



## TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

### Climate Adaptation through Community Stewardship in Ecosystem Restoration and Management (CACS)

#### Overview:

The southwestern coastal region of Bangladesh is one of the most vulnerable regions where unjust ecosystem management along with climate change pose immense threats to the biodiversity and livelihoods. Besides, imposed restrictions are progressively exacerbating the vulnerabilities of marginalized coastal grower communities by limiting their livelihood options. Communities, being no or least emitters bear the double-edged impacts posed by climate change-induced disasters and non-inclusive natural resource governance that deprives them of harnessing ecosystem services critical for their sustenance.

Considering this, the project vision is to increase climate change adaptation through improved ecosystem health and services with established stewardship and rights of marginalized communities to the ecosystem services in Nijhum Dwip, Hatia Upazila. To achieve the vision, the project has taken research studies along with the advocacy, influencing, and outreach activities where the overall ecosystem service estimation and community stewardship will be uncovered.

The key objective of the fellowship is to explore the true scenario of community rights over ecosystem services, conflict and power dynamics that exist within communities and the impact of governance and climate change.

#### About the Fellowship:

Although climate justice issues are widely discussed in the Bangladeshi media still there are some areas where journalism has space to be critical, particularly in the inequality and justice part of the climate action. Oxfam believes there is a lot of injustice inside the conventional climate action works where media can play a catalyst role to change the public narrative. The fellow will work to shed light on how some imposed restrictions are affecting the community.

The fellowship will be awarded to **Three (3) journalist from (National Newspapers/National Television Channels/ Online News Portals)** aiming to get more visibility in terms of the wide range of audiences including policymakers, environmentalists, and other relevant stakeholders. Selected Journalists will be given necessary contextual trainings, relevant data, and other supports.

#### Preferred Themes:

Applicants are requesting to apply with ecosystem restoration and climate adaptation relevant topics but the most preferable are:

- Community rights over ecosystem services.
- Impact of conservation efforts on livelihood shift and displacement of local community.



- Conflict and power dynamics associated to natural resource governance.
- Economic and non-economic damages happened due to the climatic events and governance at Nijhum Dwip.

**Key Objectives:**

- To portray the real scenario of the impact of restriction mechanism setting through evidence-based analytical reports.
- Understanding the community rights over natural resources and the challenges they face.
- To explore the multi-dimensional conflict and power dynamics at the local level related to natural resource governance.
- To understand the gender empowerment and social inclusion issues exist at the community level.

**Deliverables:**

- Each fellow (Journalist) will line up two reports (in different angles) which will be published by them at their relevant Media houses.
- Fellows will be invited for a short presentation in the policy dialogues and/or in other forum to share their stories under this fellowship programme.
- Fellows must submit photos, consent papers, audio records, video footage and other documentation to Oxfam.

**Timeline and Location:**

The duration of this fellowship is 3 months. All rights regarding the timeline are reserved for Oxfam in Bangladesh. Any changes will be based on discussion among candidates' evaluation by the Oxfam in Bangladesh Authority.

**Location:** Nijhum Dwip, Hatia Upazilla, Nowakhali. The fellow selected will have to travel the project location to understand the ground scenario.

**Eligibility of the Candidates:**

- Journalists working in mainstreamed Daily Newspapers, Television Channels and Online Media Portals and with a minimum 03 years of full-time reporting experience.
- He/ She must be nominated by their respective media houses as per the nomination form.
- Prior Experience in reporting on Reform Policies/Environment Sustainability/Climate Change is a must.

**Budget:**

Each fellow will be paid 100,000 BDT (including VAT) as the cost of his/her fieldwork for his story preparation and documentation.



#### Selection Process:

- Applicants will primarily be selected based on the evaluation and interviews of all the information and proposal plans provided by the candidates by the Oxfam Selection Panel.
- The applicant must be flexible about proposed story ideas which may need to change. Shortlisted Journalists will get detail project induction and will pitch stories idea based on that instantly.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE/ HOW TO APPLY:

- Applicants must submit their **brief resume/CV** with recent photographs.
- **A short concept-note/proposal in a maximum of 500 words** should be submitted with the application form that would be approved by the newsroom editor of the respective media house. ***The nomination letter signed by the Editor/Chief Reporter/Head of News also must be included with the proposal as a single file.***
- Applicants must submit **at least 02-05 previous reports** related to Vulnerable communities/Sustainable Environment/Climate Change with links in the proposal part.
- Please include all the required files in a **single Zip file, rename it in your name and upload in the following Link** before deadline: [Click Here for the link](#).

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 22 JUNE 2024**

[**Note:** Fellows must take prior consent in taking photos, audio records, video footage and other related documentation materials and submit written proofs of them to the designated Oxfam official along with collected data under the fellowship programme. Also, they will comply with Oxfam's mandatory data protection policy and child protection policy while working under the fellowship programme.]