World Vegetable Center is hiring a consultant or firm in Bangladesh to conduct a baseline survey of urban gardening in Dhaka

**Deadline for applications:** 27 June 2022  
**Duration:** 6 weeks (August-September 2022), deliverable-based  
**Location:** Local travel required

**Background**

World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is a nonprofit, autonomous international agricultural research center with headquarters in Taiwan and regional offices around the globe. The Center conducts research, builds networks, and carries out training and promotion activities to raise awareness of the role of vegetables for improved health and global poverty alleviation.

With rapid growth expected to continue in urban areas of low- and middle-income countries, local and global food systems are coming under tremendous pressure to sustainably produce and deliver nutritious foods for the wider population. Food production in and around cities will be vital, particularly for highly perishable food such as fruits and vegetables. An increasingly popular strategy to tackle the challenge of meeting the growing demands of urban and peri-urban (UPU) agrifood systems is urban gardening. WorldVeg, in partnership with the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) Bangladesh and Wageningen University, is planning an impact evaluation of a scaling initiative of an urban gardening initiative in urban and peri-urban areas of Dhaka. This study is being conducted within the context of the One CGIAR initiative “Resilient Cities Through Sustainable Urban and Peri-urban Agrifood Systems” as well as the FAO and Wageningen’s collaborative Dhaka Food System (DFS) project.

**Scope of the Assignment**

WorldVeg seeks to employ the services of an experienced Consultant, Firm or NGO to undertake data collection activities for an impact evaluation study to assess the effects of training low-income earners in Dhaka on urban gardening. The Consultant will conduct a baseline survey among a treatment and control group of about 1,200 households located in
Dhaka North, Dhaka South, Gazipur, and Narayanganj. The questionnaire will take up to 2 hours to complete. The Consultant will be reporting to the WorldVeg Associate Scientist – Agricultural Economics based in Hyderabad, India.

Responsibilities of the consultant include:

- Translation of the questionnaire into Bangla
- Coding of the questionnaire into ODK, Kobo Collect or similar tool
- Pre-testing of the questionnaire
- Enumerator training in using the questionnaire
- Data quality control throughout the process

Responsibilities of WorldVeg include:

- Design of the survey instrument in English
- Ethical clearance of the study
- Preparation of the list of control and treatment households, including address details and phone number and contacts to local project staff to help locate households
- Participation in the pre-testing and enumerator training
- Data analysis and presentation of the results

**Deliverables**

- Final versions of the questionnaire tools in English and Bangla
- A checked and cleaned data set in Excel or Access
- A brief report documenting the data collection process describing any challenges encountered, participation of selected households, reasons for rejection, and recommendations for the endline survey

**Evaluation Criteria and Score**

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<td>a) Prior experience with large-scale data collection activities in international projects</td>
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<td>b) Able to form a team of experienced male and female enumerators and equip them with tablet-based computers to conduct the survey</td>
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c) Based in or near the metropolitan areas of Dhaka and able to conduct the survey in August-September 2022 | 15%

d) Proposed budget | 30%

**TOTAL** | **100%**

**Terms and Conditions**

The expected duration of the assignment is 6 weeks. The work is expected to begin on 1 August 2022. WorldVeg plans to pay the consultant in two installments, the first at the start of the assignment and the second upon completion of the assignment. The applicants must provide a budget with the following categories: 1. personnel, 2. local travel, 3. enumerator training, 4. other costs, 5. indirect costs and including brief justification for each budget items. The assignment does not require international travel.

**How to Apply?**

Applicants should submit an application letter explaining their suitability for and interest in the work along with a curriculum vitae of the lead applicant, and a budget proposal to Ms. Ying Kanokwan by email to kanokwan.rattanamung@worldveg.org. Questions regarding this assignment can be addressed by email to Dr. Sandhya Kumar, Associate Scientist – Agricultural Economics, at sandhya.kumar@worldveg.org. For more information about the World Vegetable Center, please visit our website: www.worldveg.org. **Closing date to receive applications is Monday 27 June 2022.** Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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