

Draft Scope of Work And Project Deliverables

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Outputs	Activities	Deliverables	Due Date
Contract signing, Commencement and Initial payment	Official Commencement on March XXX		T+ 0 Days
Monthly Progress Reporting	Conducting structured monthly calls with the CPI team to provide project updates, discuss challenges, and share key insights.	Monthly progress reports submitted on the 14th of every month for the duration of the project.	Ongoing
Project Inception Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design a structured research questionnaire for surveying WLEs in agriculture, forestry, and social sectors in Nepal, taking inputs from CPI, FA-N and SIAS. - Conduct desktop research on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WLEs in Nepal, defined as economic units—including cooperatives, Community Forest User Groups (CFUGs), self-help groups, and collectives—engaged in income-generating activities across agriculture, forestry, and social sectors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalized survey questionnaire - Geographically classified list of WLEs in Nepal with potential for ecosystem services (ES) , suitable for further surveying as potential beneficiaries for receiving financial interventions. 	T + 30 Days

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	<p>2. Existing studies examining the intersection of WLEs and ecosystem services in Nepal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scanning through the previous work done with women engaging ecosystems in agriculture, forestry and social sectors by SIAS and FA-N to develop insights about WLEs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary report on insights from SIAS and FA-N's past work with women engaging ecosystems in agriculture, forestry and social sector highlighting relevant findings, gaps, and implications for WLEs in Nepal. 	
Interim Project Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey of the WLEs identified in the inception phase. - Survey of the select relevant financial ecosystem partners like banks, regional rural banks, micro-credit development banks, savings and credit cooperatives, MFIs, etc. related to WLEs. 	<p>Inferences from survey of WLEs in Nepal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Segmentation of surveyed WLEs by activity, size, maturity, financial access, and ecosystem service potential. - Assessment report of surveyed WLEs business models, impact, and financial viability for PES inclusion. - List of key stakeholders and documented PES integration challenges and opportunities. <p>Inferences from survey of WLEs relevant financial ecosystem in Nepal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WLEs relevant financial ecosystem mapping report covering financial institutions, funding mechanisms, 	T + 90 Days

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		<p>and financial access gaps for WLEs in Nepal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendations on strategies to strengthen financial linkages. - List of financial partners and capital structures supporting PES initiatives. 	
Final Project Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analyze global and regional MRV (Measurement, Reporting, and Verification) methodologies applied to PES, PPF, and other financial interventions. - Tailor multiple MRV methodologies suitable to identified WLEs and financial interventions in Nepal - Assess local and international PES and climate finance payment mechanisms for identified WLEs. - Design equitable payment structures suitable to identified WLEs and PES, PPF, and other financial interventions. - Evaluate potential structures for PPF, PES, and hybrid financing mechanisms tailored to Nepalese WLEs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Propose different MRV methodologies relevant to financial interventions for WLEs in Nepal, along with Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and measurable outcomes. - Determine appropriate, equitable, transparent, and accessible payment structures that incentivize and support WLEs to participate in PES programs/other financial interventions. - A detailed set of recommendations and an actionable roadmap for implementing financial interventions like PPF.PES and Hybrid for identified WLEs in Nepal, 	T + 150 Days

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify potential bottlenecks such as regulatory hurdles, data constraints, and financial accessibility issues, along with mitigation strategies. - Synthesize findings, draft a structured report, incorporate feedback from CPI FA-N and SIAS, and finalize for dissemination. 	<p>including key stakeholders, timelines, required resources, potential challenges, and mitigation strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A final report encompassing all project deliverables. 	