



Request for Proposal

for the procurement of consulting services

International Certification of Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) for Potential Migrant Workers

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Section-1: Letter of Invitation

INVITATION FOR BIDS

FOR THE SELECTION OF ASSESSMENT CENTERS TO CONDUCT INTERNATIONAL SKILLS CERTIFICATION FOR POTENTIAL MIGRANT WORKERS IN SCAFFOLDING OCCUPATION

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Safer Migration (SaMi) is a bilateral project between the Government of Nepal and the Government of Switzerland. It is implemented by the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security and 156 participating local governments. Helvetas Nepal provides technical assistance to the project on behalf of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

SaMi launches this call for bids for the selection of "Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS)" certified Assessment Centers (AC) to conduct CISRS skills assessment and certification for the potential migrant workers. Therefore, bids are invited from the interested ACs for the provision of skills assessments in scaffolding occupation as a part of SaMi phase III.

1. A complete set of RFP is made available at:

https://www.helvetas.org/en/nepal/who-we-are/follow-us/public-announcements

- Bidding institutions must fulfil the minimum requirements listed in the Instructions to Consultants (ITC) section-(2) as well as in Terms of Reference (ToR) to be eligible for bidding.
- Bids must be submitted latest by 25 February 2022 before 5 PM to SaMi / Helvetas Nepal office in accordance with ITC section.
- 4. Pre-bid meeting (Virtual) will be held on 15 February 2022 at 2 PM. Interested consultants should confirm their participation at <u>sami.np@helvetas.org</u> to obtain the virtual meeting ID latest by 14 February 2022 before 4 PM.

Acceptance or rejection of bid documents and award of the job or cancellation of bid notice shall remain within the jurisdiction of SaMi/Helvetas Nepal. This procurement process shall be according to SaMi/Helvetas Nepal procurement guidelines.

Safer Migration Project (SaMi)/Helvetas Nepal

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Section-2: Instructions to Consultants (ITC) and Data Sheet

2.1 General Provision

2.1.1 Definitions	(a). "Applicable Guidelines" means the policies, guidelines,
	manuals of the client governing the selection and
	Contract award process/decision.
*	(b). "Applicable Law" means the laws and any other
	instruments having the force of law in the territory of
	Nepal as they may be issued and in force from time to
	time by the government.
	(c). "Client" means the SaMi/Helvetas Nepal that signs the
	Contract for the Services with the selected Consultant.
	(d). "Consultant" means a legally established professional
	consulting firm or an entity that may provide or provides
	the Services to the Client under the Contract.
	(e). "Contract" means a legally binding written agreement
	signed between the Client and the Consultant and includes all the attached documents listed in its General
	Conditions of Contract (GCC), the Special Conditions of
8	Contract (SCC), and the annexes.
	(f). "Data Sheet" means an integral part of the Instructions to
	Consultants (ITC) under Section-2 that is used to reflect
	specific assignment conditions to supplement, but not to
Δ	over-write, the provisions of the ITC.
	(g). "Day" means a calendar day.
	(h). "Key Expert(s)" means an individual professional whose
	skills, qualifications, knowledge and experience are
	critical to the performance of the Services under the
	Contract and whose CV is taken into account in the
	technical evaluation of the Consultant's proposal.
	(i). "ITC" (this is Section 2 of the RFP) means the Instructions
	to Consultants that provides the interested and eligible
	Consultants with all information needed to prepare their
	Proposals.
	(j). "Proposal" means the Technical Proposal and the
	Financial Proposal of the Consultant. (k). "RFP" means the Request for Proposals prepared by the
10	(k). "RFP" means the Request for Proposals prepared by the Client for the selection of consultants.
	(I). "Services" means the work to be performed by the
	Consultant pursuant to the Contract.
	(m). "ToRs" (this is Section 3 of the RFP) means the Terms of
	Reference that explain the objectives, scope of work,
P.	activities, and tasks to be performed, respective
	responsibilities of the Client and the Consultant, and
	expected results and deliverables of the assignment.
2.1.2 Introduction	The Client named in the Data Sheet intends to select
	Consultant from eligible and interested firms/ Assessment
	Center (AC).
2.1.3 Conflict of Interest	The Consultant is required to provide professional, objective,
	and impartial advice, always holding the Client's interest's
	paramount, strictly avoiding conflicts with other assignments
	or its own corporate interests and acting without any
	consideration for future work.



×	 The Consultant has an obligation to disclose to the Client any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts its capacity to serve the best interest of its client. In the following situation it is declare as conflict of interest. a. If board member of the consultant is engaging in more than one bidder/proposer under for this selection process. b. If board member of the consultant is currently punished as criminal by law of Nepal. c. If consultant has close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the client.
2.1.4 Eligibility criteria	1. Consultants have to mandatorily submit the following
2.1.4 Englointy criteria	 consultants have to mandatority submit the following documents in same order with the bid document: a. Authorization letter to represent the company for this RFP (<i>Format given in Section 7</i>) b. Registration Certificate/ and renewal if applicable c. VAT Certificate d. Valid CISRS accreditation certificate e. Minimum two (2) years experience in CISRS certification f. Latest CISRS audit report g. Tax clearance certificate of 2076/077, 2077/78 h. Audit Report of 2076/077, 2077/78 with minimum total turnover of one million i. Letter of self-declaration by board of directors of non-involvement in proven corruption cases and neutrality from the political parties/affiliation (<i>Format given in Section 7</i>) Failure to submit the mandatory documents listed above shall be disqualified.
	2. Consultant must not be blacklist by Government of Nepal while signing the formal contract.

2.2 Preparation of proposal

2.2.1	General consideration	The consultant required to study, understand all the contents of this RFP to prepare the proposal accordingly.
		The Consultants shall write/type rates in figures and words clearly. In case of contradiction between words and figure, words shall prevail.
		While quoting rates, Consultants will not be allowed to use correcting fluid or other erasing materials; neither Consultants will be allowed to overwrite the quoted rates. It may result into rejection of the bid document. In case of mistakes in rates, the Consultants is to simply cross the rates and shall re-write the rates and bear the initials of authorized signatories. Bids received after expiry of submission date shall not be
		considered as valid.
2.2.2	Cost of preparation of proposal	(a) All the expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the bids/proposal shall be Consultants' responsibilities.
		(b) Client is floating RFP document free of cost.

