

## Expression of Interest (EOI) To partner in Scaling Inclusive Rice Transplanting Mechanization Services in Bangladesh

### Expression of Interest Details

Initiative Name	Scaling Inclusive Rice Transplanting Mechanization Services in Bangladesh
Implementing agency	CIMMYT
Date of issue	May 18, 2026
EOI theme to apply	Training services for the rice seedling entrepreneurs and rice transplanter machinery service providers (MSPs) on below mentioned <b>categories</b> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Financial Literacy and Access to Finance (A2F)</b></li> <li><b>2. Digital Capacity Building and Smart Advisory Services</b></li> <li><b>3. Locally Developed Innovation and Capacity Building Solutions</b></li> </ol>
Eligible entities	Qualified organizations, private companies, financial institutions, digital service providers, regional seed companies and innovation platforms
Contents of EOI application	The application package must include a technical proposal and a financial proposal.
Evaluation criteria	Legal entities and due diligence set by the project will be considered as go or no-go criteria. Alongside the above, the organization's capacity (20%), technical capability (60%) and financial capability (20%) will be assessed by a review committee.

### PROJECT BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

CIMMYT, under the CGIAR Scaling for Impact (S4I) initiative, is implementing an intervention to accelerate the adoption and scaling of mechanized rice transplanting in Bangladesh through sustainable market systems approaches driven by public and private sector partnerships. The initiative focuses on strengthening the ecosystem for Rice Seedling Entrepreneurs and Rice Transplanter Machinery Service Providers (MSPs), improving farmers' access to quality mechanization services, enhancing climate resilience, and creating inclusive income and livelihood opportunities.

To support effective implementation and scaling, CIMMYT invites **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** from qualified organizations, private companies, financial institutions, digital service providers, regional seed companies, and innovation platforms to collaborate in **delivering specialized training and capacity-building services** for Rice Seedling Entrepreneurs and Rice Transplanter MSPs in the project areas.

## **WORKING AREAS**

Dinajpur Region, Jashore Region, Cox's Bazar Region

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

Training services for the rice seedling entrepreneurs and MSPs on below categories:

### **1. Financial Literacy and Access to Finance (A2F)**

Strengthening financial literacy, entrepreneurship skills, and access to finance for Rice Seedling Entrepreneurs and Rice Transplanter MSPs.

### **2. Digital Capacity Building and Smart Advisory Services**

Enhancing farmer and MSP capacity through digital learning platforms, smart advisory systems, and ICT-enabled extension services.

### **3. Locally Developed Innovation and Capacity Building Solutions**

Promoting locally adapted innovations, practical training approaches, and inclusive service delivery models for mechanized rice transplanting.

## **Expected Results**

### **1. Financial literacy capacity building and access to finance (A2F) linkages**

Strengthen the business capacity and financial inclusion of rice seedling entrepreneurs and rice transplanter MSPs through financial literacy, entrepreneurship development, and investment readiness support. Facilitate sustainable access to finance and inclusive financial linkage models with banks, MFIs, and financial institutions.

### **2. Capacity building through innovative digital platforms**

Enhance the knowledge and service delivery capacity of farmers, rice seedling entrepreneurs, and MSPs through digital learning, smart advisory systems, and ICT-enabled extension platforms. Facilitate climate-informed, data-driven, and mobile-based solutions for mechanization, market access, and business development.

### **3. Capacity building through locally developed innovations**

Encourage scalable and locally adapted innovations through community-based learning, practical

demonstrations, and field-level capacity building approaches. Strengthen inclusive mechanization ecosystems by supporting local entrepreneurship, service delivery innovations, and youth and women engagement.

## Work Duration

Any amount that may be indicated below are projections. Applicants should not use them as targets or assume them to be guaranteed amounts.

Currency in which budget of the contract will be finalized for payment	Bangladeshi Takas
Tentative period of each contract ( <i>duration in months</i> )	Maximum of 4 -5 months

## Eligibility of Prospective Applicants:

Applications from potential new partners are encouraged. All applicants must be able to demonstrate that they meet the following mandatory eligibility requirements.

1. Ideally, have been a legally registered company for at least the past one (1) years in Bangladesh.
2. Have a commercial interest and incentive to invest in the capacity development of farmers, MSPs/LSPs, Ag machinery and inputs companies and other market actors.
3. Legal support documents (*e.g., Certificate of incorporation, trade license, Tax Identification Number, VAT registration number, proof of bank account and/or any other legal document which might be deemed necessary as per the rule of the country and requirement of CIMMYT*) will need to be submitted as part of a due diligence process.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Applications will be evaluated against the evaluation criteria in the table below.

Criteria	Maximum Score
Legal entities and due diligence	Go or no-go decision
EOI application form (organization capacity and work experience)	20%
Technical Proposal (merit of the proposed concept, commercial viability, domestic dependency and potential for reaching the maximum customers possible, with emphasis on women and youth)	60%
Financial Proposal (budget proposed and scope for profitable return)	20%

on investment)	
Total	100%

## Application and Submission Information:

- All applications must be submitted following the template and instruction provided in Annex for the EOI application form, technical and financial proposal.
- Application Format: Applications must be submitted in English and using 11 point font size.
- All costs associated with responding to this solicitation shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant.
- CIMMYT reserves the right not to make any award from this solicitation.
- Legal documents: This should include documents mentioned in the eligibility section and any other documents that relate to your functioning in Bangladesh.

Please submit your application along with technical and financial proposal [d.lama@cgiar.org](mailto:d.lama@cgiar.org) and CC to [shahida@cgiar.org](mailto:shahida@cgiar.org); [k.uddin@cgiar.org](mailto:k.uddin@cgiar.org) and [K.TAMANNA@cgiar.org](mailto:K.TAMANNA@cgiar.org) with the subject line **‘CIMMYT Expression of Interest on Scaling Inclusive Rice Transplanting Mechanization Services in Bangladesh’** by **May 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 COB**. Only shortlisted firms will be contacted for the next round of the selection process.