

PROJECT - SBIF LEAP

Climate Smart Livelihoods

Terms of Reference (ToR) for Baseline Study under Project – SBIF LEAP: Climate Smart Livelihoods

1. Background:

The Mahashakti Foundation, in partnership with the SBI Foundation, is implementing the **SBIF LEAP: Climate-Smart Livelihoods project**. The project aims to strengthen the livelihoods of 3,000 households through:

- Climate-smart agriculture practices
- Water security interventions
- Technology integration in farming and entrepreneurship
- Support for rural entrepreneurship

To understand the current socio-economic and livelihood status of the target communities, a baseline study will be conducted across the project villages.

2. Objective:

The baseline study aims to:

- Assess the current status of livelihoods, income sources, agriculture practices, water use, technology adoption, and entrepreneurship.
- Identify challenges and opportunities for project interventions.
- Provide actionable recommendations to guide project planning, implementation, and monitoring.

3. Scope of Work:

The consultant/agency will:

- A. Design a baseline survey aligned with project goals.
- B. Collect data on:
 - Household socio-economic profile
 - Livelihood and income sources
 - Agriculture practices (including climate-smart methods)
 - Water access and management
 - Technology adoption in farming and enterprise
 - Entrepreneurship and self-employment activities
- C. Conduct field visits and interviews with households, community leaders, and relevant stakeholders.
- D. Compile and analyse data, identify key trends, gaps, and opportunities.
- E. Prepare a baseline report with practical recommendations.

4. Geographic Coverage:

The baseline study will cover 45 villages in:

- M. Rampur block, Kalahandi district, Odisha
- Narla block, Kalahandi district, Odisha
- Gudvella block, Balangir district, Odisha

5. Deliverables:

- Inception Report – outlining methodology, survey tool, and timeline.
- Baseline Survey Tool – structured questionnaire and interview guides.
- Draft Baseline Report – preliminary findings for review.
- Final Baseline Report – incorporating feedback, with clear recommendations.

6. Timeline:

The baseline study is expected to be completed in 5 weeks from the date of award of the assignment, including:

- **Week 1:** Inception and tool design
- **Week 2–3:** Field data collection
- **Week 4:** Data analysis and draft report
- **Week 5:** Final report submission

7. Eligibility Criteria:

The consultant/agency should have:

- Proven experience in baseline studies for rural development or livelihoods projects
- Knowledge of agriculture, water management, entrepreneurship, and climate-smart interventions
- Ability to work in remote rural areas of Odisha.

8. Application Process:

Interested consultants/agencies should submit:

- **Technical Proposal** – Methodology, Team composition, and Work plan
- **Financial Proposal** – Budget including all costs
- **Profile and References** – Experience in similar studies

Agencies are required to submit their proposals with proven experience in similar assignments, clearly indicating the financials and timeline as per the TOR.

Contact Details to Apply:

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