2.2.3	Language	(a) The language of proposal shall be written in English and also correspondence/documents relating to this proposal should be in English unless restricted by the local law.	
		(b) Bid amount shall be quoted in Nepalese Rupees and payment shall be made in Nepalese Rupees.	
2.2.4	Proposal comprises	The proposal should comprise the documents, forms, certificates listed in the Data Sheet.	
2.2.5	One proposal per consultant	The Consultant shall submit only one Proposal in its own name only. If a Consultant submits or participates in more than one proposal, all such proposals shall be disqualified and rejected.	
2.2.6	Validity of proposal	Bid shall remain valid for a period of 120 days after opening of the bids	
2.2.7	Clarification and RFP amendment	Consultants will obtain clarification about RFP Document by emailing to <u>sami.np@helvetas.org</u> latest by 22 February 2022 will publish composite queries and responses on Helvetas website where notice was published.	
2.2.8	Pre proposal conference	Pre proposal conference will be conducted on the date, time and venue as specified in Data sheet.	

2.3 Submission, Opening and Evaluation

2.3.1	Signing, Sealing, marking and submission of the proposal	(a) (b) (c) (d)	Only authorized representative of the Consultant shall sign each page of the proposal (both technical and financial). Put official stamp on each pages alongside of the authorized signature. The Consultant shall seal the technical proposal and financial proposal separately. The Consultant write (mark) it's name address and client's address (as per data sheet) clearly on the envelope. Marked clearly both envelopes as "Technical" and "Financial". Both technical and financial envelops should be packed in a single envelop with their contact details. The consultant should submit the hard copy proposal to the client's address outlined in the Data sheet .
2.3.2	Confidentiality	(a) (b)	Any information concerning with award decision will be confidential. The consultant should not disclose the client's private information without client's consent.
2.3.3	Opening of technical proposal		The technical proposal shall be opened in the presence of consultant who choose to attend at the place, data and time outlined in the Data sheet .
2.3.4	Evaluation of Technical proposal	(a) (b)	The evaluation of technical proposal shall be conducted according to the "2.3.9 Technical evaluation criteria". The Consultants, who passes technical proposal shall be informed of the date, time and place of opening of financial proposals.
2.3.5	Opening of Financial Proposal		Financial proposals of only those Consultants, whose technical proposal passes the minimum score, shall be opened.

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2.3.6	Evaluation of Financial Proposal	Financial proposal open according to above is evaluation as below "2.3.10 Financial evaluation criteria".
2.3.7	Evaluation method	 Proposal shall be evaluated according to method specified in Data Sheet.
		(b) Successfully verified infrastructure proposal shall be integra part of award decision.
2.3.8	Modification of proposal	The modification/withdrawal of the proposal shall be as per indicated in Data Sheet .

2.3.9 Technical Evaluation Criteria

Assessment of Proposals: The assessment of proposals will be carried out by a group of professionals based on the criteria detailed below and will also include physical verification of the proposed assessment venues and Key Expert.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria		Max. score
Α.	Technical proposal Score	80
1.	Description of methodology and workplan in response to terms of reference a. Technical Approach and Methodology b. Outreach and Enrollment c. Foreign Employment Linkage d. Monitoring Mechanism e. Work Plan	30
2.	Experience of the organization in skills assessment for proposed occupation	20
3.	Profile of Key Experts (Assessors) (The proposed key experts shall be present during the training implementation. If by unavoidable circumstances the mentioned key experts could not be present, the substitute expert should be equivalent to previous or more. SaMi/Helvetas Nepal will decide the substitution based on the further evaluation of its profile. Contract shall be terminated upon failure of suitable substitution and performance bank guarantee shall also be forfeited. If key experts' CV is submitted by more than one bidder, the client will verify with the key experts. Bidder who submitted the CV without the consent of the key experts will be disqualified in the particular occupation.)	30

Key Expert's qualification requirement details

Key Expert	Technical Qualification Required	Years of experience in CISRS assessment
Assessor/s	Valid CISRS Assessor Certificate	1 year or above

Physical Infrastructure Evaluation: Infrastructure of the organization for assessment will be evaluated according to CISRS physical verification audit report for those who pass the technical proposal.



2.3.10 Financial evaluation criteria - Resources required to implement the project:

- Budget: Please make a budget proposal displaying the needed financial resources to
 execute the said project. Kindly note that this budget will only be indicative. Negotiations
 will be done if necessary. <u>The budget shall be submitted using the template budget sheet.</u>
- <u>A narrative description of the budget shall be attached.</u> The selected organization will have to finalize its budget following an in-depth discussion with SaMi/Helvetas Nepal.
- **Timeline:** As stated above, please present a budget proposal, covering the following period: 01 March 2022 to 15 July 2022. Please be specific with every planned activity and provide the cost estimation of every activity as detailed as possible.

Evaluation Criteria	Max. Score	
Financial proposal/Submitted budget	20	
 A. Cost efficiency – competitive financial offer per trainees (the lowest bidder will be awarded 20 marks and accordingly to the other bidders) 	20	
The overall amount (excl. VAT) proposed by the consultant will be evaluated using the following formula:		
$score = \frac{P_{min} \times max.points}{P}$ P = Price of the proposal to be assessed P _{min} = Price of the lowest proposal		



