

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Title	Development of ASEAN PPR Preparedness Strategy
Internal Reference	SRR-SEA/CFEOI2022/2
Type of contract	Consultancy Contract
Location	Home-based work, electronic meetings
Starting date	From the signature of contract
Expected working days	43.5 days
Expected duration	May 2022 to October 2022 (5 months)
Publication	
Call publication on	22 March 2022
Initial submission deadline	6 April 2022 (6pm Bangkok time)
1 st relaunch	
Call relaunched on	7 April 2022
Previous submission deadline	21 April 2022
2nd relaunch	
Call relaunched on	22 April 2022
New submission deadline	6 May 2022 (6pm Bangkok time)

1. CONTEXT

1.1 BACKGROUND

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is the intergovernmental organisation responsible for improving animal health worldwide. The standards it develops for the trade of live animals and products of animal origin are recognized by the World Trade Organization as reference international sanitary rules (<http://www.oie.int/>).

The OIE has 182 Members and is present on all continents through 13 Representations or Bureaus in total, including the Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia (SRR-SEA), based in Bangkok, Thailand, which provides supports to OIE Members in South-East Asia to enhance the capacity of national Veterinary Services to implement the OIE standards and guidelines for securing animal health and welfare.

1.2 PURPOSE

Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) is caused by a morbillivirus closely related to rinderpest virus, and affects goats, sheep, and some wild relatives of domesticated small ruminants, as well as camels. It is characterised by severe morbidity and mortality rates and has a high economic impact in areas of Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, where small ruminants contribute to guaranteeing livelihoods. Together, the OIE and FAO developed the Global Control and Eradication Strategy of PPR and have set the goal of eradicating the disease by 2030.

While originating from Africa, PPR has spread to Middle East and further east, up to China. Historically free from PPR, South East Asia is bordered by three infected countries (Bangladesh, China and India) where the disease is endemic. Past and recent studies have demonstrated how transborder animal diseases (TADs) easily spread from South Asia and China into South East Asia. In addition to this continuous risk, PPR was recently introduced in Thailand via trade from Africa in February 2021. While successfully controlled, this event raised additional concerns on the region's preparedness to face PPR incursion.

With a mortality rate of up to 90%, PPR can have serious socio-economic consequences. However, the risk related to PPR has not been assessed in South East Asia. In addition, there has been limited activities for the sub-region to be prepared to any PPR incursion. Recognising the need to be better prepared to PPR, the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group for Livestock (ASWGL) in 2019 nominated Thailand and Indonesia as lead countries to guide the ASEAN work on PPR. These two lead countries circulated a questionnaire to the ASEAN member countries to gain understanding of the PPR situation/preparedness in the region.

At its 2021 meeting, and considering the initial findings from the survey led by Thailand and Indonesia, the ASWGL agreed to develop an ASEAN PPR Preparedness Strategy. This PPR Preparedness Strategy will support South-East Asian Member States to better prevent PPR incursion and rapidly detect and contain PPR outbreaks, and enhance coordination and information sharing should it emerge in the region. The ASEAN Secretariat has requested the OIE SRR-SEA and FAO-RAP to support this activity.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK

2.1.1. Objectives

The objective of this Consultancy will be:

- To enhance the knowledge and skills of the key staff from national veterinary services on PPR (Epidemiology, prevention and control, Global Control and Eradication strategies) through virtual training and webinars.
- To understand the risk of PPR incursion and country's preparedness through risk assessment; and
- To enhance early warning and early reaction to the PPR incursion in the respective countries and ASEAN region through development of ASEAN PPR Preparedness Strategy.

2.1.2. Scope of work

The scope of this consultancy is to develop the capacity of the ASEAN region and member countries to prevent, prepare and respond to PPR. The work will include training of key staff from national veterinary services on PPR, carrying out the PPR risk assessment and development of ASEAN PPR Preparedness Strategy.

The choice/selection of the Consultant(s) will be done by the OIE SRR-SEA, in close consultation with the core groups composed of technical staff from the ASEAN lead countries for PPR (Thailand and Indonesia), the OIE and FAO.

The Consultant will work closely with the core groups and expert groups (global and regional) to carry out the following tasks:

- Provide training (virtually) to key staff from the national Veterinary Services on PPR to raise awareness and receive informed feedback on the PPR Preparedness Strategy to be developed
- Conduct a regional risk assessment related to PPR.
- Development of the ASEAN PPR Preparedness Strategy in line with [Global GF-TADs Strategy 2021-2025](#), [PPR Global Eradication Programme](#), [Global Strategy for the Control and Eradication of PPR](#) and PMAT tools.

