

PROCUREMENT PLAN (Textual Part)

Project information: INDIA, **Proposed Tripura Rural Economic Growth and Service Delivery Project (P178418)**

Project Implementation agency: Multiple, lead by Tribal Welfare Department

Date of the Procurement Plan: March 2022

Period covered by this Procurement Plan (textual part): From March, 2022 onwards till publication of next version of the Procurement Plan.

Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” (July 2016, Revised November 2017, August 2018, and November 2020) (“Procurement Regulations”) the Bank’s Systematic Tracking and Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system will be used to prepare, clear and update Procurement Plans and conduct all procurement transactions for the Project.

This textual part along with the Procurement Plan tables in STEP constitute the Procurement Plan for the Project. The following conditions apply to all procurement activities in the Procurement Plan. The other elements of the Procurement Plan as required under paragraph 4.4 of the Procurement Regulations are set forth in STEP.

The Bank’s Standard Procurement Documents: shall be used for all contracts subject to international competitive procurement and those contracts as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP.

Procurement for the project will be carried out in accordance with the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016, Revised November 2017, August 2018, November 2020 and applicable to Investment Project Financing (IPF). The project will be subject to the World Bank’s Anticorruption Guidelines, dated October 15, 2006, as revised in January 2011 and July 2016.

The table below describes various procurement methods to be used for activities financed by the loan. The thresholds (**Error! Reference source not found.**) indicated will govern the procurement approach and methods;

Table 1: Procurement Approaches and Methods

Procurement Approaches and Methods	Thresholds (US\$ equivalent)
Open international	For any value activity
Open national (works - including turnkey, supply)	Up to 40 million

and installation of plant and equipment and PPP)	
Open national (goods, IT system, and non-consulting services)	Up to 10 million
National request for quotation (works, goods, IT system and non-consulting services)	Up to 100,000
Direct selection	No threshold; For works, goods, non-consulting services and IT system procurement: According to paragraphs 6.8-6.10 of the Regulations; For consultants: According to paragraphs 7.13-7.15 of the Regulations
National Market Approach for Selection of Consultants	Up to 2 million
Prior Review Thresholds	
Works including Supply & Installation of Plant and Equipment	All contracts more than or equal to US\$ 10 million equivalent.
Goods, IT system and Non-consulting services	All contracts more than or equal to US\$2 million equivalent
Consultants	All contracts (i) more than or equal to US\$1 million equivalent for firms; and (ii) more than or equal to US\$300,000 equivalent for individuals.
Prior Review contracts irrespective of value	Irrespective of the contract value, the following procurement activities are subject to the Bank's procurement prior review: (a) procurement processes involving contract negotiations, as described in Section VI, paragraphs 6.34-36, of the Procurement Regulation for Borrowers (b) competitive dialogue; (c) sustainable procurement;

	(d) selection of probity assurance providers, as described in Section III, paragraph 3.3 of the Procurement Regulations for Borrowers; and (e) best and final offer.
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To help borrower undertake emergency procurement through faster means, market approaches and review requirements as defined below would be applicable only under component-3 and only for the period of emergency.

Table2: Procurement Approaches & Methods for Component -03 applicable only for the emergency period

Category of procurement	Market approach threshold	Prior review threshold (US \$m)
Works	Above US\$40 M for ICP Up to US\$40 M for NCP Up to US\$1 M for RFQ	None for emergency period. Standard review procedure will
Goods & Non-Consultancy services	Above US\$25 M for ICP Up to US\$25 M for NCP Up to US\$1 m for RFQ	-do-
Consultancy Services	US\$ 0.8 M for NPP (with option for direct RFP) Above US\$0.8 M-Other methods	-do-
Note: Direct contracting/single source prior review will follow the requirements of the category of procurement (goods, works and services). Higher thresholds (US\$ 25M for Goods NCP and US\$ 1 M for RFQ) are applicable only for emergency response period, normal threshold (US\$ 10M for Goods NCP and US\$ 100,000 for RFQ) will be used thereafter.		

Domestic preference- The provision of domestic preference for goods will be applied in the evaluation of bids in accordance with Annex VI of the Regulations.

National Procurement Arrangements: National competition for the procurement of works, goods, IT system procurement and non-consulting services

according to the established thresholds will be conducted in accordance with paragraphs 5.3–5.5 of Section V of the Regulations and the following provisions:

1. Only the model bidding documents for National Competitive Procurement (NCP) agreed with the GOI Task Force (and as amended for time to time), shall be used for bidding.
2. Invitations to bid shall be advertised on a widely used website or electronic portal with free open access at least 30 days prior to the deadline for the submission of bids, unless otherwise agreed in the approved procurement plan.
3. No special preference will be accorded to any bidder either for price or for other terms and conditions when competing with foreign bidders, state-owned enterprises, small-scale enterprises or enterprises from any given State.
4. Except with the prior concurrence of the Bank, there shall be no negotiation of price with the bidders, even with the lowest evaluated bidder.
5. Government e-Marketplace (GeM) set-up by Ministry of Commerce, Government of India will be acceptable for procurement under Request for Quotations (RFQ) method.
6. At the Borrower's request, the Bank may agree to the Borrower's use, in whole or in part, of its electronic procurement system, provided that the Bank is satisfied with the adequacy of such system.
7. Procurement will be open to eligible firms from any country. This eligibility shall be as defined under Section III of the Procurement Regulations. Accordingly, no bidder or potential bidder shall be declared ineligible for contracts financed by the Bank for reasons other than those provided in Section III of the Procurement Regulations.
8. The request for bids/request for proposals document shall require that Bidders/Proposers submitting Bids/Proposals include a signed acceptance in the bid, to be incorporated in any resulting contracts, confirming application of, and compliance with, the Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines, including without limitation the Bank's right to sanction and the Bank's inspection and audit rights.
9. The Borrower shall use an effective complaints mechanism for handling procurement related complaints in a timely manner.
10. Procurement Documents will include provisions, as agreed with the Bank, intended to adequately mitigate against environmental, social (including sexual exploitation and abuse and gender-based violence), health and safety ("ESHS") risks and impacts.

Procurement of Works, Goods (Supply and Installation; and IT Equipment), Non-Consultancy Services and Consultancy Services - As per procurement plan approved in STEP.