2.4 Negotiation and Award

2.4.1	. Negotiations	The negotiations will be held at the date and address proposed by client with the Consultant's representative(s) who must have written power of attorney to negotiate and sign a Contract on behalf of the Consultant. The Client shall prepare minutes of negotiations that are signed by the Client and the Consultant's authorized representative. The date, time and address for the negotiations will be advised in writing by the client. The notification period shall be at least 3 days.
2.4.2	Contraction of the second s	The invited Consultant shall confirm the availability of all Key
	Key Experts	Experts included in the Proposal as a pre-requisite to the negotiations, or, if applicable, a replacement in accordance with Clause 2.3.9 of the ITC. Failure to confirm the Key Experts' availability may result in the rejection of the Consultant's Proposal and the Client proceeding to negotiate the Contract with the next-ranked Consultant. Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts at the negotiations may be considered if due solely to circumstances outside the reasonable control of and not foreseeable by the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall offer a substitute Key Expert within the period of time specified in the letter of invitation to negotiate the Contract, who shall have equivalent or better qualifications and experience than the original candidate.
2.4.3	Technical	The negotiations include discussions of the Terms of Reference
	negotiations	(ToRs), the proposed methodology, the Client's inputs, the special conditions of the Contract. These discussions shall not substantially alter the original scope of services under the ToR or the terms of the contract, lest the quality of the final product, its price, or the relevance of the initial evaluation be affected.
2.4.4	Financial negotiations	Total cost negotiations will take place to confirm its cost vs quality factors.
2.4.5	Award of Contract	Pursuant to clauses of the ITC and complying all the technical criteria; the top scorer in the combined evaluation.
2.4.6	Performance guarantee	The consultant shall furnish the performance guarantee while signing the contract. The performance guarantee shall be as per Data sheet.
2.4.7	Price adjustment	Price adjustment will be applicable as described in Data sheet .
2.4.8	Contract duration	The contract duration will be in accordance with Data sheet . Renewal of contract will be based on performance evaluation of consultant and requirement of client.



2.5 Data Sheet

	A. General
ITC ref#	
2.1.2	Name of the Client: SaMi/ Helvetas Nepal
	A pre-bid meeting will take place on the following:
11	Date : 15 February 2022
	Time : 2 PM, Friday
	Venue : Online (Virtually through Microsoft teams)
	Note : Interested consultants should confirm their participation at <u>sami.np@helvetas.org</u> to obtain the virtual meeting ID lates by 14 February 2022 before 4 PM
	B. Preparation of Proposals
2.2.4	The Proposal shall comprise the following: 1 st Envelope with the Technical Proposal: (1) Power of Attorney to sign the Proposal (2) TPF-1 (3) TPF-2 (4) TPF-3 (5) TPF-4 (6) As per ITC (2.1.4) Eligibility criteria related all documents 2 nd Envelope with the Financial Proposal: (1) FPF-1 Proposals must remain valid for 120 days calendar days after the proposal submission deadline.
2.2.7	Clarifications may be requested no later than 22 February 2022 The contact information for requesting clarifications is: E-mail: sami.np@helvetas.org
at.	C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation
2.3.1	The Consultant must submit: (a) Technical Proposal: one (1) original and one (1) copy (b) Financial Proposal: one (1) original.
2.3.1	Hard copies of Sealed proposals must be received at the address below no later than:
	Date : 25 February 2022
	Time : on or before 5 PM



	Lalitpur – 3, Dhobighat				
<u>v</u> .	Telephone: +977-1-54 21 063, 54 37 148				
2.3.3	Opening of technical proposal will take place on the following:				
	Date : 2 March 2022				
	Time : 2 PM, Friday				
	Venue : SaMi/Helvetas Nepal Lalitpur – 3, Dhobighat, Lalitpur Telephone: +977-1-54 21 063, 54 37 148				
2.3.4	An online option of the opening of the Technical Proposals is offered: No				
2.3.7	Technical and financial proposal shall be evaluated according to the QCBS (technical - 80%, financial - 20%) method.				
2.3.8	Modification of proposal is as follows: Once proposal is submitted there will be no modification and withdrawal.				
	D. Negotiations and Award				
2.4.1	Expected date and address for contract negotiations: Consultant will be informed by the Client.				
2.4.6	Performance guarantee shall be in the following:				
z	 The consultant should furnish the performance guarantee in a form of bank guarantee from A-class commercial bank approved by Nepal Rastra Bank. The amount of performance guarantee is 5% of the total contract price 				
2.4.7	(Format given in Section 7) Price adjustment provision including remuneration: Not applicable				
2.4.7	Price adjustment provision including remuneration: Not applicable				
2.4.8	Contract period: From the formal contract signing date to 15 July 2022				



Section-3: Terms of References (ToR)

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

FOR

PAYMENT VOUCHER BASED INTERNATIONAL SKILLS CERTIFICATION

TO

Potential Migrant Workers

1. Background

The Safer Migration (SaMi) Project

The Safer Migration (SaMi) project is a bilateral initiative of the Governments of Nepal and Switzerland. Its goal is to ensure that migrants and their families are better protected by concerned Nepali institutions and benefit from decent work conditions abroad. Since its inception in 2011, SaMi aims to increase economic benefits from foreign employment to migrants and their families while mitigating the social costs of migration. It does so by improving access to information, justice, vocational skills, financial literacy and psychosocial counselling for migrant workers and their families. SaMi is currently being implemented under the leadership of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS) and 156 local governments (LGs) of 39 districts, with Helvetas Nepal providing technical assistance.

Effort in Skilling of Potential Migrant Workers

SaMi's vocational skilling component aims to impart vocational skills to the prospective migrants who have little or no prior experience in the occupation. It provides them with one-month (equivalent to 208 hours) residential training, with the focus on developing their practical skills. The proposed vocational training enables prospective migrants being hired as helpers to semi-skilled and skilled workers rather than as general laborer, giving them a better chance of career progression¹.

To address the gap in occupational competencies between existing national curricula prepared by Council of Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT) and competencies required in the destination labour market, SaMi had developed 13 curricula in 2016/17. Additionally, SaMi has technically assisted Foreign Employment Board (FEB) in developing curricula in 5 more occupations through CTEVT in 2020/21. All 18 curricula have been endorsed by CTEVT. SaMi had also collaborated with Snathe Training Institute in UAE to provide Training of Trainers to mason and shuttering carpentry instructors.

Skills Assessment of the Trainees

Skills assessment and recognition of skills certification is important when it comes to a career pathway. Skills assessment of graduates is conducted through National Skill Testing Board (NSTB), a semiautonomous vocational skill certification authority under CTEVT, in selected occupations where competencies required in destination countries is aligned with Nepal's National Occupational Skill Standard (NOSS).

However, NSTB awarded skill certificate is not recognized by employers in the destination. Consequently, remuneration would not be reflected as skills premium leading to lower wages and placement in low-skilled job resulting demotivation and deskilling.

Hence, it has become imperative to address the skills assessment and recognition of certification of the migrant workers by introducing international skills assessment and certification as a short-term strategy to





A number of tracer studies conducted by SaMi has shown that migrants who have successfully completed the skills training tend to earn on average 20-25% more than unskilled workers and are also more likely to be hired as semi-skilled or skilled workers in their second, third or fourth migration cycle.

fulfil the gap until mutual skill certificate recognition between labour sending and labour receiving countries can be institutionalized.

