

## **Expression of Interest (EOI) for Developing an Audio-Visual Documentary on Climate Change Induced Displacement in Southwest Coastal Region of Bangladesh**

### **Background**

The southwest coastal region of Bangladesh faces severe threats from the adverse impacts of climate change, particularly sea-level rise, cyclones, tidal surges, river erosion, and salinity intrusion. Over the years, these environmental hazards have led to widespread displacement, forcing thousands to migrate from their ancestral lands to urban slums or other vulnerable locations, often with little or no support systems. The story of displacement – from origin to destination – reflects not just a loss of homes but a disruption of cultures, livelihoods, and communities.

Against this backdrop, **An Organization for Socio-Economic Development (AOSED)** intends to produce a short, impactful audio-visual documentary that highlights the journey of climate migrants, emphasizing the root causes of their displacement and the challenges they face during and after migration.

Professional reporters affiliated with reputed newspapers will be engaged to ensure journalistic quality, authenticity, and a storytelling approach that resonates with diverse audiences.

### **Objectives**

- To document and portray the origin, causes, and consequences of climate change-induced displacement in the southwest coastal region of Bangladesh.
- To humanize the phenomenon by telling real stories of affected communities and individuals.
- To raise awareness among national and international stakeholders about the urgent need for climate-resilient solutions and support for displaced populations.
- To support AOSED's advocacy and communication initiatives through a powerful and authentic media product.

### **Scope of Work**

The selected professionals will:

- Conduct field visits to climate-vulnerable areas in the southwest coastal belt of Bangladesh.
- Identify and document case studies, personal stories, and expert opinions related to displacement.
- Capture high-quality video footage, interviews, and environmental shots.
- Develop a compelling audio-visual narrative that explains the historical and ongoing process of displacement due to climate change.
- Ensure that the final documentary is concise, emotionally engaging, and factually accurate.

### **Methodology**

- **Pre-production:**
  - Literature review and consultation with AOSED experts.

- Field planning and selection of target communities for interviews.
- Preparation of shooting scripts and interview guidelines.
- **Production:**
  - Field visits to capture video interviews, landscape shots, and daily life activities.
  - On-site recording of ambient sounds and visuals that depict the environmental degradation.
- **Post-production:**
  - Video editing, voice-over recording, subtitling (if necessary), and background score integration.
  - Review sessions with AOSED at draft and final stages.

The work will maintain the highest professional standards of journalism and media production throughout all phases.

#### **Key Deliverables and Timeline (Flexible)**

- **April 14-17, 2025:** Project briefing, desk research, script outline approval.
- **April 18-25, 2025:** Field visits and raw footage collection.
- **April 26 – May 5, 2025:** First cut editing and draft documentary submission for AOSED's review.
- **May 6-10, 2025:** Final editing and incorporation of feedback.
- **May 12, 2025:** Final documentary (5 minutes) submission in HD format, including all raw footage and media files.
- **May 13-15, 2025:** Final revisions (if required) and project closure.

#### **Application Process**

Interested applicants must submit a hard copy of their complete application package to AOSED's office by the deadline specified. **Applications sent via email will not be accepted.**

The application package must include:

- A cover letter expressing interest and summarizing relevant experience.
- CVs of the reporter(s) and media production team members.
- Portfolio of previous similar work.

#### **Qualification Requirements**

- Professional reporters currently affiliated with reputed newspapers and television channels having proven experience in developing journalistic video content.
- Minimum 5 years of experience in storytelling, documentary making, or investigative reporting.
- Experience in working on environmental, climate change, or displacement-related issues will be an added advantage.
- Excellent skills in Bangla and English communication.

#### **Payment Terms**

- Payment will be made on an hourly basis, based on actual work hours, with a ceiling of **maximum 40 hours** during the assignment period.
- Invoices must be supported by time sheets and approved deliverables.
- Standard government taxes and deductions will apply as per applicable rules.

**Ethical Considerations**

- All interviews and footage collection must be conducted with full, informed consent of the participants.
- Participants' dignity, rights, and confidentiality must be respected.
- No manipulation, staging, or distortion of information is permitted.
- Compliance with AOSED's Safeguarding and Ethical Communication Policies is mandatory.
- The final product must be rights-cleared for use by AOSED without any third-party claims.

**For Submission:**

Address your sealed hard copy application to:

**Executive Director**

**An Organization for Socio-Economic Development (AOSED)**

334, Sher-A-Bangla Road (1<sup>st</sup> floor), Khulna-9100

**Deadline for Submission:** April 11, 2025