

**Issue QPR1-5:** Recruitment of NGOs and Consultants: According to the policy of the GoB, work on WMO formation should begin prior to commencement of civil works so that users are consulted during implementation of the project and to ensure ownership and commitment to effective O&M. Procurement Evaluation Committee (PEC) has decided to solicit fresh EOIs in its meeting of 28 March 2017 due to the addition of an IPM component at the suggestion of the WB and the length of time since the original call for EOIs (November 2014). While this is wise, strong efforts must be made to expedite this procurement.