Interest of the Nepali Labor Migrants

Many Nepali labour migrants especially from the hills with primary/secondary education prefer to go in scaffolding occupation. Scaffolding is the only occupation in which even the illiterate worker with little command in language can work as a scaffolder as it is done in a group (mostly with same nationals) with a supervisor guiding them. Also, this occupation fetches more wages than other occupations if goes as unskilled or semi-skilled worker. Internationally certified Nepali scaffolders are much in demand in the GCC oil and gas sector since Nepalis are diligent and are not afraid to perform difficult work.

On the other hand, with the increase in the destination labour market demand for the workers in the hospitality sector, those with some levels of education are interested to work this sector since the work is done inside the building and much easier than construction work. For hospitality work, the employers prefer the workers with low/semi-skilled workers having a recognized vocational skill certification.

Recognition of International Certifications in Destination Countries

With change in time, the destination for labour migration of the Nepali workers is also changing. Based on the Countries of Destination (especially GCC, Malaysia and other foreign countries) labour market, an international certification "Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS)" has been identified to help Nepali migrants earn better than those without it.

CISRS has been the recognized qualification for the scaffolding sector for over 40 years in the GCC oil and gas sector. CISRS is now being made available worldwide via the CISRS Overseas Scaffolder Training Scheme (OSTS). Courses range from Level 1 (L1) for new entrant to Level 4 for Advanced scaffolders. SaMi intends to provide L1 course which comprises of 5 days orientation with assessment.

2. Scope, and implementation modality

Overview

In order to increase economic benefits from labour migration for Nepali migrant workers and their families, SaMi want to encourage migrant workers to have their skills assessed and certified through an internationally accredited assessment centers. To this end, SaMi will partially cover the cost.

The international skills assessment and certification for Migrant Workers interested in the scaffolding occupation would be through CISRS (Level 1).

The target for this initiative is approximately **200 potential migrants from all over Nepal** in the FY 2021/22.

Payment Modality

SaMi will employ an innovative outcome-based financing model for payment as detailed below.

- Assessment Centers (AC) will receive the payments for only those candidates that successfully
 pass the orientation and are certified.
- Candidates who pass the assessment and receive the certification are required to pay NPR 20,000 of the orientation and assessment cost. Candidates who do not pass, do not pay the AC.
- For woman or Dalit candidates, SaMi will subside further 25% of the MW's contribution amount. For example, if non-dalit Men is required to pay full contribution i.e. NRs.20,000, whereas Women or a Dalit candidate would only need to contribute NRs.15,000 and remaining NRs.5,000 will be contributed by SaMi.
- The remaining cost would be covered by SaMi through a payment voucher at the bidder's bid rate. SaMi will only pay when a person is certified. The bid rate should cover the AC's cost for successfully completing the assessment including pre-assessments, orientation, selection, testing, certification, food and accommodation, etc.
- SaMi would pay additional NRs.1500 for every Woman or Dalit who pass the assessment.
- The table below illustrates the above bullet points in a tabular format.



Description	Rate	To be filled by
Bid Rate (A)	NRs	To be filled by bidder
Contribution by MW (B)	NRs 20,000	
Total assessment Cost (A+B)	NRs	To be filled by bidder

Implementation Modality

Stages	Activities
Procurement	SaMi and selected ACs sign an agreement for the conduction international assessment for scaffolding occupation highlighting each parties' roles and responsibilities.
Outreach to Potential Applicants	SaMi will disseminate information about the orientation and certification opportunity through Migrant Resource Centers (MRCs) and mass/social media.
	Similarly, AC is expected to disseminate information on subsidized international certification to the prospective migrants through its networks and channels.
Trainee Selection and Orientation	SaMi will aggregate list of interested participants from MRC, and send it to AC.
	AC will orient the interested participants on the participant eligibility criteria, payment modality and assessment procedure.
	AC will conduct pre-assessment of trainees through telephone interview or in-person interactions and finalize a list of trainees for each batch.
Assessors' Qualification	CISRS Certified; Experience minimum one year
Eligibility Criteria of the Trainees	Scaffolding: In addition to fulfilling all curriculum pre-requirements of CISRS (level 1), a candidate must have a Nepalese passport; age between 21 and 35 years; medically fit, with at least six months scaffolding experience in Nepal or abroad.
	Trainees shall bear the to and fro transportation cost to participate in the assessment as well as have an intention to migrate abroad for employment.
- 1	The cost for conducting pre-medical check-up (Blood test, Urine test, Chest X-Ray) to ensure medical fit will have to be borne by the trainees themselves.
Trainee Enrollment	Candidates selected by the AC will be asked to submit an application form. AC is expected to facilitate the process. Once the application forms are submitted, payment vouchers to enroll in the orientations will be provided to the candidates.
	AC need to enroll the participants referred to by MRCs on preferential basis.
Assessment and Certification	Accredited centers shall prepare (orient) the participants and conduct assessment. Certificate shall be provided to those who pass the assessment timely.
Payment	Once a participant is enrolled, a payment voucher is provided to the participant and a copy provided to the AC.
	Participants who pass the assessment shall pay their part of amount specified in the payment voucher when they collect the certificate.



	AC then submit a report to SaMi along with the copy of the payment voucher and copy of the successful participants' certificate. Based on the report and supporting documents, SaMi will release the amount to AC for successful participants only.
	Note: The amount the participants pay and SaMi contribution will be as described in the payment modality above and will be clearly mentioned in the payment voucher as well. Participants who fail the assessment are not required to pay any amount and ACs cannot charge for the same.
Employment Linkage	Employment linkage to be facilitated by coordinating with ethical RAs by the ACs wherever possible. Participants shall be invited for interviews whenever positions are advertised.
Monitoring	SaMi will visit the AC multiple times to monitor the progress. However, CISRS will assure quality control of the assessment processes.

