



Call for a Feasibility Study for the Project

“Civil Society Support of the Indo-German Partnership on Green Recovery, Climate Change and SDGs through an Indo-German High Trust Network”

Draft TORs

1. Background

A bilateral Indo-German partnership for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the SDGs could support linking the management of the Covid-19 crisis with climate mitigation action and building resilience to the climate crisis. Towards 2022 - with Indian G20 and German G7 presidencies - there is a window of opportunity to work together both nationally in India and Germany as well as internationally. Our project seeks to provide civil society observation and support to a deepened German/EU-Indian partnership by identifying cooperation areas, principles for implementation and foster implementation pathways with respective stakeholders. The envisioned High Trust Network of Indian and German/EU actors will explore what could be achieved by the bilateral partnership and G20 activities – with potential benefits for and overlaps with other forums (such as the UNFCCC) and plurilateral partnerships (such as International Solar Alliance).

The overall objective of this project is the increased resilience of the Indian society in the face of the Covid-19 crisis by implementing the climate goals of Paris (climate protection, resilience, appropriate restructuring of financial flows), realising green and resilient recovery programs as well as joint improvement of the SDGs in India and Germany. The project seeks to establish an NGO and think tank based Indo-German High Trust Network for the observation and support of this Indo-German Partnership on Green Recovery, Climate Change and SDGs.

2. Purpose, Objectives and Use

The purpose of this feasibility study is to provide a sound basis for the implementation of the planned project. The results of the feasibility study will lay the ground for a solid project proposal. It is expected to give valuable insights for the proposal finalization as well as for the project conduction and the choice of project partner.

The feasibility study is a precondition for the BMZ / bengo funding of this envisioned project.

3. Roles

The expert conducts the study in close cooperation with Germanwatch and the potential project partner. The official client will be Germanwatch e.V. (Kaiserstraße 201, 53111 Bonn). The expert is enabled by Germanwatch to work solely on concrete interviews or analysis that is directly relevant for the study. Germanwatch can be contacted to resolve technical and content questions of study implementation.

Information provided by Germanwatch:

- draft project proposal
- list of experts for interviews, incl. all necessary contact details, establishing contact if needed
- core analytical and strategic documents
- overview of related earlier activities by Germanwatch
- list of guiding questions



4. Scope of Work

The feasibility study should cover:

- Support in setting of realistic objectives
- Support in selection of project partners and members of the High Trust Network
- Feasibility of activities
- FCRA criteria check
- Etc.

The geographical focus should lie on India but the study should also touch upon preconditions and potential partners for the High-Trust-Network from Germany / EU.

Main focus of the analysis should lie on the question if the suggested project approach is set up to be successful to reach the overall political objectives (impact) through implementing the indicated steps.

5. Methodology

- Analysis of the draft proposal
- It is expected that a core part of the study is done on the basis of
 - a questionnaire for stakeholders (not longer than 2 pages) / dissemination provided by project partners
 - focused (virtual) interviews with stakeholders involved

Due to the Covid pandemic the expert is not expected to visit the project region to conduct interviews. If the expert is based in New Delhi and the Covid-19 situation allows, in-person interviews are thinkable only under safe conditions.

6. Process & tentative timeline

The feasibility study should be conducted between 23rd of November 2020 and 18th of January 2021.

Activities	Suggestive deadline/time span in 2020/21
1. Call for tender	11 -20 November
2. Selection and contracting	starting 23 November
3. Start of evaluation	latest by 30 November
4. Preparatory phase Kick-off with Germanwatch (clarifying open questions, confirming suggested work plan and fixing contract details)	latest by 30 November
5. Document review, interview preparations, study outline a. Review of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Draft project proposal ii. Websites of all partner organisations iii. Products of other related projects iv. Etc. b. Preparation of interview questionnaires c. Preparation of study outline, considering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. political, economic, social and cultural context; displaying context on several levels (micro-, meso-, macro-) and recording essential, project-relevant baseline data (e.g. as an attachment) ii. Data on the existing structures (institutions, networks, umbrella organizations, etc.) iii. Analysis of the approach to solve the problems of the 	by 7 December

<p>target groups and other actors using the OECD DAC criteria: relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impacts and sustainability (see www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/49756382.pdf)</p> <p>iv. Recommendations for adjustments of the specific project concept including target system and measures <i>See also point 6 below the table.</i></p>	
6. Interim discussion with Germanwatch (clarifying open questions on questionnaires and study outline)	by 11 December
7. Interviews	starting 14 December
<p>a. With Germanwatch and</p> <p>b. With potential partners and actors of the envisioned High Trust Network and</p> <p>c. Potentially with actors of the bilateral Indo-German Partnership</p>	
8. Draft report preparation	Depending on Christmas break
9. Draft report discussion with Germanwatch	by 11 January
10. Finalising of report	11 - 15 January
11. Submission of final report	by 15 January
12. German Summary (prepared by Germanwatch)	18 January

6. Outputs and Deliverables

The feasibility study should not exceed 30 pages (excl. additional data material) and be written in English. It should contain the following chapters:

- 1) Purpose, objectives and use of the feasibility study
- 2) Methodology
- 3) Initial situation and problem analysis (on macro, meso, micro level)
- 4) Project executing agency in the partner country (local executing agency)
- 5) Target groups and other actors (at micro, meso and macro level)
- 6) Evaluation of the planned project according to OECD DAC criteria (see <http://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/49756382.pdf>)
- 7) Recommendations

For further guidance see „Orientierungshilfe zur Durchführung von Machbarkeitsstudien“ of bengo (German only).

7. Expert Profile of the feasibility study

Characteristics of the evaluator:

- Independently working from all project stakeholders
- an expert with respective country expertise (India/Germany/EU)
- has to be fluent in written and spoken English. Knowledge of Indian languages is not required.
- is a professional, working independently, result-orientated to produce tangible results. He or she is well structured, focused on output and impact, giving a critical assessment of the project idea.
- uses a focused and concise language, bringing important findings to a point



- has excellent communication skills.

The expert has substantial working experience

- in Indo-German cooperation incl. country expertise (India/Germany/EU)
- in the fields of climate change, SDGs, G20 and – as possible - green recovery
- in proposal writing / conducting feasibility studies for BMZ-bengo projects by the non-for-profit sector
- in using different methods of social science (focused interviews, questionnaires)

Germanwatch is looking for a consultant to carry out the above activities within the proposed timeline. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their offer including:

- a letter of interest
- a financial offer
- references to prove the required substantial work experience (see paragraph "expert profile")
- a one-pager describing the methodology and approach they plan to apply when conducting the feasibility study.

The contract will be awarded to the most economically advantageous tender, i.e. the tender offering the best price-quality ratio. The evaluation of offers will be based on: 60% required work experience, 25% price, 15% proposed methodology.

Deadline for applying is 20th of November 2020 by 23:59 GMT+1 and offers should be sent to: schwarz@germanwatch.org, with copy to becher@germanwatch.org
Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.