## Expression of Interest (EoI)

FOR

**Conducting Impact Assessment of HCLFoundation Supported Projects**

(Code: HCLF/Harit/15042025/EP/ImpAssess)

***HCLFoundation invites EOI for conducting holistic and comprehensive Impact Assessments of environmental projects supported under Harit by HCLFoundation***

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| **Programme name** | **Harit by HCLFoundation** |
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| **Location** | **PAN India** |

**ABOUT HCLFOUNDATION:**

HCLFoundation delivers the corporate social responsibility agenda of HCLTech in India through its flagship programmes and special initiatives. As a not-for-profit organization, it strives to contribute towards national and international development goals, bringing about positive impact in the lives of people through long-term sustainable programmes. HCLFoundation aims to alleviate poverty and achieve inclusive growth and development through life cycle-based, integrated community development approach that focuses on Education, Health, Skill Development and Livelihood, Environment, and Disaster Risk Reduction and Response. At present, it is implementing five flagship programmes, Samuday and HCLTech Grant (Rural Development); Uday and My Clean City (Urban Development); Harit - (Environment Action) and four special initiatives of Power of One, Sports for Change, Academy and My E-Haat. For more details, please visit our website – <https://www.hclfoundation.org/>

**VISION**

To be the source code for sustainable socio-economic and environmental development.

**MISSION**

Nurture clean, green, and healthy communities where everyone is empowered and equipped to reach their full potential in partnership with its employees, communities, and stakeholders, while promoting volunteerism and establishing international standards of strategic planning, implementation and measuring impact.

**Link to Videos:**

HCLFoundation Video – <https://youtu.be/DK1wtWG_zJQ>

Harit Video – <https://youtu.be/O8YPCjdGayU>

### **Harit By HCLFoundation**

HCLFoundation launched Harit – The Green Initiative a distinct flagship programme for Environment Action; with the vision ‘to conserve, restore and enhance indigenous environmental systems and respond to climate change in a sustainable manner through community engagement’. Throughout the process, HCL Harit ensures at building scalable and replicable models that are economically viable, socially acceptable, environmentally sustainable, holistic, and inclusive. All these interventions follow ‘Participatory and Convergent Approach’ in attaining the desired results towards UN SDG goals aligned to the National Indicator Framework for SDG. Operational in nine States - Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Harit is building sustainable and inclusive models towards:

* A flourishing biodiversity, green cover and building climate resilience through afforestation.
* An abundance of water resources through rejuvenating vanishing waterbodies.
* A thriving coastal and marine habitat by habitat restoration initiatives.
* A better life for animals by improving human animal relationships and addressing animal welfare inside community areas.
* Cleaner air through reducing and neutralizing CO2 emissions.
* Protecting and preserving the environment through education, community stewardship and participation.

Till now, HCLFoundation has planted 822,000+ saplings on 233+ acres area across India. Around 124+ waterbodies are being rejuvenated with an increased water holding capacity of 6,600+ Mn Liters. Through the afforestation and carbon reduction initiatives, we have been able to sequester/ reduce emission to 6500+ tons of CO2e. We worked towards improvement of coastal habitats planting more than 8,20,000+ Mangrove and Shelter belt saplings and around 1,20,000+ Kgs of ghost nets were retrieved from coastal waters. We have been able to treat 79,000+ domestic animals and around 7,500+ wild animals through our Animal Welfare vertical. Through our outreach and environment education programme we have been able to reach out to 17,900+ people pan India.

### **EoI DETAILS**

## Location: PAN India

## A. Objective

We aim to create an impact assessment study as per CSR Law for long term projects to evaluate relevance, efficiency, effectiveness & uniqueness and the overall outcomes and impact including sustainability to address the problem statement.

We wish to partner with agencies/organizations with expertise on impact studies related to Animal Welfare sector and similar aspects to conduct an Impact Evaluation study with the below scope of work, but not limited to:

* Detailed assessment and evaluation of objectives, outcomes, impacts (both short-term and long-term) and sustainability
* Defining whether the objective was met and if yes, then to what extent, Outcome of the project based on the conclusion of baseline indicators wherever applicable, expected impacts in the long run, Success indicator as per stakeholder involved & input provided, Intangible benefits derived from completed projects.

