

Engagement of SDC Consultant in EEP (Economic Empowerment of the Poorest/Shiree) CAPEX

a. Short description of the EEP Programme

The EEP programme, funded by DFID since 2008, has the objective to lift 1 million people out of extreme poverty and support Bangladesh in its endeavor to attain the development goals. It is implemented as a challenge fund, which sub-contracts local and international NGOs on a competitive basis to implement innovative poverty reduction projects. The target groups of this programme are extreme poor households, national and international NGOs, Government of Bangladesh and national think tanks. It is implemented through a general challenge fund mechanism partnering with more than 30 NGOs. SDC has started co-financing EEP from late 2012 until the end of Phase I by May 2016.

b. Purpose of engaging Consultant and timing

SDC wants to capitalize learnings on the two main issues of the EEP programme:

- **Challenge Fund**
- **Extreme poverty**

The possible timing of 'in-country' engagement in Bangladesh: August, 2016

c. Major points of ToR:

- Evaluation of the experience of 'Challenge Fund' for SDC. What would be the added value for SDC to work through 'challenge fund'.
- What are the lessons learnt from 'Challenge Fund Mechanism' (considering the 'Innovation Fund' and 'Scale Fund' projects of EEP)
- Review of all study findings and reports (particularly from monitoring and evaluation)
- Analyze DFID's Methodology on graduation process of extreme poor and sustainability of this process with regards to their human development needs. How the interventions have impacted on the re-orientation of Government support services (eg. Justice, social protection issues, resource allocation for extreme poor)
- Identify 'challenges' involved in graduation process from extreme poverty issues in respect of:
 - Geographic area (location-basis)
 - Partners (local NGOs-basis)
 - Sector profiles (like WATSAN)

d. Deadline for EoI submission to SDC Bangladesh

- The interested consultant(s) should submit the CV(s) along with the Fee Rate to the following e-mail address:
Syeda-zinia.rashid@eda.admin.ch
- The deadline for EoI submission is 30 April 2016.

(Note: This assignment could be a joint capitalization study with DFID team during their Project Completion Review period)