

**Water Integrity Network
Transparency International Bangladesh
and the Bangladesh Water Integrity Network**

Bangladesh: Water Integrity Study

Terms of Reference for a Scoping Mission

Introduction

1. The Water Integrity Network (WIN) is an action oriented coalition of organizations and individuals promoting water integrity to reduce and prevent corruption in the water sector. It focuses on addressing corruption issues in four subsectors: (a) water resources management (WRM); (b) water supply and sanitation (WSS); (c) irrigation; and (d) hydropower. Its membership includes the public sector, private sectors and civil society as well as leading knowledge based organizations and networks in the water sector. Its secretariat is hosted by Transparency International in Berlin. WIN is in the process of facilitating the development country coalitions around the world, and in 2009 the **Bangladesh Water Integrity Network (BAWIN)** was formed with Transparency International – Bangladesh (TIB) as the convener and host of the secretariat. The membership of BAWIN is open to all stakeholders in Bangladesh with interest in promoting integrity in the water sector.

2. In accord with one of the principal recommendations of the *Global Corruption Report 2008: Corruption in the Water Sector*, the WIN's Strategic Framework for Action: 2009-2015 includes undertaking six Water Integrity National Studies by the end of 2010. In collaboration with the Water and Sanitation Program (WSP)-Uganda (and in collaboration with the Ministry of Water and Environment and other sectoral partners under the overall guidance of the Good Governance Subsector Working Group – GGSSWG), the WIN undertook an integrity study (consisting of; (a) a Risk/Opportunity Study; and (b) a Baseline Integrity Study) in the WSS sector in Uganda. Based on discussions at a multi-stakeholder workshop in Kampala in September 2009, a Water and Sanitation Good Governance Action Plan was endorsed by high-level decision makers in October 2009 for subsequent implementation. To maximize impact, one of the major lessons learned from the WIN's involvement in Uganda is the need to put in place a multi-stakeholder platform at the outset of a water integrity study initiative.

3. These TORs refer to a scoping mission for a Water Integrity Study in Bangladesh that would be undertaken in April 2010. The assignment will correspond to no more than 20 days of effort. The consultant for this assignment will be *ineligible* to participate in the planned future full Water Integrity Study, which is expected to begin in the second or third quarter of 2010. An initial reconnaissance mission was undertaken by the WIN in July 2009.

Objectives

4. The objectives of the assignment are to:

- (a) Define the specific scope of the BANGLADESH: Water Integrity Study in terms of the specific sub-sector to be covered and the main issues to be addressed¹; and
- (b) Define (and facilitate where necessary or possible), the institutional, organizational and financial arrangements to enable the Water Integrity Study to be undertaken and its recommendations implemented. The Water Integrity Study will be managed via BAWIN, under the overall leadership of TI-B, with support by WIN.

Scope of Activities

5. The scope of activities include:
 - a. Undertake a scoping of the range and extent of corruption in Bangladesh at (I) a general macroeconomic level; and (II) more specifically within the water resources sector;
 - b. Develop a preliminary chart of the governance of Bangladesh's water sector, paying particular attention to the role of the Accountability Sector;
 - c. Based on discussions with a wide range of stakeholders (including government, civil society and private sector), identify the level and scope of interest in undertaking a Water Integrity Study in Bangladesh (including a Risk/Opportunity Study and a Water Integrity Baseline Survey). Specifically, should the study focus on 'petty' and/or 'grand' corruption? Which sub-sector should the Study focus on (water for water supply and sanitation; food/irrigation, hydropower or IWRM and why)? Should the study be confined to specific geographic region(s) of Bangladesh (and if so, which areas and why)?; and
 - d. The Mission should identify various institutional arrangements and possible financing for undertaking a Water Integrity Study as well as advising on the best mix of international and local expertise to undertake them. The Water Integrity Study should be designed and planned within the context of the BAWIN country platform.

6. In addition, the Mission should specifically identify modalities for strengthening and expanding the existing multi-stakeholder BAWIN country platform to assure sustainable involvement of WIN in undertaking this activity over the longer term. Transparency International – Bangladesh (TI-B) is the host of BAWIN multi-stakeholder platform.

Institutional Arrangements

7. Support and supervision for the mission will be provided directly by TI-B given it is the lead local partner responsible for hosting and facilitating the Bangladesh WIN Country Platform (BAWIN). In addition, follow-up and contact, when and where possible, should be maintained with potential partners met during the WIN Reconnaissance Mission to Bangladesh in July 2009.

Qualification of the Consultant

8. The consultant would have a graduate degree in economics/water resources management (or a related field) and at least 10 years experience in IWRM, irrigation management/implementation and/or water supply and sanitation in a wide range of countries in different regions of the world, particularly in Asia, and specifically in Bangladesh. Previous

¹ The water sub-sector to be covered would be one or more of the following: water supply and sanitation; irrigation, hydropower or IWRM.

experience working in a multi-stakeholder environment, involving the public sector, the private sector, civil society and development partners is a critical requirement. Demonstrated ability to write high quality reports in English, particularly in relation to sectoral/project developments in the water sector, is a must. A track record of having worked on transparency, integrity, accountability and anticorruption issues in the water sector would be a major advantage.

Reporting Arrangements

9. The consultant will report to and be supervised by Iftekhhar Zaman, Executive Director, TI-Bangladesh or his designate. As necessary, the consultant should also consult with Erik Nielsen, Manager Country Based Programmes, WIN Secretariat (WIN-S), and Donal O'Leary, Chair of the water integrity study Task Force.

Outputs

10. Under a lump sum contract in Euros², the consultant would provide the following outputs:
- (a) A Draft Final Report would be due within exactly four (4) weeks after signature of the contract; and
 - (b) A Final Report, taking into account the comments of TI-B and WIN-S on the Draft Final Report of approximately 30 single-spaced pages due exactly one (1) week after the consultant receives written feedback on the Draft Final Report in section (a) above.

Please send a current CV and a two page proposal in English how the applicant proposes to undertake this consultancy.

Please also state the total lump sum amount in Euros to complete the tasks included in the TOR, including travel related costs (if any).

Send all required documents to tenders@win-s.org by 18.00 CET on 15 March 2010.

² While overall management of this contract is with TI-Bangladesh, the contract will be made directly between the consultant and WIN in Berlin, Germany. Upon approval by TI-Bangladesh, payment will be made to the consultant by WIN.