3. Roles and Responsibilities of SaMi and AC

Stages	SaMi	Assessment Center
Outreach	SaMi shall disseminate information from 38 Migrant Resource Centers (MRCs) and 18 Sub-MRCs in 38 districts as well as 200+ returnee volunteers and several recruitment agencies to reach out to aspiring migrant workers all over Nepal.	AC shall disseminate information on subsidized international certification to the prospective migrants through their network.
k B	SaMi shall use print, radio advertisements and social media platforms like Ujyaalo online and facebook to inform prospective migrants about the international certification opportunities.	
Trainee Enrollment	SaMi shall send the list of interested eligible candidates to the selected ACs.	ACs shall orient the candidates on the participant eligibility criteria, payment modality and assessment procedure.
	SaMi shall be present during the participant selection process. SaMi shall issue the payment/scholarship vouchers to ACs	AC shall take pre-assessment of interested eligible candidates to minimize the dropout/failure percentage. AC shall enter the namelist of the participants in SaMi database.
Assessment and Certification	SaMi shall be present during the assessment	AC shall prepare the participants and conduct L1 assessment. Certificate shall be provided to those who pass the assessment on a timely manner.
Payment Mechanism	Based on the report and supporting documents, SaMi will release the amount to AC within 15 days of receiving the claim with required report and certificates.	For those participants who pass the assessment, AC shall collect the participant's contribution amount (as specified in the payment voucher) while handing over the certificate.
	SaMi shall not pay for those participants who fail the assessment.	AC submit a report to SaMi along with the copy of the payment voucher and copy of the successful participants' certificate. Based on the report and supporting documents, SaMi will release the amount to AC.



		If the participants fail in the assessment, AC shall not charge any amount to the participants.
Employment Linkage	SaMi shall also make an effort to explore the demand with the RAs	Employment linkage to be facilitated by coordinating with ethical RAs by the accredited centers wherever possible. Participants shall be invited for interviews when positions are advertised.
Monitoring	SaMi shall conduct regular monitoring to ensure the quality and availability of tools/equipment for the assessment.	AC shall monitor quality of assessment and submit the report of the annual process audit conducted by CISRS (one conducted prior to commissioning of the work and one conducted afterwards).

4. Geographic Coverage

CISRS assessment services are to be provided in Kathmandu valley only by this support. Candidates from all over Nepal according to the selection criteria can participate in it.

5. Target

Approximately 200 participants for scaffolding occupation shall be assessed by CISRS. The target may increase or decrease as per the budget availability.



Section-4: Technical Proposal Form (TPF)

Please follow the below structure and answer all questions (Recommended font and size: Arial,11 pt)

TPF-1: Occupation proposal form

i. General Information (Information of your organization including organogram – Maximum 2 pages)

Name of the Institution:

Assessment Venue address:

Registration No.:

Registration Date:

CISRS Affiliation No. & Date:

Authorized representative of the institution and contact details:

Email:

Contact no.:

Proposed target number for the assessment and certification

S.N.	Occupation	Propos	Total		
	Occupation	Men	Women	Dalit	1
1.	Scaffolding				

Above proposals must be reflected in financial proposal

Board of Directors of organization (please fill below table):

SN	Name	Designation	Contact no.	Responsibilities
Į.				
	(25)			

Add rows if necessary. Do not change or format the table.

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Organogram of the organization (include position & names):

- ii. Technical details
- 1. Description of methodology and workplan in response to terms of reference (Max. 4 pages)
 - a. <u>Technical Approach and Methodology:</u> Please explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the Terms of Reference (ToR), the technical approach, and the methodology you would adopt for implementing the tasks to deliver the expected output(s), and the degree of detail of such output. (max. one page)

b. <u>Outreach and enrollment:</u> Please explain your strategy for advertising, motivation and enrolling trainees (max. half page)

c. Linking Trainees to Foreign Employment: Describe your strategy to link the trainees to foreign employment after the assessment certification (describe how you will identify the demand for workers, link the trainees with potential recruiters, facilitate interviews). (max. half page) <u>Please also provide evidence if there is any collaboration with recruitment agencies/employers</u>.



- **d.** <u>Monitoring mechanism and quality assurance of the assessment:</u> How will you ensure the quality of the orientation and skills assessment? How does CISRS ensure the quality of the assessment conducted by your organization? (max. half page)
- e. <u>Opportunity, Challenges and Risks:</u> Where do you see opportunities, challenges and potential risks in this assignment and how do you plan to deal with them? (max. half page)

TPF-2: Work plan proposal form

<u>Work Plan:</u> Please outline the plan for the implementation of the main activities/tasks of the assignment, targets to be achieved per month, and tentative delivery dates of the reports in the below table. The proposed work plan should be consistent with TPF-1, showing your understanding of the ToR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan.

SN	Activities	1 st Month	2 nd Month	3 rd Month	4 th Month	5 th Month
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*Add rows according to your requirement

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TPF-3: Consultant's relevant experience proposal form

Experience in CISRS assessment & certification : (Maximum <u>1 page</u> – table included) Please detail your experience in CISRS assessment and certification in the following table:

List out organization's relevant experiences of recent two years (recent first)

S.No.	Year implemented	Total CISRS certified number	Funding Agency or Self Pay by the candidates	Remarks

*Add rows if necessary. Do not change or format the table.



TPF-4: Key Expert proposal form

SUMMARY OF KEY EXPERTS - Assessor/s and coordinator information (include only two assessors with relevant expertise)

(Please mention the details of assessors and a coordinator against the proposed occupations and number. Also attach their CVs, CISRS assessor certificate and other relevant certificates as per format given below in next section)

	SN	Name of the Assessor/s	Academic Qualification	CISRS certification level	Years of experience in CISRS certification	Others
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SN	Name of the Coordinator	Academic Qualification	Work experience (yrs)	Remarks
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Format of CV to be included as follows:

Description of the key experts (Assessor/s and coordinator) to be mobilized for the mandate (Note: The CV of assessor/s should have annexes with relevant CISRS certificates for assessment and work experience letters.)

Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Personnel (Human Resource)

Strictly use this structure to present the CV of the proposed experts (CVs are to be placed as <u>annexes</u> to the technical proposal). <u>MAXIMUM LENGTH = 3 pages.</u>

Please be selective in the information provided and highlight the information and experiences that are particularly relevant for the assignment. Avoid copy-pasting former job descriptions.

