

**TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR):**

**Hiring a Consultant for develop 04 script and conduct 35 batches training to different 35 groups at upaila level of Rangpur and Nilpfamari district under the Joint Action for Nutrition Outcome (JANO) project.**

**Background and Introduction:**

The EU-funded Joint Action for Nutrition Outcome (JANO) project is seeking a Consultant to undertake the work required to fully adapted 04 different new script and conducted Theater for Development (TfD) training on the identified issues to 35 new groups under the Rangpur and Nilphamari districts. The Consultant will work with Plan International Bangladesh and the Eco-Social Development Organization to develop 04 different new issues focusing on Health, Hygiene, Nutrition, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Gender and COVID - 19 issues following the basic standard on TfD. Simultaneously the consultant also will be conduct 04 days long nonresidential TfD training to the 35 groups at Upazila level. The consultant also covering capacity building issue to the TfD group members on how to write a quality script. So, they can able to identify new issues, write script and conduct TfD show in their local community.

**Purpose of the Theater for Development (TfD) training:**

In the country context of Bangladesh, adolescents are the largest portion of the total population. The JANO project addresses adolescent nutrition, sexual and reproductive health and rights and gender equity issues. In Bangladesh country context woman aged 20-24 years married before 18 rates is 59%, Teenage pregnancy (15-19 y)- Have had live birth before 18 is 21.85% and under Rangpur is 27.0%. In nutrition aspects, percentage of children under 5 stunting: 30.8 %, Wasting: 8.4%, Under weight: 21.9%. Nationally Total Fertility rate is 2.5 (Children per woman). Data source BDHS 2017-18.

Plan International Bangladesh is going to hiring a consultant to conduct training to selected School volunteers and Field Officers (FOs) on Theater for Development (TfD) to improve their capacity to conduct community level TfD show, writing scripts and trained adolescent club members on TfD. The activity designed to more cover the out of school students through the TfD issues.

**Main Objective:**

To conduct 35 batches TfD training to TfD group members, School Volunteers and Field Officers at different upazila under JANO project.

**Specific Objectives:**

* To able to perform TfD Show at community level.
* To able to write need-based script as per local problem
* The trained people will be able to conduct TfD training to adolescent club members under JANO project.

**TfD Group size:** Total 35 TfD group members will be identified under different community of Rangpur and Nilphamari district. ESDO team members will select/ identify the TfD group members from the community. Total 15 members will be included in a TfD group from community level. In addition, 2-3 more participants will be included from JANO project team, those are school volunteers and Field officers.

**Plan International Bangladesh:**

Plan International Bangladesh plays an important role in mobilising children, communities and civil society organisations to claim the rights of children and achieve agreed upon local development priorities, towards a commitment of ensuring the wellbeing of children in support of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Plan International is an independent organisation, with no religious, political or governmental affiliations, and with a vision of a world in which all children realize their full potential, in societies that respect people's rights and dignity. Plan International started its operations in Bangladesh in 1994. The vision of Plan International 2030 is “***too empower girls and young women, to be heard, to live without fear of violence and to achieve their rights”.***

**Project Overview:**

The JANO project is a 5-year project running from 01 September 2018 to 31 August 2023. The overall objective of the Joint Action for Nutrition Outcome (JANO) consortium project is to contribute to ending malnutrition of children under five years of age, together with addressing the nutritional needs of Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) and adolescent girls. To achieve this, the strategic objective of the JANO project is to improve maternal and child nutrition through implementation of a multi-sectoral approach and strengthen the nutritional governance in Nilphamari and Rangpur districts. The project is working at district and sub-district level, to implement the National Plan of Action for Nutrition (NPAN -2). One of the major expected results of the project is the introduction of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and adolescent nutrition issues. This European Union (EU) funded project is managed through a consortium led by CARE Bangladesh and implemented together with Plan International Bangladesh and the Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO).

The JANO project targets 7 upazilas across 2 districts of Rangpur and Nilphamari. This covers 64 unions. The project works in a total of 330 schools, of which: 30 are primary schools, 251 are secondary schools, and 49 are madrasas.

