

Terms of Reference for Volunteer

Transboundary Rivers of South Asia (TROSA) programme has been initiated by Oxfam in 2017, with support of the Government of Sweden. Bangladesh component of the programme has been named 'Transboundary Rivers for Our Sustainable Advancement'.

Project Goal

To reduce poverty of river basin communities through increased access to, and control over, riverine water resources.

Project Objectives

1. Improved policies and practice of governments that protect the rights of communities living along the Ganges, the Brahmaputra and the Salween river basins to water resources.
2. Improved policies and practice of private sector and other actors that respect the rights of river basin communities to water resources.
3. Strengthened capacity of river basin communities and civil society to influence trans-boundary water resource management.
4. Strengthened women's voices in decisions on water management and water infrastructure.

Project Outcomes

1. Government policies and practices in water resource management are more inclusive of community concerns and meet national and international standards;
2. Policies and practices of private sector respect community access to water resources, actively contributing to reduced conflict;
3. CSOs increasingly participate in or influence trans-boundary water governance, women's inclusion and resolution of water conflicts;
4. Local communities are better able to reduce their vulnerability to water resource related shock including from conflict & disasters and Local communities have more secure access and control over their water resources;
5. Increased participation and influence of women in trans-boundary water governance, policies and processes.

Scope of work:

The following activities are being done under the TROSA programme from April to October 2019 for which support of one or more volunteer will be required. This includes the following specific activities:

- # Research activities and documentation
- # Basin focused studies
- # National and local level workshops and events with civil society organizations, private sector and government representatives;
- # Local events like Nadi baithak (River Meeting), Nadi Mela (River Fair)
- # Learning visits
- # Administrative support related with programme management

Key qualifications, competencies and experience required for this programme:

- **Required:** Bachelor degree in any discipline (final results pending is acceptable)
- **Essential:**
 - Excellent inter personal skills,
 - Good command over written English
 - Experience of arranging/leading arrangement of workshops, trainings or similar events;
- **Preferred:**
 - Experience in outreach communication and report writing;
 - motivated, ability to meet deadline.
 - Experience in research activities
 - Experience or engagement with environmental activism

Duration: 6 months maximum (specific number of days depends on need)

Reporting Line: The volunteer will report to Senior Programme Officer - Water Governance
Capacity Building