The Strategy should include the finding of the risk assessment, refer to contingency planning, to stakeholder awareness and engagement, to regional coordination, to the OIE Procedure for PPR freedom recognition.

The consultant will be supported by two groups: (i) a core group composed of technical staff from the ASEAN lead countries for PPR (Thailand and Indonesia), the OIE and FAO and (ii) a resource/expert group composed of representatives from:

- a. PPR Advisory Committee
- b. PPR Global Research and Expertise Network (PPR-GREN)

- c. PPR Regional Advisory Group (RAG) for ASEAN region
- d. ASEAN Working Group for Livestock (ASWGL)

The Consultant will develop the outlines of the Strategy in consultation with the countries and the resource groups/persons, and then the Strategy based on the agreed outlines. The draft Strategy will then be shared with the countries and the resource groups/persons for their review. Consultative virtual meetings with the resource/expert group and countries will be arranged by the OIE SRR-SEA and FAO-RAP.

2.2 EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES

The consultant will closely liaise with PPR Core Group and Expert Group to achieve the following deliverables.

- Trained Key staff from the national Veterinary Services on PPR to raise awareness and receive informed feedback on the PPR Preparedness Strategy
- Conduct a regional risk assessment related to PPR
- Develop the ASEAN PPR Preparedness Strategy

All deliverables must be provided in English. Progress will be requested on a regular basis which the consultant has to show the timelines in the workplan presented at the inception meeting. The relevant staff of the two Organisations will provide background information, relevant documents to facilitate the work of the consultant.

Table 1: Key steps and the number of working days and provisional deadlines

Activity/ Deliverables	Deadlines (tentative)	Estimated workload (TBC) (in days)
Inception and coordination		
Development of a project workplan including reporting timelines to respect deadlines for submission of quality deliverables and the methodology to manage different steps of the review.	25 May 2022	2
Kick-off/inception meeting (virtual)	31 May 2022	0.5
Sub-regional virtual training (webinars or e-modules)		
Develop training module for the topics to be covered ¹ (pre-identified by the core group)	21 June 2022	5
Support OIE-SRRSEA, FAO-RAP and ASEAN Secretariat to organise/conduct the trainings (additional resources speakers can be considered)	10 July 2022	5

¹ PPR Global Control and Eradication Strategy and available tools; Findings from regional survey and data gap; Risk analysis along value chain; Surveillance and outbreak response; Laboratory diagnosis; Emergency preparedness and response; Socio-economic impact; and PPR vaccination strategy

Sub-regional risk assessment		
Literature review	25 July 2022	5
Sub-regional workshop	1 August 2022	2
Risk assessment report to feed the sub-regional strategy	15 August 2022	5
Development ASEAN PPR Preparedness Strategy		
Develop the outlines of the Preparedness Strategy	19 August 2022	2
Consult the countries and the resource groups/experts and finalise the outlines	26 August 2022	3
Develop a first draft based on the agreed outlines (Submit the draft strategy) and present to the PPR Core Group/ Expert Group and ASEAN Member States	23 September 2022	10
Consult the countries and the resource groups/experts – integrate feedback received into the draft report	5 October 2022	2
Finalise the document (Submit final strategy)	14 October 2022	2
Total working days		43.5 days

3. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The consultant should demonstrate the following skills/qualities and adhere to the highest review standards and code of ethics expected by OIE and its partners:

3.1 Experience

- Proven experience in the development of emergency response plan/ strategies for transboundary animal diseases (required);
- Demonstrated experience in risk assessment at regional or national level (required);
- At least 5 years of relevant experience in the Animal Health Sector at the national, regional, and global levels (required);
- Working experience and knowledge of peste des petits ruminants (PPR) (required);
- Knowledge of the OIE standards and of the OIE Procedure for official recognition of disease freedom
- Understanding of the [Global Strategy for the Control and Eradication of PPR](#) and the [PPR Global Eradication Programme](#) (will be an asset);
- Working experience in South-East Asia (will be an asset);
- Experience working with international or regional organisations (will be an asset);
- Working experience in or with the goat or small ruminant industry (would be an asset);

3.2 Interpersonal Skills

- Excellent writing skills in English, including the ability to convey complex issues and ideas in simple easy-to-understand forms;
- Strong epidemiological and analytical skills including document review, and ability to apply scientific findings in the field context;
- Ability to communicate effectively in a multicultural environment;

4. WORK ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 ORGANISATION OF THE WORK

The consultant will develop workplan taking into consideration the restrictions due to the COVID-19 situation. There is freedom to conduct this consultancy as an individual, or as a team.

