



Simta Rural Municipality
Office of the Rural Municipal Executive
Rakam, Surkhet
Karnali Province, Nepal



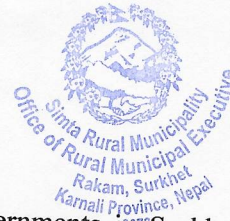
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**IEE Study of Rivers of Simta Rural Municipality for the extraction of Sand, Gravel
& Aggregate of the following:**

1. Bheri Khola
2. Juge Khola
3. Aali Khola (Panal Khola)
4. Khani Khola
5. Goji Khola

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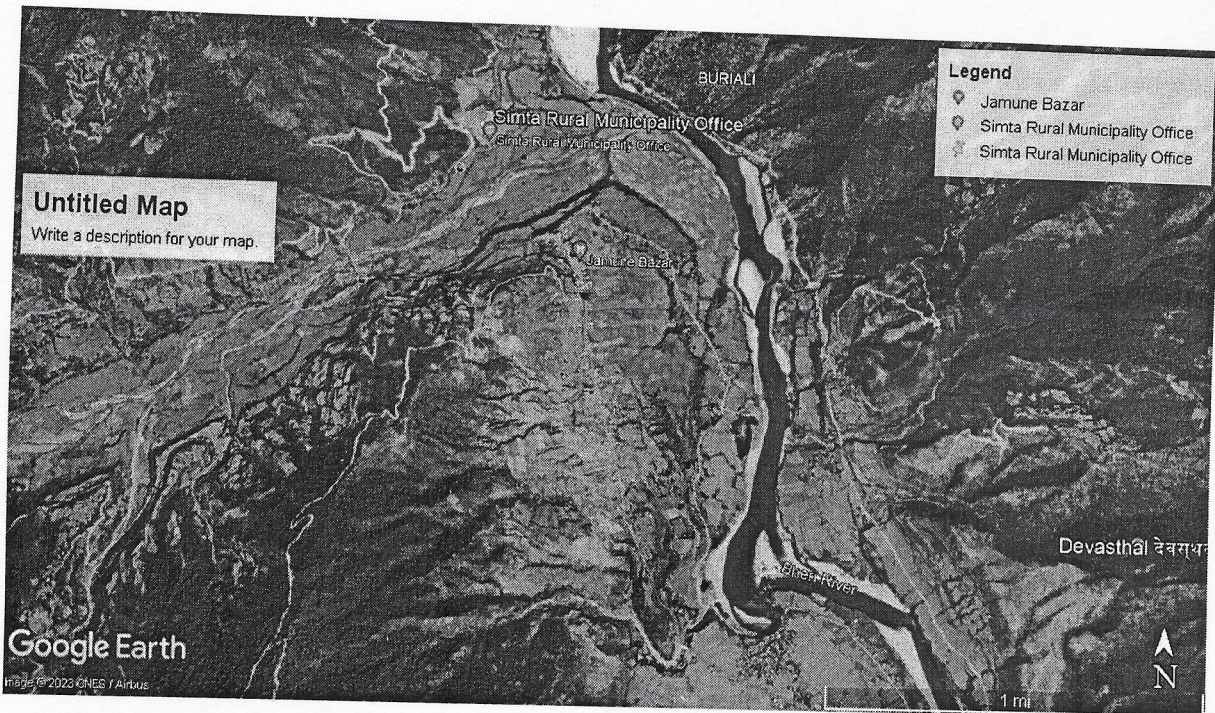
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1. Background

Simta Rural Municipality is one of the 9 local governments in Surkhet District, which is part of Karnali Province in Nepal. It was formed in 2017 by merging eight former village development committees: Ghoreta, Kafalkot, Aagri, Bajedichaur, Rakam, Kaprichaur, Dandakhali and Khanikhola. It has nine wards and its headquarters is located in Rakam. Simta has a rich and diverse history, culture and geography. It has been influenced by various dynasties, kingdoms and states that ruled over the region, such as the Khasa Malla, the Gorkha, the Rana and the Shah. It has also been affected by various political and social movements, such as the Maoist insurgency, the People's Movement and the Federalism. Simta has many natural resources, such as rivers, forests, hills and mountains. It also has many cultural heritage sites, such as temples, shrines, festivals and folk arts. Simta is mainly an agricultural and rural area, but it also has some potential for tourism, trade and industry.

- Simta Rural Municipality has a total area of **241.63 square kilometers** and is divided into **9 wards**.
- Simta Rural Municipality had a total population of **24063** according to the 2078 census⁴. The population density was **99.586 people per square kilometer**.
- Simta Rural Municipality has an official website where you can find more information about its programs, services, budget, news and events. The website is <https://simtamun.gov.np/>
- Simta Rural Municipality is one of the beneficiaries of the **Provincial and Local Governance Support Programme (PLGSP)**, which is a joint initiative of the Government of Nepal and development partners to strengthen the capacity of local governments.



