



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### FOR SPECIAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

**POST TITLE:** LEP Project Evaluation Consultant  
**AGENCY/PROJECT NAME:** UNDP Legal Empowerment Partnership Project  
**COUNTRY OF ASSIGNMENT:** Thailand

#### 1) GENERAL BACKGROUND

UNDP Thailand has received funds from the Democratic Governance Thematic Trust Fund (DGTTF) for a project on Legal Empowerment of the Poor (LEP), at both a national and regional level. DGTTF aims to support programmes that are innovative and catalytic in nature to strengthen democratic governance and to promote good governance in the region.

The DGTTF sponsored Legal Empowerment Partnership Project aimed to further the legal empowerment agenda at the regional, national and local levels. At the regional level, the Legal Empowerment for Asia Partnership (LEAP) was established as a largely virtual entity, to increase the sharing of knowledge and experience within the region, to facilitate policy development and pilot innovative ideas to further legal empowerment. At the national level, the project aimed to increase knowledge on issues relating to legal empowerment and contribute to national level policy development. The regional, national and sub-national activities were organized around the four pillars identified by the Commission on Legal Empowerment, namely: Access to justice and the rule of law; property rights; labour rights and business rights.

The present regional assessment is part of the RCB evaluation to strengthen the DGTTF's role in supporting innovation in democratic governance by codifying, analysing and sharing lessons from past experiences to enhance regional and global interventions. The UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok will support an international consultant to conduct this assessment.

#### 2) OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The objective of this assignment is to assess the results of the Legal Empowerment of the Poor Project.

For this, the international consultant shall

- 1) Focus on identifying, analyzing and documenting results/impact of the above project, lessons learned (both positive and negative) and tools and instruments used to achieve the expected results. The assessment will also analyse if and how the project had been able to sustain its innovative activities and whether or not further upscaling/replication took place with government and/or donor funding;
- 2) consolidate lessons/analysis of results culled from the evaluation of this DGTTF project in

order to enrich regional programming options, as well as to foster stronger knowledge management;

### **3) SCOPE OF WORK**

In the assessment of the regional project the international consultant shall follow at least the following criteria and approach, elaborated in the form of key questions.

- Was the DGTTF project innovative and catalytic, and if so, in what ways?
- Did it address any critical issues considered important by the governments in the region, e.g., migrants' rights, informal sector livelihood, etc.?
- Has it prepared the ground for addressing issues that are politically sensitive at the national level, by taking them up at the regional level?
- Has it initiated any pilot activities that can be replicated in the future, e.g., South-South mutual learning in the region?
- Has it served to push the frontier of interest of the governments in the region to advance the LEP agenda?
- Did the project provide due emphasis to gender in the context of initiatives it supported?
- Did the project provide any insights into ways of accelerating achievement of one or more of the MDGs?
- What is the likelihood that interest in the LEP agenda will be sustained by governments beyond the project?

### **4) DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT, DUTY STATION AND EXPECTED PLACES OF TRAVEL**

Duration of assignment: 29 November 2010 – 13 December 2010 with 15 working days

Duty Station and expected places of travel: Home based with interviews with project staff in Bangkok, Thailand. No travel required.

### **5) FINAL PRODUCTS**

1. Review all documents and knowledge products produced by the project;
2. Submit a draft evaluation report for comment 10 December 2010;
3. Finalize evaluation/assessment report with incorporated comments by 15 December 2010.

### **6) PROVISION OF MONITORING AND PROGRESS CONTROLS**

The international consultant shall report to Mr. Somchai Yensabai, Programme Specialist, Democratic Governance Unit, UNDP Thailand on the above outlined schedule.

### **7) DEGREE OF EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Advanced degree preferably in International Relations, Law, or other Governance-related

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discipline;

1. A minimum of 7 years relevant professional experience in the area of democratic governance and notably access to justice;
2. Good analytical and computing skills;
3. Good writing skills;
4. Knowledge of and experience with UNDP or other donor or developing country governance programming is considered an asset.

#### 8) REVIEW TIME REQUIRED

The finalized report will be reviewed by the UNDP Country Office team and the Asia-Pacific Regional Centre.

#### 9) CONSULTANT PRESENCE REQUIRED ON DUTY STATION/UNDP PREMISES

PARTIAL

INTERMITTENT

FULL TIME

#### IF FULL TIME – PLEASE ADD BELOW FOR JUSTIFICATION

If the assignment requires full time presence on UNDP premises, a sound justification on why a full time presence is required.

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