- Location: This assignment requires home-based work with electronic consultations.
- Duration: Contract duration of 5 months.
- Start date: Initiation of work will start in last week of April and work will last until September 2022.
- Language: All documents shall be written in plain English.

4.2 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The following schedule of payments will be finalised in the contract based on the agreed-upon workplan and set of deliverables:

- Thirty percent (30%) of the contract value will be paid after completion of sub-regional PPR training and validation of the training report;
- Thirty percent (30%) of the contract value will be paid upon reception and validation of the Sub-Regional PPR Risk Assessment Report by the Core Group;
- Remaining balance of the contract value will be paid upon reception and validation of the final ASEAN PPR Preparedness Strategy by the OIE SRR-SEA.

4.3 REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

For administrative question, the Consultant(s) will contact the OIE Regional Animal Health Coordinator: Dr Karma Rinzin.

For technical questions, the Consultant(s) may contact directly the members of the core group. The Consultant(s) and the core group will discuss and agree on the workplan and way forward to drive the consultancy during the kick-off meeting.

The Consultant(s) should periodically and at each milestone (defined at the start of the consultancy), report to the core group the progress on the workplan.

The consultant(s) may contact also directly the expert group, after close coordination with the core group.

The core group will validate the work done and the deliverables. The final ASEAN PPR Preparedness strategy will be validated by the ASEAN ASWGL at its next meeting (likely in April/May 2022 – TBC).

5. STRUCTURE OF THE RESPONSE

Interested bidder (s) are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) including the following:

- Maximum 4-page 'Expression of Interest' that provides information on the:
 - Understanding of the project;
 - General methodology
 - Draft work plan and approach (including if any, a list of teammates who would be delegated to conduct this project)
 - Budget plan (including a breakdown and schedule of proposed costs for each proposed deliverables);
 - Professional profiles
 - Expertise
 - past similar experience,
 - rationale for team-set up if more than one
 - language skills etc.
 - Any additional information.
- Maximum 4-page CV with information on related experience (for each of the candidates, if joint submission);
- Two (2) work samples of peer reviewed related work.

Short-listed Consultant(s) may be further contacted by the OIE should additional information/clarification is required.

- Financial offer duly completed and signed (annex 1)
- Declaration of integrity duly completed and signed (annex 2)

6. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF THE CONTRACT

The OIE will proceed to an evaluation of all final proposals according to the criteria described below:

- **Technical criteria (80%)**
 - Expertise (40%)
 - Demonstrated understanding of the context (20%)
 - Quality of work samples (20%)
 - Working experience in South-East Asia and PPR (20%)

- **Financial criteria (20%)**
 - Global cost (100%)

7. RESPONSE PROCEDURE

The OIE places high value on a multicultural and positive work environment and seeks gender and geographical balance in its international consultants. The OIE welcomes proposals of all qualified candidates, irrespective of their ethnic origin, gender, opinions or beliefs.

If you are interested in this call for expression of interest, please complete your bids online by clicking on the link below.

[APPLY HERE](#)

The OIE, as a data controller, will process the personal data you provide in the bidder for the purposes of identifying a suitable Consultant, to support its work.

The data collected will be processed internally for the aforementioned purposes and for the resulting administrative acts, it shall be kept for the duration of the contract with you and in an intermediate archive for a duration of 10 during the audit period.

You have rights to access and rectify your personal data, as well as to request erasure and obtain data portability under certain circumstances.

To exercise these rights or If you have any questions about the processing of your data, you can contact our data protection officer at dpo@oie.int. For more information check our Privacy Policy: <https://www.oie.int/en/privacy-policy>".

Should you have any questions, please contact srr.sea@oie.int.

To comply with disclosure requirements and enhance transparency, OIE shall publish on its website the following information about the Contract which shall be concluded with the awarded contractor:

(i) the nature of the contract (ii) year of award (iii) name and locality of the Consultant; (iv) the title, purpose of the Consultant; and (v) the amount of this Agreement. OIE will not release or publish information that could reasonably be considered confidential or proprietary.

8. ANNEXES

Annex 1: The financial offer to be returned duly completed and signed

Annex 2: The declaration of integrity to be returned duly completed and signed