- 1. Proposed Position of the key expert: _____
- 2. Name of Expert [Insert full name]: _____
- 3. Contact address: _____Mobile (mandatory): _____
- 4. Date of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____ Gender: _____
- 5. Education/Academic Qualification [Indicate college/university and other specialized education of expert, giving names of institutions, degrees obtained, and dates of obtainment]:
- 6. Relevant Assessment Experience [Indicate relevant assessment received. Indicate the name of the institute, name of the assessment, certification obtained and the dates of obtainment]:
- 7. Relevant Employment Record [Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held by expert since graduation, giving for each employment (see format here below): dates of employment, name of employing organization, positions held.]:

From [<i>Year</i>]:	to [Year]:	
Employer:		
Positions held:		
Tasks Assigned:	6	

8. Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that

- (i) This CV correctly describes my qualifications and my experience
- (ii) I am committed to undertake the assignment within the validity of Proposal.
- (iii) I have not submitted my CV to other bidders except for this organization.

I understand that any willful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

[Signature of expert]

_____ Date: _____ Day/Month/Year

9. Annex: Certificates - Academic, Certified Assessor, and relevant Work Experience

Section-5: Financial Proposal Form (FPF)

Fill the following format (Recommended font and size: Arial,11 pt)

- A. Details of Assessment Center:
 - 1.1 Name of the Institution:

1.2 Address:

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1.3 Name of the representative of the institution and contact number:

FPF-1: Details break-down of Financial Proposal:

(Please provide details of the per participant budget in line with the format proposed below / this format serves as a basis. It can be adapted to the specificities of the consultants' strategy and applied in an excel sheet).

SN	Description	In Figure	In Words
1	Per participant bid rate including food and accommodation (exclusive of VAT) (A)		
3	Proposed target number (B)		ri.
5	Total bid cost (exclusive of VAT) (A*B)		



Section-6: Format of Contract Agreement

(a) Contract Agreement

Contract Agreement between

M/s..... (Name of Assessment Center) (herein after referred as AC)

And

Address: Telephone: Email:

Safer Migration (SaMi) Project/Helvetas Nepal GPO Box 688, Dhobighat, Lalitpur, Nepal Telephone: 977 1 5421063, 5437148 Email: sami@helvetas.org

Contract ID: Contract period: from 2022 to 15 July 2022

For the implementation of Vocational Skill Assessment to the Potential Migrant Workers

March 2022

/ETAS

Form of Contract

This CONTRACT (hereinafter called the "Contract") is made on March 2022 between **SaMi/Helvetas Nepal** (hereinafter called the "Client") andName of AC (hereinafter called the "AC – Assessment Center").

WHEREAS

- the Client has requested the AC to provide certain consulting services as defined in this Contract (hereinafter called the "Services");
- (b) the AC, having represented to the Client that it has the required professional skills, expertise, and technical resources, has agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract.

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The following documents attached hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Contract:
- (a) General Conditions of Contract (GCC)
- (b) Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)
- (c) Payment Schedule
- (d) Annexes:

Annex A:	Terms of Reference
Annex B:	Breakdown of Contract Price
Annex C:	Performance Guarantee
Annex D:	Minutes of Negotiation Meetings
Annex E:	Code of conduct (CoC)
Annex F:	COVID Prevention Guideline of GoN
Annex G:	All type of contractual communication must be done in writing (attach here).
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In the event of any inconsistency between the documents, the following order of precedence shall prevail: the Special Conditions of Contract; the General Conditions of Contract and Annexes.

Any reference to this Contract shall include, where the context permits, a reference to its annexes.

- 2. The mutual rights and obligations of the Client and the AC shall be as set forth in the Contract, in particular:
 - (a) the AC shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract; and
 - (b) the Client shall make payments to the AC in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of SaMi/Helvetas Nepal

Sita Ghimire, Team Leader _____ [Authorized Representative of the Client]

For and on behalf of(Name of AC).

[Authorized Representative of the AC]

A. General Conditions of Contract (GCC)

I. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1	Contracting parties:
	SaMi/Helvetas Nepal, hereinafter called "Client" and contractual body corporate
	(Name of Assessment Center) hereinafter called "AC" shall commit themselves
	to comply with the following conditions of General Conditions of Contract (GCC)
	The provisions of this GCC are supplement to the Agreement (Contract) and the provisions of
2	GCC conflicting with the Agreement (Contract) shall be void to the extent of such conflicts.
3	Contractual parties shall be bound solely by conditions set down in writing. Until such time,
	either party may withdraw from negotiations without financial consequences. Each party shall
<u> </u>	meet the expenses it has itself incurred.
4	Client alone shall be entitled and responsible for issuing or amending instructions to and
	entering into any kind of commitment with the AC, especially with regard to the contract's
E	duration and results.
5	The AC shall, in principle, perform the assignment her/him/itself and shall not subcontract the assignment, partly or fully
6	The AC shall be personally liable for ensuring the faithful and quality performance of the tasks
0	and duties entrusted to her/him/it. (S)He/It declares that (s)he/it is well experienced in the field
	of activities described in the contract. (S)He/It promises to execute the contract carefully,
	thoroughly and professionally as a specialist in the subject matter and to make optimum use of
	the financial and technical means available. (S)He/It declares that (s)he/it is aware of the law
	applicable in the country (countries) where the assignment is to be performed. The AC takes
	no actions which might favor any third party.
7	The AC shall clearly demonstrate that (s)he/it is working-for and on behalf of Client.
8	Part-time contribution of the AC team is allowed. However, the AC team members shall not
	perform other tasks or side-line occupations that would go against the objectives of the
	assignment performed for Client.
9	Client shall be entitled at any time to check or seek information about any part of the
	assignment. The right to check or seek information may be delegated by Client to third parties.
	Such rights in no way change the duty of the AC to perform the assignment in accordance with
	the contract.
10	The AC shall immediately inform Client by the best possible means and ways of any event
	which could have a negative influence on or endanger the performance of the assignment.
11	The AC shall recruit the key experts proposed in the bid. Replacement of proposed personnel
	will not be allowed. However, in unavoidable circumstances, the AC shall propose higher or
	equally competent personnel for replacement. The AC shall seek the acceptance from Client,
	prior to replacement. In case, Client is not satisfied with the performances of the proposed
	personnel, it may ask the AC to replace such personnel and the AC shall abide to this request.
	In such a case, the new recruited personnel must have the competencies mentioned in the ToR
12	and be accepted by Client. SDC is a signatory of the Basic Operating Guidelines (BOGs). This commitment extends to all
12	SDC funded projects in Nepal. The AC will therefore abide by and participate in the promotion
	of these guidelines in its activities and communications. The AC will also share information it
	has about any violations of the BOGs with Client. Such information can be shared anonymously
	and will be treated with utmost confidentiality. Adherence to and promotion of the BOGs is
	considered an integral part of project performance.
13	The contract shall be subject to Nepalese Law. The provisions of the specific contract shall
0.000	take precedence over those of this GCC.