The Project intentionally selected **Rangpur** and **Nilphamari** as its implementation districts. Both districts fall under the Rangpur division, which has been identified as one of the two most vulnerable divisions in Bangladesh, with a **stunting rate of 42.1 percent**, according to the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey of Bangladesh (2012-2013). Within the Rangpur division, Nilphamari and Rangpur have been identified among the most vulnerable districts. The JANO project works in the following seven most vulnerable upazilas of Rangpur and Nilphamari districts: Gangachara, Kaunia, Taraganj, Domar, Jaldhaka, Kishorgonj and Nilphamari Sadar, reaching all 64 unions. Apart from stunting, the number of underweight children is also very high (over 36%) in these upazilas. Also, in poverty head count ratio, these upazilas are ranked as the poorest (e.g. 58% of population is poor in Gangachara). Issues such as status of open defecation are still high in most of these upazilas, too. Poor caring of children is also pre-dominant in these areas according to the data of Mother and Child Nutrition Survey of Bangladesh (2012-13). During stakeholder consultation, a number of key challenges were identified in relation to poor nutrition outcomes and nutrition governance in Rangpur and Nilphamari. In general people are not informed about both nutrition-sensitive and specific services as well as not aware of climate-smart and nutrition-sensitive agricultural practices. At institution level, the understanding of local authorities and Government line departments about their roles in improving nutrition outcomes is very poor and the coordination mechanism amongst them is very weak. Their accountability towards service receivers is also weak. On the other hand, the private sector is not adequately offering appropriate nutrition products, especially for the poor and women. Poor availability of information at local level makes it difficult to develop appropriate local action plans. Finally, gender inequality is persistent which further contributes to malnutrition of girls.

The Overall Objective of JANO is to **“contribute in ending malnutrition of children under five-years of age, together with addressing the nutritional needs of Pregnant and Lactating Women and adolescent girls.”** Achieving this objective will bring long-term impact where children will grow to become healthy adults, and not be constrained with the afflictions of a stunted individual. The primary beneficiaries remain the children, right from the onset, where Pregnant and Lactating Women are prime participants, ensuring that they consume the appropriate nutrition to pass on to their babies.

To meet this objective, JANO’s Strategic Objective is to **“improve maternal and child nutrition through implementation of multi-sectoral approaches and strengthened nutritional governance in Nilphamari and Rangpur districts of Northwest Bangladesh.”** The project recognizes that long-term impact can only be achieved by working at all levels of systemic governance and supporting the government to implement the National Plan of Action for Nutrition. To achieve this objective, JANO has four Estimated Results (ER):

* ER1: Women and adolescent girls in communities, through Community Support Groups, are empowered to demand and utilise both nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific services
* ER2: Coordinated and resourced sub-national and local government structures recognise, respond to, and are accountable to the demand of poor and marginalised communities
* ER3: Increased productivity and income growth, through nutrition-sensitive value chains and affordable access of households, to nutritious products and services
* ER4: Government departments, both vertically and horizontally, are connected through effective ICT platforms leading to better planning, coordination, monitoring and accountability

As part of the JANO project, Plan International is responsible for supporting delivery of Expected Result 1 which focuses on engagement with schools.

By the end of the action, the project will have raised the awareness and strengthened the capacity of **410,620 adolescent girls and boys** on gender equitable resilient health, hygiene and nutrition practices, through community campaigns, and introducing school gardens and focused topics in **330 primary and secondary schools**. Systemic structures will also be sustainably strengthened where **10,557 community members**, through **621 Community Support Groups**, will be trained and mobilised to engage with local Nutrition Action Plans, and undertake gender and diversity sensitive Social Action and Analysis. Structures will be strengthened to develop the capacity of **77 Government Nutrition Coordination Committees** at district, upazila and union parishad levels; **207 Community Health Care Providers**; **465 Family Welfare Assistants**; **198 Health Assistants**; **990 Government proposed multi-purpose health volunteers**; **40 Agriculture Extension Officers**; **10 Livestock Officers**; **7 Public Health and Engineering Officers**; and **30 multi-national, national and local private sector companies**. Through these actions, JANO will have secured access to information, and strengthened services to **4.3 million people**, including **250,000 Pregnant and Lactating Women and married adolescent girls**, and **215,000 under five-year old children** in the districts of Nilphamari and Rangpur.

