



Request for Proposal

Gender Integration within in “Climate Resilient Agriculture based Livelihoods for Asifabad District” Project

Vijayavahini Charitable Foundation - Supported By Tata Trusts

Location: Asifabad District, Telangana

Apply by: 20 Feb 2026

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Background of the Organizations:

Incorporated in 2017 as a Section 8 not-for-profit Company, VCF focuses on a wide range of themes, including livelihood promotion, agriculture, craft, sanitation, nutrition, and health among others. VCF works in close co-ordination with various departments of Government and other relevant stakeholders to effectively execute programs either as an implementing or technical advisory partner. Most of the organisations implementation work is done in remote rural habitations/districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

About the existing Project implemented by VCF:

The project integrates and train farmers in climate-resilient livelihoods, in ‘extension services’ by focusing on capacity-building activities, planned information exchange, reducing drudgery from the additional burden of the farm, and ensuring their representation in different decision-making bodies through collectives in select 30 villages of Asifabad and Koutala Mandals. The project targeted to reach out 5,000 farmers in next five years. The interventions recommended under the principles of Climate Resilient Agriculture such as - building Resilience in Soil, Rainwater harvesting and recycling, Irrigation and water saving technologies, adaptation of Tolerant Crop Varieties and Cropping Systems, Farm machinery (custom hiring) centres, Crop contingency plans, Livestock and Fishery interventions, Weather-based Agro Advisories, Institutional interventions, Village Climate Risk Management Committee (VCRMC).

Groundwork for the project was initiated from August 2024. Initial months were spent in identifying villages, creating awareness in select villages, identifying Community Resources Persons (CRPs), identifying farmers for demonstrations during Rabi season (Jowar crops), organizing orientation meetings with fishing communities, interacting with various stakeholders related to agro-forestry and FPCs, etc.

At this stage VCF is looking for an organisation which has experience of working with women empowerment and livelihoods subjects and ready to handhold the project team in imparting the skills to integrate gender component within the existing project.

Objective of the proposed assignment:

- Empower women so that they are in a decision making position related to livelihoods/farming
- Reduce domestic violence and other related community level issues
- Improve quality of live and reduce drudgery in agriculture
- Strengthening community leadership among workers, with an emphasis on building collective voice, peer leadership, and local champions who can sustain interventions beyond the project period.

Geographical coverage of the assignment:

Women farmers/beneficiaries in all selected 30 villages of two mandals of Asifabad district (Koutala and Asifabad).

Scope of Work:

The key tasks for this assignment will be undertaken in close collaboration with VCF project team

- Undertaking situation analysis / baseline study (self or with 3rd party support)
- Preparing action plan (inception report) for next three years support to handhold VCF in Asifabad on building Gender Component
- Providing training/capacity building of local team (team strengthen of 40 including Community Resource persons) in handling gender issues on ground; this training will repeat in every quarter/six monthly
- Monitoring/onsite support visit by Resource person/agency to project location: bimonthly
- Hosting team for exploratory visits to existing programs across state/particular district
- Deputing resource persons for supporting implementation team in project location
- Organising workshops related to strengthening gender component for program team as well as for beneficiaries
- Strengthening community leadership among workers, with an emphasis on building collective voice, peer leadership, and local champions who can sustain interventions beyond the project period.
- Conducting midline/endline study to find out the changes in gender component within the project

Duration of services:

The finalized agency/institution/consultant is expected to deliver services for a period of 36 months from March 2026 to February 2029

Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

- Registered NGO or Section 8 company with proven expertise in Women Empowerment, Livelihoods and FPO development.
- Must possess a valid 12A, 80G certificates
- Minimum 3 years of relevant experience or demonstrated work on above subjects
- Proven experience in working with rural or tribal communities, preferably in Telangana
- Minimum annual turnover of INR 20 lakhs in any of the past three financial years.
- Qualified team with expertise in FPO governance, Gender empowerment, Livelihoods work, strengthening communities.

Proposal Submission

Interested agencies are requested to submit a detail proposal including Financials for 36 months to contact@vijayavahini.org with the subject line "RFP – Women Empowerment". The Technical Proposal should include organization profile, relevant experience, methodology, proposed team, and work plan. The Financial Proposal should include fee structure, expenses, and applicable taxes.

Evaluation Criteria

The selection process will follow Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) with 70% weightage for technical and 30% for financial proposals.

Evaluation parameters:

- Organizational profile and relevant experience – 20 points
- Approach and methodology – 30 points
- Past assignments – 20 points
- Team qualifications and experience – 20 points
- Financial proposal – 10 points

Payment Terms

- 50% upon signing of contract and submission of inception report.
- 25% in the 2nd year start (13th month) of the work and submission of the first year report
- 20% in the 3rd year start (25th month) of the work and submission of the second year report
- 5% closer of the project and submission of final report (36th month)

General Terms and Conditions

VCF reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning reasons. The consultant shall maintain confidentiality and adhere to VCF's ethical standards and data protection policy. All outputs, training materials, and documents produced under this consultancy shall remain the property of VCF.

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