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**TERMS OF REFERENCE (TORS)
EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF FIFSA-III PROJECT
“FARMERS INITIATIVE FOR FOOD SECURITY ASSURANCE FIFSA-III”**

REFERENCE: TENDER/BD FOUNDATION/FIFSA III/2026

Background

Building Advanced Society through Integrated Community (BASIC) Development Foundation is implementing the FIFSA-III Project in District Dadu, Sindh, with the overall goal of improving climate resilience towards food security in Pakistan. The project focuses on strengthening small-scale farmers through promotion of indigenous agriculture practices, preservation and multiplication of local seed varieties, climate-resilient agriculture, farmer-to-farmer learning, and advocacy for environment-friendly agricultural policies and practices.

The project supports farmers’ organizations (FOs) to become active platforms for community mobilization, climate adaptation, indigenous seed preservation, advocacy, and knowledge sharing. The project also emphasizes the revival of local wisdom and traditional farming systems while integrating scientific learning compatible with indigenous practices.

The project has worked in 40 villages of District Dadu and targeted small-scale farming families through capacity building, networking, seed preservation initiatives, climate adaptation planning, advocacy campaigns, exposure visits, and establishment of village-level seed and grain banks.

1. Purpose of the Evaluation

The purpose of the external evaluation is to assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, sustainability, and overall performance of the FIFSA-III Project. The evaluation will also document key achievements, lessons learned, best practices, challenges, and recommendations for future programming. The evaluation will provide evidence-based findings for BASIC DF, donor partners, farmers’ organizations, and other stakeholders regarding the project’s contribution towards climate resilient sustainable agriculture and food security.

2. Objectives of the Evaluation

The specific objectives of the evaluation are to:

1. Assess the extent to which the project objectives and outputs have been achieved.
2. Evaluate the effectiveness of project interventions related to indigenous seed preservation, climate adaptation, and advocacy.
3. Examine the relevance of project strategies in relation to the needs of small-scale farmers.
4. Assess the sustainability of farmers’ organizations, seed banks, advocacy initiatives, and climate resilient practices promoted through the project.
5. Analyze the participation and ownership of farmers, women, youth, and local institutions.
6. Identify key lessons learned, success stories, challenges, and areas for improvement.
7. Provide practical recommendations for future interventions and scaling-up strategies.

3. Scope of Work

The evaluation will cover:

- All major components and interventions of the FIFSA-III Project
- Project implementation period

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- Target villages and beneficiaries in District Dadu, Sindh
- Farmers' organizations, seed banks, youth clubs, women cooperatives, and farmer networks established or strengthened through the project
- Climate resilient agriculture initiatives and advocacy interventions

The evaluator will assess both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the project.

4. Key Evaluation Questions

Relevance

- How relevant were the project interventions to the needs and priorities of small-scale farmers?
- To what extent did the project address issues related to climate change, food security, indigenous agriculture, and land degradation?

Effectiveness

- To what extent were the planned objectives and outputs achieved?
- How effective were the farmers' organizations in mobilization, advocacy, and knowledge sharing?
- How effective were the seed preservation and multiplication initiatives?

Efficiency

- Were project resources utilized efficiently?
- Were activities implemented within the planned timeframe and budget?

Impact

- What changes have occurred in farmers' knowledge, attitudes, and practices?
- What contribution did the project make toward climate resilient agriculture and food security?
- How has the project contributed to the revival of indigenous seeds and farming practices?

Sustainability

- Are the farmers' organizations and seed banks likely to continue functioning after project completion?
- What mechanisms exist for continuation of advocacy, networking, and farmer-to-farmer learning?

5. Methodology

The evaluator/consultant is expected to propose a participatory and mixed-method approach, including but not limited to:

- Desk review of project documents
- Key Informant Interviews (KIIs)
- Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)
- Household interviews/surveys
- Field observations and visits
- Meetings with project staff, farmers' organizations, local stakeholders, and beneficiaries
- Case studies and success stories

The methodology should ensure participation of women, youth, and marginalized groups.

5. Deliverables

The evaluator/consultant will be responsible for the following deliverables:

1. Inception Report
Including evaluation methodology, work plan, tools, and sampling strategy.
2. Draft Evaluation Report
Including findings, analysis, conclusions, lessons learned, and recommendations.

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3. Final Evaluation Report
Incorporating feedback from BASIC DF and stakeholders.
4. Presentation of Findings
Submission and presentation of key findings to BASIC DF management and relevant stakeholders.

6. Timeline

The analysis is expected to take place over a period of one month with the following key milestones:

- **Week 1:** Inception meeting and submission of the Inception Report.
- **Weeks 2-3:** Field research and data collection.
- **Week 4:** Submission of the final report and presentation of findings.