**B. Projects Supported by HCLFoundation for which Impact Assessment needs to be conducted.**

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| **Type of Project** | **Location** | **Key work** | **Project period** |
| Animal Welfare | Coimbatore,Tamil Nadu | Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies vaccination (ABC-ARV) of free roaming dogs in Coimbatore | 4 years |
| Animal Welfare | Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh | Population management through phase wise ABC Program; mass vaccination; Rescue and treatment of distressed animals in specific location. | 4 years |
| Afforestation and Habitat Improvement | Gautam Buddha Nagar & Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh | Conserve the urban habitat and biodiversity with community engagement through afforestation and ecological enhancement of sites and awareness programs. |  4 years |
| Afforestation and Habitat Improvement | Almora and Chamoli, Uttarakhand | Conserve sacred species – Rudraksha and Bhojpatra along with other associated species through community-led afforestation in its native range. | 4 years |
| Afforestation and Habitat Improvement | Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu | * Removal of Invasive Species and Ecosystem Restoration of Central Training College, CRPF Campus through Landscape profiling and Mass Plantation Activities
* Establishment and Maintenance of Mini urban forests and improving green cover in the OSR Pockets of Sinaganallur and Thudiyalur Railways lands.
* Promoting Awareness about Environment conservation through Outreach and Community Engagement
 | 4 years |
| Afforestation and Habitat Improvement | Bengaluru, Karnataka & Gautam Budh Nagar (UP) | * Restoration of lantana affected reserve forest and rejuvenation of Bandenallasandra lake in Bengaluru
* Development of Urban Forest in Kotgoan, Dadri, UP.
 | 4 years |
| Afforestation and Habitat Improvement | GBN, Uttar Pradesh | Providing clean cooking solutions to households using traditional cookstoves in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, UP. | 2 years |
| Afforestation and Habitat Improvement and Environment education   | Nagpur, Maharashtra   | * Improving environmental awareness among school children through establishing green spaces in schools
* Increase ever depleting green cover in the urban areas by creating urban forests
 |  4 years |
| Water Conservation | GBN, Uttar Pradesh | * Rejuvenation of water bodies and maintenance of ponds rejuvenated earlier.
* Reaching out to individuals through various community awareness drives.
* Enhancement of urban green cover by introduction of local vegetation and plantation on pond surroundings.
 | 4 years |
| Water Conservation | GBN, Uttar Pradesh | * Plantation of saplings under the Dense Plantation Method
* Care and pond cleaning and rejuvenation of waterbodies, along with awareness for waterbodies rejuvenation
 | 4 years |
| Water Conservation | GBN, Uttar Pradesh | * Rejuvenation of water bodies and maintenance of ponds rejuvenated earlier and community awareness drives.
* Enhancement of urban green cover by introduction of local vegetation and plantation on pond surroundings.
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| Water Conservation | Madurai, Tamil Nadu | * Restoration of urban irrigation tanks and Oorani’s for redefined future, which is a community-centric and self-revenue in nature.
* Enhancing urban green cover by creating ‘Urban Sacred Grove’ and community led maintenance.
* Developing Waterbody Data Management System (DMS) and Decision Support System (DSS) for enhanced data management of waterbodies and real time monitoring of water conservation works in Madurai.
* Promotion and engagement of 150 Urban Adolescents towards conservation of Urban Blue – Green Commons.
 | 4 years |
| Coastal and Marine Habitats for native biodiversity | Chennai, Tamil Nadu | * Community awareness and involvement of fishermen from 20 coastal villages for marine conservation efforts
* Increase stakeholder stewardship in the Kancheepuram – Chengalpattu coastal districts
* Reduce by catch mortality of Endangered species in commercial fisheries
* Capacity building, training workshops for stakeholders and gaining active fishermen participation for Ghost Net Retrieval Program.
 | 3 years |
| Coastal and Marine Habitats for native biodiversity | North and South 24 Parganas, West Bengal | * Mangrove plantation and restoration of coastal habitat through women let protection group, conducting awareness and orientation training for community on gram panchayat level, documentation of biodiversity, promotion of self-sustaining nurseries.
 | 4 years |
| Environment Education | Chennai and Kundrathur, Tamil Nadu | * Development of Urban Forest in Buckingham Canal
* Promoting Awareness about Environment conservation through Outreach and Community Engagement
* Urban Forest Eco-scape – Development of Mini-urban forest within the OSR pockets of Kundrathur Municipality.
 | 3 years |
| Environment Education | Multi locations in India | * To teach and train school children, teachers in using comics as a medium to express environmental issues and possible solutions.
* To develop environmental newsletter (Harit Khabar) featuring environment action efforts of HCLFoundation
* To compile and enable use of environmental comic book as an educational tool.
 | 4 years |
| Environment Education   | Anamalai wildlife reserve, covering the districts of Coimbatore and Tirupur  | * Improve awareness and knowledge on environment and wildlife among children from rural schools in the locations mentioned above
* Promote environmental responsible action and behavior among them.
 |  3 years |
| Disaster Response and Risk Management | Brahmaputra Valley (Golaghat and Tinsukia Districts), Assam | * To ensure preparedness for disaster response and relief to affected wildlife in Brahmaputra Valley
* To provide disaster response and handle wildlife emergencies and ensure affected wildlife is rehabilitated back to the natural habitat
* Rescue and rehabilitation of distressed wildlife during disasters in southern bank of Brahmaputra valley and addressing human-leopard conflict in four districts of Eastern Assam in partnership with community
* Garnering community support in addressing increasing human-leopard conflict in tea garden landscapes of eastern Assam
* Educating and sensitizing community in appropriate handling of distressed wildlife during disasters and reduce secondary toxicity events in Gyps vultures in eastern Assam
* Building resilience among local communities in responding to wildlife displacements in disasters
 | 3 years |