II. TARGET TO BE DELIVERED

AC will carry out CISRS Skills assessment and certification on **Scaffolding Occupation** for potential migrant workers in close coordination with Client.

S.N	Activities	Target group	Target
1	In collaboration with Client, select participants for voucher based CISRS assessment and certification	Potential migrants falling in the criteria of the SaMi target group	Regular
2	Provide voucher and conduct assessment and certification system to poor/very poor men who have decided to go for foreign employment in Scaffolding Occupation	First Priority: Poor/very poor potential migrants from SaMi program districts Second Priority: Potential migrants from other than SaMi project districts	Occupation: Scaffolding Target Number:

Target Group: All participants in the assessment should be potential migrants who aspire to go to foreign employment. Priority must be given to potential migrants from socially disadvantaged groups, coming from poorest economic background and from SaMi project implementation districts. All participants should be Nepali citizens between 21-35 years of age and have obtained the passport with at least six months scaffolding experience in Nepal or abroad.

III. SERVICES TO BE DELIVERED

Stages	SaMi	Assessment Center	
Outreach	SaMi shall disseminate information from 38 Migrant Resource Centers (MRCs) and 18 Sub-MRCs in 38 districts as well as 200+ returnee volunteers and several recruitment agencies to reach out to aspiring migrant workers all over Nepal.	AC shall disseminate information on subsidized international certification to the prospective migrants through their network.	
1	SaMi shall use print, radio advertisements and social media platforms like Ujyaalo online and facebook to inform prospective migrants about the international certification opportunities.		
Trainee enrollment	SaMi shall send the list of interested eligible candidates to the selected ACs. SaMi shall be present during the participant selection process.	ACs shall orient the candidates on the participant eligibility criteria, payment modality and assessment procedure.	
	SaMi shall issue the payment/scholarship vouchers to ACs	AC shall take pre-assessment of interested eligible candidates to minimize the dropout/failure percentage.	
a.		AC shall enter the namelist of the participants in SaMi database.	
Assessment and Certification	SaMi shall be present during the assessment	AC shall prepare the participants and conduct L1 assessment. Certificate shall be provided to those	



		who pass the assessment on a timely manner.
Payment mechanism	Based on the report and supporting documents, SaMi will release the amount to AC within 15 days of receiving the claim with required report and certificates. SaMi shall not pay for those participants who fail the assessment.	For those participants who pass the assessment, AC shall collect the
		If the participants fail in the assessment, AC shall not charge any amount to the participants.
Employment linkage	SaMi shall also make an effort to explore the demand with the RAs	Employment linkage to be facilitated by coordinating with ethical RAs by the accredited centers wherever possible. Participants shall be invited for interviews whenever positions are advertised.
Monitoring	SaMi shall conduct regular monitoring to ensure the quality and availability of tools/equipment for the assessment.	AC shall monitor quality of assessment and submit the report of the annual process audit conducted by CISRS (one conducted prior to commissioning of the work and one conducted afterwards).
Occupational Health and Safety	2	Ensure a minimum occupational health and safety standard during the assessment period considering the risk involved in the respective occupations (e.g. use of apron/Hi- Viz jacket, mask, protective shields on machinery, gloves, googles, ear plug, safety boot, etc.). It is up to the AC to appropriately assess health and safety risks that may occur during assessment and to ensure appropriate prevention and/ or insurance coverage.
Financial Management	SaMi shall conduct the audit of financial transaction and documentations	Maintains books of accounts and necessary financial evidence as per standard financial norms. Submit an audited report, tax clearance certificate, organizational registration renewal certificate issued by concerned authorities to continue the contracts with Client.

IV. CONTRACT REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

Review

• SaMi/Helvetas Nepal shall review the progress of the agreed activities, improvement done as per the agreed monitoring feedback in three months of signing of this contract and based on



the results, take decision on further continuation of the agreed activities in the present contract period. Contract extension for next year will be based on the availability of the program and on the satisfactory performance of AC.

Amendments

• This contract can be amended at any time through mutual understanding with a written note signed by both parties. The modification/amendment will be an integral part of this agreement.

V. CONFIDENTIALITY

- All documents relating to the project which are not publicly available (for instance through the website and Helvetas Nepal publications) or any other documents, information or data entrusted to or produced by the AC in connection with the assignment <u>shall be confidential</u> and may neither be used by the AC for her/his/its own personal purpose nor made accessible to third parties alien to the assignment without the consent of Client.
- Should Client allow the AC in writing (upon the letter's request) to refer to the assignment for the purpose of advertising, canvassing, introduction or other promotional endeavors, the AC shall undertake to mention Client in connection with such references and offer an accurate and true description of the task performed.
- The AC shall require the written consent of Client before making any statements or comments about the assignment and its results through the mass media (press, radio, TV, films).
- These provisions set forth in this chapter shall remain valid even after the completion of the assignment.

VI. ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING

- Only the expenses that have been contractually agreed and can be substantiated by the AC will be eligible for payment.
- All the financial transactions between Client and the AC will be in Nepalese Currency.
- The final payment by Client shall be due when the final report is duly submitted and approved by and Client.
- Client reserves the rights to hold the payment partially or fully if the standard of outputs is not met, and if any discrepancy is noted between the information provided by AC and that collected during the monitoring by Client or the monitoring resource organization/individual assigned by Client.
- The contractually agreed deadlines are firmly set. If the assignment is not completed on the set date and without proper justification, Client can withhold part of the payment or fortified the performance security according to the liquidated damage clause of special condition of contract.