The project intends to impact on several of the core challenges faced by Nilphamari and Rangpur districts. **Knowledge and awareness** will be raised and strengthened within communities in areas including appropriate feeding practices and care of infants, young children, and Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW); appropriate hygiene behaviour; and adoption of nutrition-sensitive and climate-smart-agriculture techniques. Government structures at the local and regional levels will be key partners, where JANO will work with the **Nutrition Coordination Committees** such that they implement effective nutritional programmes within their regions, which are inclusive of all citizens, and accountable to their citizens. The **private sector** is also seen as a major systemic partner, where JANO will motivate and encourage businesses to invest in local markets, where they consider local populations as a part of their **“core”** business. Information systems will feature prominently in JANO, where the project will work closely with the government to make the **National Nutrition Information System** more accessible and easier to use. This will include developing a single platform to be used by different governmental agencies – leading to better coordination, multi-sectoral planning, and more effective monitoring and follow up. Throughout JANO’s activities, **women and girls** will be central. All activities will follow a **gender-transformational** approach, to develop capacity of women and girls to be better producers and income earners, yet at the same time carefully considering a more equitable balance of workloads within their households to ensure that women do not become overly burdened. There are four domains of change JANO intends to shift:

Domain 1: Communities particularly adolescent and women are informed, engaged and empowered to improve their nutritional status

Domain 2: Committed, capacitated and invested local government structures and systems

Domain 3: Responsive, engaged private sector and civil societies in co-creating innovative and affordable solutions for improved nutrition

* Domain 4: Well-coordinated multi-sectoral efforts to transform nutrition governance process

**Joint Action for Nutrition Outcome (JANO) project** also works with the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) at the national, regional and local levels, to support the effective implementation of the **National Plan of Action for Nutrition (NPAN)**. The NPAN provides the strategic vision for Bangladesh to achieve nutritional security, where all relevant **ministries are compelled to support** the initiative, which reports directly to the **Prime Minister’s office**. JANO works at multiple levels of government, specifically with the **Nutrition Committees** at the district, Upazila and union levels – building their capacity for them to better develop nutritional programmes, implement and budget for these programmes, and to provide effective oversight in its implementation. The NPAN calls for a **multi-sectoral approach**. JANO embraces this concept and works with the NPAN Steering Committee to **develop operational guidelines** of how best this can be achieved.

**Expected Output:**

1. The selected consultant will be able to conduct a total of 35 batches of TfD training for 525 young people (Girls and Boys) and partner staffs 82 (60 School Volunteers, 15 School FOs and 07 Upazila Managers) total 607
2. Consultant will follow-up 35 TfD group’s performance at upazila/union level and evaluate the team performance. The consultant will ensure at least one follow-up for each group.
3. 35 TfD Training will be covered 04 different new issues with 04 specific script focusing on; Balance diet, diversified food, malnutrition, menstrual hygiene, hand wash, child marriage, vegetable gardening, health service from Community Clinic, gender equity, COVID -19 issues.
4. A draft training manual containing 04 separate script will be developed .

**Suggested Methodology:**

During the agreement, the consultant/consulting firm is expected to follow the following suggested methodology:

* The consultant will use participatory training methodology to trained the TfD group’s members, JANO school volunteers and project staffs on TfD show.
* Will provide one side technical assistance to monitor and follow-up 35 TfD groups on 04 scripts at community level.
* Developed 04 script by following basic standard concept of TfD.

**Competency and Expertise Requirements:**

The consultant/consulting firm should have:

1. Expertise to work with young groups in relation with balance diet, dietary diversity, malnutrition, menstrual hygiene, hand wash, child marriage, vegetable gardening, health service from Community Clinic, gender equity.
2. The consultant/consulting agency should have sufficient and proven expertise to conduct TfD training and develop TfD training module and script for this type of groups.
3. Knowledge on Bangladesh’s education system and health service delivery system, both by NGOs and Government.
4. Knowledge on national Adolescent Health Strategy.
5. No history of violation of child rights.

**Period:**

Total working process to be completed **by June 30, 2021** irrespective signing of agreement.