## C. Who can Apply?

## The Agency applying to carry out Impact Assessment must fulfill the following conditions:

1. The Agency may be a Government Undertaking / Registered Company / Registered Consultancy Firm / Registered Non-Government Organization / Academic Institution, specializing in conducting Impact Assessment
2. The Agency must have a minimum of three years’ experience of carrying out Impact Assessment/ Monitoring & Evaluation work in the domain of Corporate Social Responsibility/ Sustainability Services/ Community Development Projects financed by any Central Ministry and/or other international donor institution or Central / State Public Sector Enterprise.
3. Proven track record and experience in managing multiple stakeholders and complex situations on the ground.
4. Familiarity with relevant Government Policies, UN SDGs, National Indicators Framework, NDC, Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, National Action Plan for Elimination of Dog Mediated Rabies, and other relevant government schemes, policies and frameworks.

## D. How to apply:

1. All EOI must be submitted with a short narrative indicating the objectives, features, etc., proposed methodologies including strategies, past experiences, proposed team, and timeline, and clearly defined milestones along with a set of deliverables.
2. One agency can apply for all the projects or individual project mentioned above, however, needs to submit the technical proposal as per the matrix below
3. Please submit your technical proposal **(without any commercials)** along with any supporting documents (such as previous work done, domain expertise, etc.) with
	* Email subject line: EoI HCLF/Harit/15042025/EP/IA
	* File name: Agency Name\_Technical Proposal
	* File name: Agency Name\_Supporting Documents
4. Please note that there is no set format for submission of the proposal and the same can be submitted as Word/PowerPoint/Pdf document but should cover all aspects of the framework and scope given above along with details mentioned below (under selection criteria).
5. Based on the projects applying for as above, send in your proposals to ankit.kuma@hcltech.com, vineetkumar.mishra@hcltech.com and sugandha.s@hcltech.com latest by **15th May 2025**.
6. All enquiries and submissions regarding this EoI should be made on or before **8th May 2025** via email to ankit.kuma@hcltech.com and sugandha.s@hcltech.com
7. Kindly note that incomplete and proposals submitted after the due date will not be considered.
8. Proposals which are considered non-technically compliant and nonresponsive, will not be given further consideration.
9. No discussion on budgets or other commercials will be entertained.

**E. Selection process and Methodology**

1. Based on the documents submitted, the technical capability of the participating agencies shall be evaluated as per the evaluation methodology indicated below. The agencies fulfilling the experience criteria and securing more than 40 marks in technical evaluation, will be further invited submission of detailed project proposal along with the budget through a closed Request for Proposals (RfP) process.
2. Selection Criteria and ranking

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| **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION** | **SCORE** |
| Proposed Methodology | 40 |
| Experience in Impact Evaluation (carrying out similar projects in the last 3 years) | 25 |
| Team composition (team members should have experience in Environment related aspects) | 25 |
|  Proposed Timeline | 10 |
| **Total** | **100** |

**F. Terms and Conditions**

1. From the time the proposals are opened to the time the contract is awarded, Service Providers shall not contact HCLF on any matter and any attempt to influence HCLF in its evaluation of the proposals and award recommendation, may result in rejection of the proposal.
2. Your proposal abstract must remain valid for a minimum of six (6) months from the date of expiry of the EoI deadline by HCLFoundation.
3. HCLFoundation holds us accountable to children. Adherence to comply with HCLFoundation’s Child Protection Policy and procedures with respect to child safeguarding is non-negotiable. A range of pre-onboarding checks can be undertaken in conformity with HCLFoundation's Child Protection Policy.
4. This document is an expression of interest (EoI) only, and in no way binds HCLFoundation to make an award. HCLFoundation reserves the right to reject all responses received and/or to cancel the EOI. HCLFoundation will not be obliged to either inform or provide a justification for the rejection of proposals.
5. HCLFoundation will not be liable for any cost incurred during the preparation or submission of this EOI.
6. Any agency applying should also declare conflict of interest or related party conflict with the project being assessed for impact as above, during the submission of the technical abstract. HCLFoundation reserves the right to not consider the technical proposal further, despite the merits being in the same if there is a discrepancy.