VII. COMMON REGULATIONS

1. Information

 Apart from the regular official reporting, Client and AC considers important to keep regular contact for exchange, sharing information, discussing on the problems and sharing of ideas and experiences. In addition, an institutional interactive meeting will be held between Client and AC if necessary, involving other key stakeholders (e.g. government) to discuss and formalize the learning from the project.

2. Evaluation of Client supported activities

Client shall undertake any study, review meeting, participatory assessment and evaluation
of the Client supported activities in consultation with AC, as deemed necessary.



3. Copyright

The content and copyright of any reports or other materials - graphic, software or otherwise

 which needs to be produced/published by AC under this agreement, will be discussed
 and agreed upon by both parties before printing/publishing.

4. Political Engagement

- Staff supported by project are not involved in any political parties except as general members.
- Board members are not holding any position in any structure of political parties.
- Ensure that it will not do any activity in support of any political party as an institution.
- Ensure that the fund and other resources provided by the project shall not be used in favor of or against any political party.

5. Termination/suspension

 In the event of unsatisfactory performance and/or a serious default by one of the contracting parties towards any commitment or obligation under this agreement, the other party may terminate this agreement with written notice in advance as described in SCC.

VIII. Authorized Representative and focal person of contracting parties

The representative and focal person on behalf of Client and consultant shall be as per SCC.

IX. Commencement of the services and expiry of agreement: As per the SCC.

X. Force Majeure

If the performance of this Agreement by either party is hindered, prevented or frustrated by any reasons/event beyond the control of either party, there shall be liberty to either party to declare force majeure making the Agreement partially or fully void without any obligations to anything already executed. Law of God, pandemic situation, war, changes in GoN policies and any unforeseen situation are considered as force majeure.

XI. Contract related important clauses:

Important clause relevant to contract execution will be in accordance with the SCC.



GCC reference number	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract		
I (1)	Client: SaMi/Helvetas Nepal Contact No.: 01 54 21 063, 5437148 E-mail: sami.np@helvetas.org Consultant: Contact No. :		
	E-mail :		
VIII	For the Client: Authorized person: Sita Ghimire, Team Leader Focal person for contract management: Sunila Baniya, Skills Development Coordinator For the Consultant: Authorized Person: Focal person for contract management:		
VII (5)	The notice of termination shall be at least 30 days in advance.		
IX	Commencement of the services will be done within one week of signing of agreement. It will be done only after preparing all the required feasibility and verification by monitoring officers of SaMi. Feasibility verification report with recommendations to start the services is mandatory for the commence of the services. Expected date of commencement: March 2022 Expected date of completion: July 2022		
Ш	Insurance Coverage against the risk ACs remains liable for the accidental insurance of human resources and insurance of physical facilities, tools and equipment of the assessment center as per its own policy.		
Х	Force Majeure: As mentioned in GCC		
VI	Liquidated damage: The liquidated damage is: 0.05% per participant. The maximum number of liquidated damages is 10 % of the sum stated in the Agreement.		
XI	Payment Modality: Payment shall be made in single installment after the completion of each event upon submission of a report to SaMi with the copy of the payment voucher and copy of the successful participant's certificate.		
Contract price	NPR (In words, only) excluding VAT		
Payment schedule	As mentioned in "disbursement procedure" of payment schedule		

B. Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)



C. Payment Schedule

Payment will be made in following schedule

1. Budget, disbursement procedure and invoicing

a. Budget

For the implementation of activities mentioned ToR, Client will contribute NPR (In words, only) excluding VAT. The detail breakdown of the activity wise budget is attached as Annex B of this agreement.

b. Disbursement Procedure

SN	Description	Per participant Cost	No. of Participants	% Payable	Amount Payable (Per participant cost x No. of participants
1	Assessment Cost for Non Dalit participants	XXXX	XX	100%	XXXX
2	Assessment Cost for women or Dalit participants	XXXX	XX	100%	XXXX
3	Additional cost for women and Dalit Participants	1,500	XX	100%	XXXX
		1	Total	Cost Payable	

*The target number of women and Dalit candidates may vary.

c. Invoice

The payments shall be made for the CISRS certified graduates only after the submission of the invoice and other relevant documents (such as claim sheet, assessment completion report, participants' CISRS certificate, voucher, attendance sheet, assessment photographs) and its verification by Client within 30 days of completion of the assessment.

VAT invoice is mandatory. Taxes on payments to AC will be deducted as per prevailing tax regulation of Government of Nepal.



Section-7: Forms and formats templates

(i) Authorization letter to represent the company for this RFP

Yours faithfully,

Signature of the authorized person

Name:

Signature

Designation:

Firm's name:

Seal:

*In case the owner is the authorized person, s/he will authorize her/himself.

(ii) Letter of self-declaration by board members of non-involvement in proven corruption cases in the last 10 years and neutrality from the political parties/affiliation

I, the undersigned, in my capacity of (position in Firm for e.g. Executive Director) (Firm's/organization's name) declare that our Firm has not been convicted of any offence concerning its professional conduct nor has been the subject of any judgment which has the force of judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal activity, money laundering or any other illegal activity. The directors/firm does not have any affiliation with the political parties and are neutral.

(Firm's/Organization's name) has always fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions and the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established or with those of the country where it has so far performed. (Firm's name) has never been a subject to any administrative penalty by any of its client.

In principle, (Firm's/Organization's name) does not accept to be involved in corruption, any form of irregularities and neutral from the political parties/affiliations. Our approach is to always prevent corruption by appropriate means and keep vigilant of any form of irregularities and misconduct.

With full confidence in our strictly pursued policy of non-involvement in any form of corruption and irregularity, I hereby solemnly confirm that we are absolutely immune of involvement in any proven corruption case and there has been no change in our situation during the last 10 years.

Yours faithfully,

Signature Name: Designation: Firm's name:

Seal:

Bank's letter head

Date: [insert date]

Beneficiary:	SaMi/Helvetas Nepal
	Dhobighat-3, Lalitpur

Date:

Performance Guarantee No .:

We have been informed that na	ame of the consultant.
(hereinafter called "the Consultant") has entered	
number of the contract	with you, for the
execution of	name of contract and brief description of goods
and related services (here	inafter called "the Contract").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, a performance guarantee is required.

This guarantee shall expire, no later than the, and any demand for payment under it must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

Signature(s) and seal of bank (where appropriate)