**Deliverables:**

1. Conduct a planning meeting with Plan International Bangladesh and ESDO team at Rangpur and finalize the training rollout plan.
2. Conduct a total 35 batches of TfD training (Four days) with 607 participants, will conducted including one-day practical demonstration at community level.
3. One session will be conducted on Child Safeguarding policy of Plan International Bangladesh supported by Plan International Bangladesh.
4. Develop four (04) new scripts in Bengali language by following basic standard concept of TfD.
5. Provide softcopy in CD and one hard copy (master copy) to Plan International Bangladesh (JANO team).
6. Provide detail training report including individual pre-test and post- test score sheet.
7. Food and travel cost of TfD training participants will be provided by the consultant (included in the consultant budget).

**TIMETABLE**:

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| **Activity** | **Time line** |
| Submission detail work plan along with detailed budget inception planning  | 14 April 2021  |
| Conduct required workshops with Plan International Bangladesh and ESDO on Planning | 16 April 2021 |
| Sharing draft TfD Manual including 04 script & finalization | 20 April 2021  |
| Conduct TfD Training | 1. April 2021 to 20 June 2021
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| Submit Final report  | 25 June 2021 |

**The assignment must be completed and delivered on or before 30 June 2021.**

**ASSIGNMENT WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS FOLLOWS:**

* After expression of interest, the agency/individual will be called for concept brief and consultation, after that the agency/individual can go for bidding process.
* Modify and revise the plan upon requirement together with Plan International Bangladesh.
* Deliver the items as mentioned in the deliverables part to Joint Action for Nutrition Outcome (JANO) Project of Plan International Bangladesh.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

For any clarification related to content, the agency/individual will contact Mr. Enamul Haque, Supply & Procurement Specialist, E-mail: enamul.haque@plan-international.org.

**MODE OF PAYMENT:** the mode of payment will be through account payee cheque /bank transfer in the name of the firm.

* 1st Payment: 20% of total contract value of First Phase, after final submission of inception planning / report and signing of contact.
* 2nd Payment: 50% of total contract value of Second Phase will be provided after completed all workshops and after submission of workshop completion report.
* Remaining 30% of payment of the assignment will be made in the 3rd Payment schedule.

3rd Payment: 30% will be paid after submit the final report or after **25 June 2021**.

Plan International Bangladesh will deduct VAT and income TAX at source as per Bangladesh Government rules during each time of payment. The mode of payment will be through account payee cheque /bank transfer in the name of the firm/individual.

**SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:**

* Concept paper
* Programmatic Proposal
* Prior experience and other documents mentioned in the tender document
* Financial proposal

**Submission of proposal**

The technical and financial proposals should be submitted electronically to the email address: Planbd.consultant.hiring@plan-international.org with subject line : **Hiring a Consultant for develop 04 script and conduct 35 batches training to different 35 groups at upaila level of Rangpur and Nilpfamari district under the Joint Action for Nutrition Outcome (JANO) project.**

Proposal submitted to any other email account except this and in hard copy will be treated as disqualified. Submissions after the deadline **11th April, 2021 before at 3:00 pm**. Two different folders i.e. technical and financial should be submitted into one zip folder with a covering letter. The proposals should be submitted in pdf format.

**GLOBAL POLICY ON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:**

The firm/individual shall comply with the Global Policy on Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy of Plan International. Any violation /deviation in complying with Plan International Global Policy on Safeguarding Children and Young People will not only result-in termination of the enlistment but also Plan International will initiate appropriate action in order to make good the damages/losses caused due to noncompliance of Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

1. **Non-Staff engaged by Plan International Inc (PII) Code of Conduct:** The firm/individual shall comply with the Non-Staff engaged by Plan International Inc (PII) Code of Conduct of Plan International Bangladesh. Any violation /deviation in complying with Plan International Non-Staff engaged by Plan International Inc (PII) Code of Conduct will result-in termination of the enlistment.
2. **Anti-Fraud, Anti-Bribery, and Corruption:** The firm/individual shall comply with the Anti-Fraud, Anti-Bribery, and Corruption of Plan International Bangladesh. Any violation /deviation in complying with Plan International’s Anti-Fraud, Anti-Bribery, and Corruption policy will result-in termination of the Enlistment.

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