

Title: Pre-bid meeting on Financing and Costing Assessment of Universal Access of WASH at Paikgacha Upazila, Khulna, Bangladesh

Date: 29/02/2024

Medium: Zoom meeting

Meeting Notes:

- In WASH sector, software activity is hygiene and behavioral change related activities.
- The incremental cost of transformation from “no service” or “limited” facility to basic and safely managed facility should be calculated.
- For likely financing arrangement to achieve universal WASH access for people of all wealth quantile, segregation should include % of cost that can be financed by personal capacity, microfinance loan, private actors, govt. projects, NGOs or other external donors considering population behavior and secondary data.
- Affordability and willingness to pay of the family needs to be collected from wealth quantile information of Aim 1 baseline study and other available affordability assessment by other agencies such as World Bank, PKSF, DPHE.
- The costing approach should consider the existing and projected population, technologies needed for WASH service delivery and the costs for providing sustainable WASH services related to the technologies. The consultant is expected to apply the life-cycle cost approach provides the cost components for delivering sustainable WASH services, which are CapEx, OpEx, CapManEx, and ExpDS. The cost components are;
 - Capital Expenditure (CapEx) - the cost for providing the WASH infrastructure for new system and cost for service level improvement for existing systems
 - Capital Maintenance expenditure (CapManEx) - the cost of replacing assets or asset renewal. This covers major maintenance activities.
 - Operational and Maintenance expenditure (OpEx) - the cost of routine operations and minor maintenance.
 - Expenditure on Direct Support (ExpDS) - the cost for supporting service delivery, which includes monitoring and evaluation, technical support, backstopping, capacity building, tools and spare parts support etc.
- Unit cost from different agencies should be collected and actual construction cost should be considered for proposing cost analysis.
- Demographic consideration such as family size, population growth rate until 2030 should be reflected in the calculation.
- Information related to sewage treatment plant (STP) capacity, installation and maintenance cost at the upazila level can be collected from DPHE to calculate cost of establishing STP.

- Post Implementation Benefit (both monetary and non-monetary) does not need to be considered in the cost analysis.
- Provided any consultant or firm has the required competency and experience, any firm/consultant with less than 8 years of experience can apply
- Dates mentioned in the ToR is calendar days, not working days.
- CVs and organization profile should be attached as annex.
- At proposal stage, audit report of the organization does not need to be added.
- Aim 1 Baseline report and dataset will be shared with the selected consultant/contracted organization.
- Dissemination workshop on study findings will be held online.