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1.1 The proponent

The activity under the question is entitled "Sustainable extraction of riverbed materials from different rivers and streams of Simta Rural Municipality." Simta Rural Municipality is the executing implementing agency of the activity at the municipal level and the proponent of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) study for the activities. The name and address of the Proponent is as follows:

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Province- Karnali

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1.2 Brief Description of the Proposal,

Simta Rural Municipality is seeking to sustainably extract the extraction of Sand, Gravel & Aggregate materials from following sections:

1. Bheri Khola
2. Juge Khola
3. Aali Khola (Panal Khola)
4. Khani Khola
5. Goji Khola

1.3 Relevancy of the Proposal

These rivers carry massive amount of sediment load and deposition occurs along the rivers channels thus resulting river bed mounting and flood plain area widening. Due to these, water induced hazards are accelerating every year. Thus, the activity has been proposed to:

- Reduce the risk of water induced disaster like flood, soil erosion, landslide, river cutting, etc in the upstream and downstream region.
- Boost up the economic condition through the collection and exploration of river deposits like boulder, pebbles, gravel and sand.

Rational of IEE

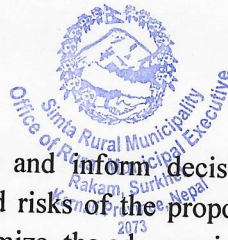
Any development activities have some environmental implication, whether beneficial or adverse. Therefore, it is pertinent to identify the complications/changes apparent in the physical, biological, socio-economic and cultural environmental condition of the project area along with the favorable or adverse impacts resulting from the activities associated with the activity.

Simta Rural Municipality is looking forward to extract river bed materials in the quantity of 100 m³-300 m³ per day from different rivers and streams. According to the statutory requirement of the Government of Nepal, (GoN) defined by Article 3 of Environmental Protection Act (EPA), 2076, Environment and Natural Resource Conservation Act (ENRCA), 2076 and Schedule 2 (c) refereed by the Rule 5 of Environmental Protection Rule (EPR), 2077 under Mining Sector, it is mandatory to conduct IEE for the extraction and collection of riverbed materials if the extraction of 100 m³-300 m³ per day has to be done. Abide by these provisions, Simta Rural Municipality is looking forward for proposals for conduction of IEE for extraction of river bed materials from different rivers and streams. The approval of IEE will be in accordance to the Paragraph 2 (6.2 & 6.6) of Environment and Natural Resource Conservation Act (ENRCA), 2076

1.5 Objectives of IEE




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The main objective of the IEE study is to access and inform decision makers by identifying the potentially significant environmental effects and risks of the proposed project and to suggest appropriate mitigation measures to mitigate/minimize the adverse impacts so that the project is implemented in an environmentally sound manner. The objectives of this IEE are:

- To document the physical, biological and socio-economic and cultural baseline condition of the project area;
- To analyze the alternative project alignment;
- To identify, predict assess the adverse and beneficial environmental impacts of the proposed project in project affected area in terms of magnitude, extent and duration during the project construction and operation phases;
- To suggest appropriate and pragmatic mitigation and enhancement measures for potential adverse impacts.
- To familiarize various stakeholders with the IEE outcomes through public consultation and participation programs and to incorporate their relevant concerns and issues in environmental management plan;
- To prepare an environmental action plan as well as effective monitoring and auditing programs; and
- To facilitate informed decision making including setting the environmental terms and conditions for implementing the proposed project.

2. Methodology

The firms undertaking this assignment should strictly follow the procedures provisioned in Environment Protection Act 2076 and Regulations 2077 and Environment and Natural Resource Conservation Act (ENRCA), 2076 to maintain the quality of the report. The methodologies could be but not limited to the following:

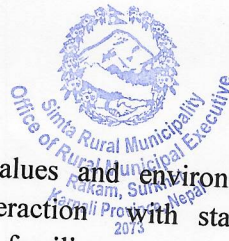
2.1 Literature Review/Desk Study

The consultant team should undergo extensive review of published and unpublished readily available sources of relevant information. Such sources of information include publications of CBC, DCC, Rural Municipality, NGOs, Irrigation Office and all other relevant institutions. Similarly, the necessary information is also available in topographical maps. DHM record, IUCN red book etc. The consultant should review all the plans, policies, acts, rules and regulations, guidelines, strategies and standards that are attracted during or will govern IEE and the project regulation.

