

International Expert/Expert Pool

Study on Value Chain Analysis of Gemstones and One Other Commodity (Gold or Iron) in Afghanistan

State: Proposal

CEFE International is looking for an international expert/expert pool to conduct a Study on Value Chain Analysis of Gemstones and One Other Commodity (Gold or Iron) in Afghanistan .

The objective of the consultancy

The main objectives of the assignment are to conduct value chain analyses of gemstones and One other Commodity (Gold or Iron), to write a background/paper with the value chain analyses, and write chapter 4 of the National Human Development Report (Tracing value chains to uncover the potential of extractive industries). (See the Afghanistan NHDR Concept Note @ <http://bit.ly/2eQOjvy> and chapter outlines).

Scope of Services

The value chain analyses of the gemstone and One Other Commodity Sectors (Gold or Iron) will cover the following:

- Operating context
- Profile, mapping and visualization of the value chains
- Market analysis (including external markets)
- Business analysis
- Revenue collection (taxation)
- Income generation and employment, including employment of women
- Conflict and social impacts
- Land use and environmental aspects at key stages of the value chain.

The value chain analyses will be conducted through site visits, key informant interviews and focus group discussions. The study will focus on gemstones (lapis, emeralds, ruby and jade) and One Other Commodity (Gold or Iron).

The venue of sites for these gemstones are:

- Lapis Mine in Kiran -wa-minjan in Badakshan province
- Emerald mine in Panjshir
- Ruby Mine in Jegdalak, Kabul
- Jade mine in Kunar and Goshta part of Nangarhar
- Gold mine in Takhar province
- Iron mine in Bamiyan province

The assignment also includes writing a background paper/report of the study, with recommendations for strengthening and upgrading value chains to connect them better with export or final markets, enhancing the fiscal revenue potential, improving environmental sustainability and quality of products, improving job opportunities and income potential especially for women, and reducing the conflict potential.

Finally, the assignment includes writing the Chapter 4 of NHDR in close coordination and the Lead Author of NHDR.

Expected Outputs

- Deliverable 1: Inception report including description of the methodology (within 2 weeks)
- Deliverable 2: Field study report on value chains (within 8 weeks)
- Deliverable 3: Draft background paper including the above analyses as well as recommendations (within 12 weeks)
- Deliverable 4: Final background paper (within 16 weeks)
- Deliverable 5: Chapter 4 of NHDR (within 20 weeks)

Duration of Work

The duration of the assignment is 20 weeks starting signing of the contract.

Location of Work

To the extent possible, the study requires site visits to mine site(s) and visits to sites serving as connectors of value chains. We do not require a visit to the Peshawar market.

Qualifications of experts

One team leader

Advanced degree in value chains, business administration, mineral resource management or other relevant field;

- Minimum 3 years of experience in supervising teams in similar assignments;
- Minimum 10 years of relevant international experience in issues related to small-scale mining and one of either: value chain analysis, market analysis, business development, socio-economic assessment, environmental impact analysis, gender analysis.
- In-depth knowledge of small-scale mining and the potential of the sector to contribute to development;
- Demonstrated experience undertaking research field work or professional work in mineral commodities and writing research reports;
- Sound knowledge and understanding of the development context in Afghanistan, specifically with regard to small-scale mining.
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English;

Team of experts

- University degree in business administration, international trade, natural resource management, geology, mining engineering, and/or other relevant field;
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English;
- Minimum 3 years of experience in similar studies.
- Ability and experience to deliver quality reports within the given time
- Minimum 5 years of relevant experience in one of either: value chain analysis, market analysis, business development, socio-economic assessment, environmental impact analysis, gender analysis.
- Experience of working in post-conflict, fragile environments is desired

Strong analytical capacities and strong ability to communicate and summarize this analysis in writing is desired.



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