. number:)									
Project Title / Country:									
Project Manager:									
Project Duration:									
Date	dd / m time	m / yy	Venue						
Title of the workshop / meeting	(e.g. Logistics Man	nagement and Suppl	y Chain)						
Subjects									
Discussions									
Remarks									
	Name	Affiliation	e-mail/ contact number	Signature					
Participant									

(1) Progress Report



Mekong – ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) Mid-term Progress Report

A. Brief Project Information							
1.1. Project title							
1.2. Country (s) / region							
1.3. Project area							
□ Culture and Tourism							
□ Human Resources Developme	ent						
☐ Agriculture and Rural Develo	pment						
□ Infrastructure							
□ Information and Communicat	ion Technology (ICT)						
□ Environment							
□ Non-traditional Security Chal	llenges						
1.4. Implementation start/end date							
Implementation start date	dd/mm/yyyy						
Implementation end date	dd/mm/yyyy						
Project lifespan	years months						
B. Prepared by	B. Prepared by						
Name:	-						
Title:	-						
Department:	-						

Name of	the	Implementing	-
Agency:			_
Signature:			
Date:			

C. Update on progressive implementation of the project

Provide information on the current status and progress made under the grant in terms of the achievements/milestones reached to-date as compared to the work plan. All activities as per the approved work plan need to be described in this section. It is required to provide photos, videos as part of this reporting.

Xxx

D. Problems Encountered/Deviations

Address problems encountered in the course of the project and suggest reasons, if any and solutions

XXX

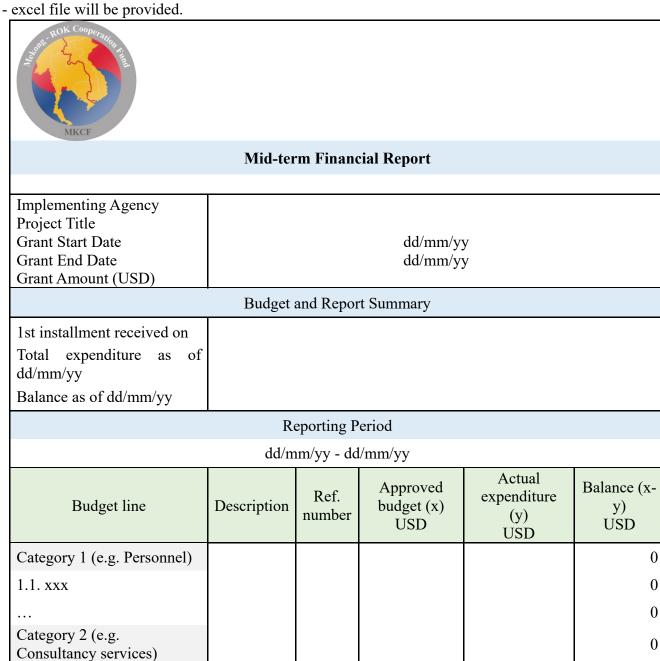
E. Work plan for the remaining activities

Use the format in Appendix 4

(2) Mid-term Financial report

2.1. xxx

Total (USD)



(1) Final report



Mekong – ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) Final Report

A. Brief Project Information 1.1. Project title 1.2. Country (ies) / region 1.3. Project area ☐ Culture and Tourism ☐ Human Resources Development ☐ Agriculture and Rural Development □ Infrastructure ☐ Information and Communication Technology (ICT) □ Environment □ Non-traditional Security Challenges 1.4. Implementation start/end date Implementation start date dd/mm/yyyy Implementation end date dd/mm/yyyy Project lifespan __ years ____ months 1.5. Approved project budget (USD) 2nd 1.6. Date of 1st and installments

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	Indicator	Achieved	Remarks
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D. Project outcomes	nroiect outce	mes that were achieved.	
D.D. i. d. i.			
•••			
Project output 2.			
Project output 1.		o/x	
	Indicator	Achieved	Remarks
xxx			
- Attach any other ass	essment repo	rt drafted for the project	
All activities as per th to provide photos, vide		-	bed in this section. It is required
Questionnaires, List of	_		
1 0		2	Vorkshop / Meeting Minutes,
	objective(s)	and tangible outputs that we	ere achieved.
C. Project outputs			
Date:		-	
Agency: Signature:		-	
Name of the Imp	olementing	-	
Department:		-	
Title:		-	
Name:			
B. Prepared by			
2 nd installment			
1 st installment			

Project outcome 1.		o/x	
Project outcome 2.			
E. Contribution towa ROK cooperation	ards developing the M	Tekong Countries and	deepening the Mekong-
XXX			
F. Overall Project Ass	sessment		
- Outline two or three project.	key findings or lesson	s learned arising from	the implementation of the
- If applicable, provide	e explanation for any a	djustments made for pro	ject implementation
- Provide guidance to	the design and impleme	entation of future or rela	ted projects.
xxx			
G. Financial Analysis			
xxx			
H. Project Completio	n Check List		
xxx			
I. By Mekong Institut	te		
xxx			
L			
Name xxx			
Title xxx			
TIF			
Mekong Institute			
Mekong Institute Signature			

(2) Financial report

- excel file will be provided.



Final Financial Report

Implementing Agency	
Project Title	
Grant Start Date	
Grant End Date	
Grant Amount (USD)	

Budget and Report Summary

dd/mm/yy dd/mm/yy

2nd ins	stallment receiv	ed on	
Total	expenditure	as	of
dd/mm	/yy ¯		
Balanc	e as of dd/mm/	уу	

Reporting Period

dd/mm/yy - dd/mm/yy

Budget line	Description	Ref. number	Approved budget (x) USD	Actual expenditure (y) USD	Balance (x- y) USD
Category 1 (e.g. Personnel)					0
1.1. xxx					0
					0
Category 2 (e.g. Consultancy services)					0
2.1. xxx					0
					0
Total (USD)			0	0	0

Appendix 14: Quarterly Monitoring Form

Quarterly Monitoring Form									
Project title									
Project Objective									
Implementing Agency / Country									
Funded by	Mekong-Republic of Korea Coopera	lekong-Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund (MKCF)							
Project commencement date		Project completion date							
Mid-term report submission date		Final report submission date							
Approved Budget (US\$)		1st install. (50%) transferred on							
Reporting Period									

		Plan: Year 1										Progress	Remarks	Fund U	Fund Utilization	
Outputs/Activities	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Au g	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Status	Short Description	Approved Amount	Actual Expenditure
Output 1. xxxx																
Activity 1.1. xxxx																
Activity 1.2. xxxx																
Activity 1.3. xxxx																
Activity 1.4. xxxx																
Activity 1.5. xxxx																
Output 2. xxxx																
Activity 2.1. xxxx																
Activity 2.2. xxxx																

Progress status: Output (Achieved, Partially Achieved, Not Achieved). Activity (Completed, Delayed, Ongoing, Postponed, Canceled)