2.2 Site Visit and Field Works

The team will conduct field visit to the proposed site for both primary and secondary data collection based on physical, biological and socio-economic environment. Primary data will be collected through interaction with the public. Primary data especially related to physical, social and economic infrastructure such as road network, water supply, drainage, electricity, tele-communication shall be collected. Secondary data will be collected through websites, papers. It is more about socio-economic survey because questionnaire survey related to employment rate, literacy rate, health status, agricultural rate will be carried out.

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Land use pattern, urban landscape, land values and environmental problems shall be collected through site observation and interaction with stakeholders. Data's related to sanitation and health status of affected families, local price of land and other commodities, problems and major issues, expected impacts and possible mitigation measures etc. will be collected.

2.3 Household Survey

It should be conducted to gather pertinent information on demography, education and skill, land holding, income/expenditure, etc.

2.4 Stakeholder Consultations

Consultations at different levels to gather relevant information, issues and concerns.

2.5 Focus Group Discussions

It can be conducted at different locations at the proposed sites with different types of local groups like concern communities, community forest user groups, etc whereby intensive discussion will be held about the environmental sensitivity and concerns in the area, importance of environmental features located in the area, present status, and present problems of difficulties, potential solutions and consequences that are related in minimizing the possible impacts.

2.6 Key Informant Survey

Survey with the local leaders, teachers, health workers, government of officials and other knowledgeable persons through field investigation and checklists tools.

2.7 Questionnaires and Checklists

The team should use standard field data collection tools like structured and semi-structured questionnaires and checklists to guide collection of data and information that is pertinent to the study.

2.8 Impact Identification, Prediction and Evaluation

The consultant should identify and evaluate both possible and adverse impacts of the project operation on physical, biological and socio-economic domains of environment. The impacts should be classified in terms of Magnitude (High, Medium and Low), Extent (Regional, Local and Site-specific) and Duration (Long-term, Medium-term and Short-term).

2.9 Public Hearing

The study team should, in coordination with the proponent, should organize and facilitate public hearing programs to disseminate IEE report.

2.10 Review and Incorporation of Comments

The study team should present the IEE report along with presentation in review meeting at the concerned Rural Municipality and incorporate the comments to finalize the IEE report.

3. Issues to be considered in IEE

The proponent should consider following issues during the preparation of IEE report.

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3.1 Physical and Chemical Environment

- Landscape disturbance
- Landslide, soil erosion and slope stability issues
- Sediment transport/Scouring
- Air quality (if it is possible)
- Noise level (if it is possible)
- Water quality (of rivers crossing the road alignment)
- Road safety measurers
- Quarry/borrow pit and disposal area/Stock of material
- Access Road
- Temporary disruption of Public utilities
- Re-instatement and re-location of existing services
- Existing bridge, pipe culverts along the road for drainage outlet and gullies
- Stock piling of materials
- Hazardous due to spoil disposal
- Pollution of water resources
- Water flow Disruption
- Contamination of Soil
- Impact on micro-climate


3.2 Biological Environment

- Loss of forest (Forest type and Available plant species)
- Pressure on Forest due to riverbed material extraction activity (firewood/timber)
- Pressure increased on forest (firewood/timber)
- Possible impact on flora and fauna (biodiversity)
- Impact on aquatic life and their habitat
- Disturbances to wildlife habitat movement
- Impacts on rare, endangered, protected and threatened species of flora and fauna and their habitat

3.3 Socio-economic Environment

- Impact due to influx of workforce in search of economic opportunities
- Impacts due to occupational health and safety hazards
- Issues related to change in social, structures, cultural and traditional practices of the rural people due to exposition to the outside workforce
- Issues related to dispute between outside workforce and local labors
- Issues related to pressure on existing infrastructure facilities such as health and safety, education, communication, water supply, etc. due to the larger number of outside workforces along with their families
- Risk of diminished local traditional occupation and skills, such as handcraft, indigenous medicinal practices, agro-based and forest product-based cottage industries
- Impact due to encroachment on cultural, historical and religious sites
- Impact on aesthetic value




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- Impact on withdrawal in economic activities and employment opportunities
- Impact due to reduced agricultural activities
- Impact on existing water use
- Impact on gender and vulnerable groups

3.4 Beneficial Issues

- Reduction of flood and other related hazards due to river channelization
- Revenue generation for overall development of the district
- Employment opportunity and human resource development
- Increase in economic opportunities due to increase in trade and business and demand for goods and services
- Infrastructure (Road) development

3.5 Mitigation and Enhancement Measures

The IEE study identifies, predicts, and evaluates the impacts of the project on the environment. The ToR should indicate to document the environmental protection measures, both benefits augmentation measures and adverse impact mitigation measures in the IEE report. Mitigation measures can be categorized as preventive, corrective and compensatory measures.

