

YOUTH AND YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS PLATFORM OF SOUTH ASIA

POSITION DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE	: Consultant (Country Level)
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT	: Global Water Partnership - South Asia (GWPSAS) Regional Office at IWMI Headquarters, Colombo,
REPORTING RELATIONSHIP	: Country Coordinator - Sri Lanka Water Partnership
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Background of the Project:

In order to harness the power of youth, one of South Asia's greatest assets in driving positive social change, environmental sustainability, and technological innovation, Global Water Partnership South Asia (GWP SAS) has decided to develop Youth and Young Water Professionals Platform (YYPP) of South Asia in 2020, and conducted a country level baseline study. GWP SAS expects the platform would provide a meaningful value addition to the existing regional youth networks and would leverage effective participation of youth in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 6. The foreseen wide-spectrum youth interaction that spreads beyond their country of origin and extends to regional level would facilitate sharing knowledge, inform on contemporary issues and would build their capacity in order to take informed and inclusive decisions on Sustainable Water Management now, and beyond 2030.

Target Audience:

- Young professionals below 35 years
- Youth organisations
- Students at high schools, universities/institutions studying science, engineering, economics, management and social sciences

Based on the baseline study, GWP SAS developed the necessary institutional framework and documentation including possible work plan for next two years.

In the work programme the youth platform is envisioned to be set up in three phases. In the first phase, the youth platform can continue as a Youth Community of Practice that coordinated by the Regional Office and it has a major role as connector, facilitator and enabler of activities within the group.

The next phase would have a more structured approach in order to strengthen the Core Group with youth memberships. In the third phase, YYPP can operate as an independent body with agreed principles and policies in place. The work programme also suggests five work streams including Marketing and Outreach, Knowledge Exchange, Policy Advocacy, Partnerships, and Finance. Each work-stream has been defined keeping in mind the Three Pillars of the GWP Youth Strategy (Learn, Connect and Implement).

Objective and deliverables of the assignment:

Aligned with the overall objectives, these **specific objectives** were defined to rollout the activities within next four months.

1. To populate the YYPP at country level by linking up with youth and youth groups,
2. To identify and mobilise partners having similar objectives as YYPP for collaboration and to function as feeder platforms,
3. Identify gaps and challenges of their operations at country level and identify innovative forward thinking young professionals,
4. To ensure funds for the activities by keeping in mind the long-term vision of YYPP.

Approach:

Altogether 14 consultants/ – 2 consultants at Regional Level and 12 at Country Level (2 each from 6 countries) will be mobilised as the core group with close coordination of the GWP SAS Secretariat. The two Consultants at the Regional Level will coordinate expected deliverables in order to achieve the set objectives with the assistance of Country Level Consultants.

Expected deliverables:

The selected youth in collaboration with the partner should dedicate her/his support to deliver the outputs specified below in line with the specific objectives, to establish a cohesive and sustainable “Youth & Young Water Professionals Platform of South Asia Programme Plan”.

- Hold minimum of 2 Focus group discussions* and mobilise minimum 10 individual youth/institutes at the country level
- Undertake a SWOT analysis during focus group discussions at country level to validate the materials produced by the consultants
- Partner mapping and hold minimum 5 meetings with Partners at country level
- Support the Regional Level Interns to develop and maintain lively social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram) by submitting present-day content on youth-led initiatives and youth interested functions
- Support the Regional Level Interns to produce two, 2 min “Call for Action” videos – to write scripts and to secure content.

- Assist the Regional Level Interns to produce three different “call for action” posters for Instagram and Facebook – providing content and photographs
- Provide content to develop the online newsletter
- Support the Regional Level Interns to organise one Community of Practice Workshop, one soft skill development workshop and a webinar on a water specific topic by mobilising youth/partners and resource persons
- Outreach/soft launch the platform during key national events

*Please note that the selected youth should follow the in country COVID 19 protocols and is able to conduct the meetings virtually after discussing with the Supervisor.

Duration of the Internship

Four months from signing the contract and you are expected to work minimum 10 days per month on this assignment.

Payment Plan:

1. The monthly allowance is Rs 20,000/- plus incidentals/communication costs (excluding any mandatory tax payments).
2. The allowance will be released after the month-end review meeting with the Supervisor/Country Coordinator.

Qualifications

- Actively engaged with country, regional and global youth networks and having an excellent inter personal relation with youth networks and development partners
- Computer literate with strong ability to develop publications, social media platforms and action plans and reports.
- Knowledge on SDGs, water and environmental issues
- A youth completed A/L/ Undergraduate/Graduate following relevant discipline Agriculture/Management/Social sciences/Communication or other relevant discipline.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English is required and language proficiency in Sinhala and Tamil is advantageous.
- Prior experience in volunteering on sustainable management of water resources and mobilising engagement of youth and marginalised/women in water management (all/any of the above topics) would be an added value to the assignment.
- Applicants must be based and are nationals of Sri Lanka