7. Required Expertise:

The consultant/team should possess:

- Advanced degree in Agriculture, Rural Development, Climate Change, Social Sciences, Development Studies, or related fields
- Minimum 5–7 years of experience in conducting external evaluations of development projects
- Proven experience in agriculture, climate resilience, food security, and community development projects
- Strong understanding of participatory evaluation approaches
- Excellent analytical and report writing skills
- Experience working in Sindh and with rural farming communities will be preferred

8. Reporting

The consultant/Firm will report to the Deputy Executive Director and Project Manager of Basic Development Foundation.

9. Reporting and Coordination

The evaluator/consultant will work closely with BASIC DF management and designated focal persons. BASIC DF will facilitate access to project documents, field sites, and stakeholders.

10. Ethical Considerations

The evaluator must ensure:

- Confidentiality of information
- Informed consent of participants
- Respect for local culture and practices
- Protection of participants from any harm during the evaluation process

11. Proposal Submission Requirements

Interested consultants/firms are requested to submit:

- Technical proposal including methodology and work plan
- Financial proposal
- Organizational/company profile
- CVs of key team members
- Previous relevant experience and sample evaluation reports
- Valid registration and tax documents

Item	No of Day	Unit Cost	Total Cost (PKR)
Consultant's Fee			
Other costs (please specify e.g. travel)			
Total			

12. Award Criteria

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1. Financial Evaluation: 50 Marks / 50% (lowest prices will be awarded 40% score)
2. Methodology and approach (40 marks)
3. Active/Valid Taxpayer status, Copy of NTN/FBR Registration certificate. (04 marks)
4. Previous valid relevant consultancy experience documents: 02 contract/POs (6 marks <03 Marks for each proof.

Contact Information and Submission Deadline

For further information, please contact:

- Mr. Abdul Latif, Manager HR and Logistics, Email: latif_memon@hotmail.com

Interested Individuals/Firms can submit their Technical & financial proposal. To, **Tender Committee, Logistics Department Building Advanced Society Through Integrated Community (BASIC) Development Foundation 2/007, Bismillah Cottages, Bismillah Town Near Bhitai Kanta Hyderabad**, Sindh, Pakistan by courier or by hand on below mentioned address not later than June 02, 2026. Before 03:00 PM.

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ANNEX I

Supplier Declaration Form

Note: This Supplier Declaration Form, including your certification by signature, is part of the qualification procedure for our suppliers and service providers. If you do not fully complete this form, you may be disqualified from the tender.

1. Supplier Information

By signing the certification at the end of this Supplier Declaration Form, you confirm that all information submitted below is true and complete.

Business name	
Legal form <i>If the supplier is not a registered company, write "not registered."</i>	
Year founded	
Country where established	
VAT or registration number	
Bank details <i>Include the account holder's name, bank name, IBAN, SWIFT code, and currency used.</i>	
Physical address, email address, and website	
Contact Sales and marketing	
Range of products and services provided (Portfolio)	
Other information	

SUPPLIER DECLARATION

We, _____ (name of company) hereby declare that

- A. All of the information submitted is true and complete.
- B. We are not in bankruptcy proceedings, in judicial insolvency proceedings, or in liquidation, and we have not ceased our commercial activities and are not in a comparable situation by virtue of similar proceedings referred to in the national legal provisions.
- C. We have not received a sanction by legally binding judgment for reasons that bring into doubt our professional reliability.
- D. We comply with our duty to pay social insurance contributions, taxes, and other levies in accordance

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with the legal provisions of the jurisdiction in which we have our office, the jurisdiction of the consignee, and the jurisdiction where the contract is performed; we assure that we will comply with the legislation applicable and common standards in terms of wages, social legislation, and occupational safety and health.

- E. We have not received a legally binding sentence due to fraud, corruption, participation in a criminal association, or another act directed against the financial interests of another legal or natural person.
- F. no serious breaches of contract due to non-performance of our contractual obligations have been ascertained in connection with another contract or a contract awarded from any institutional donor involved in development cooperation, humanitarian assistance, or other public financing work (hereinafter "institutional donor).
- G. We are providing you with all the information required to participate in a tender, and all information submitted in relation to this tender is true and complete.
- H. In respect of contracts that are ultimately paid for out of the funds of an institutional donor, no one has accused us of breach of contract due to gross violation of our contractual obligations.
- I. We have not been excluded as contract partners by any institutional donor due to ethical issues.
- J. We respect basic social rights and condemn child labor.

Location, Date

Name,

Signature