3.6 Environmental Monitoring Plan

The proponent should prepare a detailed monitoring plan in terms of baseline, compliance and monitoring plan to assess the actual physio-chemical, biological, socio-economic and cultural effects of the project. The impact and baseline monitoring plans should indicate parameter, indicator schedule and method for monitoring. The cost of comprehensive monitoring plan and feedback should be included in the overall monitoring program of environment management plan. The format for presentation and recording of data should be provided with whole monitoring activities and information and monitoring schedule in a chart.

3.7 Alternative Analysis

All the possible alternatives should be examined in order to achieve the identified objectives of the project and additionally to minimize the adverse impacts and maximize the benefits in the context of the benefit foreseen and risks of environmental hazards. The following alternatives should be dealt in details:

- No Action Alternative/ Do nothing Alternative
- Design Alternative
- Operation alternatives in terms of technology, procedures, and schedule
- Location alternatives
- Other alternatives

3.8 Environment Management Plan

EMP should include activities, impacts, mitigation and enhance measures, organizations responsible for the implementation of the mitigation measures and monitoring activities, schedules, cost and mode of co-ordination with the line agencies, Rural Municipality, and local people. It should also identify the human resources.



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requirement of the monitoring and mitigation works, quantify the man month schedule and develop an action plan for all identified measures. The plan should also include monitoring procedure and especially the mechanism for compliance monitoring by spelling out the responsibilities of each concerned stakeholders.

3.9 Cost Benefit Analysis

It should be carried out total environmental cost to total project benefit.

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4. Timeline and other IEE Study Requirements

4.1 Time:

The study should be completed within 3 months after the date of contract signing. The firm should provide detail work plan of the study for the given time duration.

4.2 Team Composition:

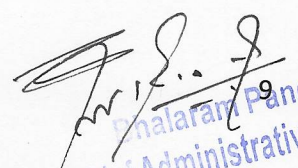
The team composition for undertaking this assignment should be in accordance to the schedule 13 relating to the Rule 7 (6) of the Environment Protection Rules 2077. The team may include:

- Team Leader/Environmentalist
- Socio-Economist
- Geologist/GIS Expert
- Natural resources expert
- Biologist
- Computer Operator
- Field Assistants

The team members should meet the minimum qualification and experience criteria mentioned in the Schedule 9 relating to Rule 7 (6) of the Brief Environment Study & Initial Environment Examination 2077.

Team Leader/Environmentalist	Qualification of the Expert
	Bachelors/Masters Degree in related field with minimum 5 years experience in the relevant field.
Total Marks allocated for Socio-Economist	
Socio-Economist	Qualification of the Expert
	Bachelors/Masters Degree in related field with minimum 5 years experience in the relevant field.
Total Marks allocated for Geologist/GIS Expert	
Geologist/GIS Expert	Qualification of the Expert
	Bachelors/Masters Degree in related field with minimum 5 years experience in the relevant field.
Total Marks allocated for Natural resources expert	
Natural resources expert	Qualification of the Expert
	Bachelors/Masters Degree in related field with minimum 5 years experience in the relevant field.
Total Marks allocated for Biologist	
Biologist	Qualification of the Expert
	Bachelors/Masters Degree in related field with minimum 5 years experience in the relevant field.
Total Marks allocated for Computer Operator	
Computer Operator	Qualification of the Expert
	Bachelors/Masters Degree in related field with minimum 5 years experience in the relevant field.
Total Marks allocated for Field Assistants	
Field Assistants/Civil Engineer	Qualification of the Expert
	Bachelors/Masters Degree in related field with minimum 5 years experience in the relevant field.




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4.3 Other Requirements

Final IEE report preparation and submission to Simta Rural Municipality after the approval from the Office of the Rural Municipal Executive no later than 3 months from the date of contract Signing. The approval process may require preparation and submission of report and presentation of the report as well as incorporating the amendments if any, suggested by the IEE approving body setup by Office of the Rural Municipal Executive, Simta Rural Municipality.

- a) The responsibility of presentation to the approving agency and getting the approval of the IEE rests upon the successful bidder.
- b) The conditions/requirements mentioned in the notice published by Simta Rural Municipality regarding the invitation of the proposal should be read as integral part of this ToR as well and report submission must be 3 copy along with e-copy.
- c) The terms and conditions mentioned in this ToR will apply for any related issue, whereas the rest will be addressed in accordance to the prevalent rules and regulations of the Government of Nepal.

5. Report Submission Schedule

- Inception Report – within 15 days from contract
- Field Report – within 1 month from contract
- Draft Report – within 2.5 month from contract
- Final Report - within 3 month from contract

6. Payment Schedule

- Inception Report Payment – 30% of the contract Amount
- Draft Report Payment – 40% of the contract Amount
- Final Report Payment - 30% of the contract Amount



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