

National Cooperative Union of India

Short Term Project for Research & Development in Cooperative Sector

About the Organization

The National Cooperative Union of India, (NCUI) is the apex organisation representing the entire cooperative movement in the country. It was established in 1929 as All India Cooperative Institutes Association and was reorganized as Indian Cooperative Union and later as NCUI in 1961. As a special measure for strengthening cooperative movement in cooperatively under – developed states / areas and reducing regional imbalance in the level of development, Government of India approved a scheme of Cooperative Education of NCUI in 1976. This is a central sector scheme funded by the Ministry of Agriculture. NCUI is implementing central sector for the intensification of Cooperative Education through 43 Cooperative Education Field Projects including women projects and North Eastern projects located in cooperatively under developed states / under developed areas of developed states and Union Territories of India. The NCCE under NCUI was initially established as “All India Cooperative Instructors Training Centre” in 1958. The main function was to impart pedagogical and capacity building training to the trainers who were conducting member education programmes for the village cooperative societies. The other programmes were conducted by cooperative education personnel mainly related with development of various aspects of cooperatives particularly in relation to village development, government policy for cooperative development, etc.

About the Project

National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) being an apex organization for all cooperatives functioning in India, it has the huge responsibility of empowering and building capacities of cooperatives and farming communities through training programs and on-farm guidance. The Covid pandemic in the last one year has hit India’s economy badly and it has led to huge challenges of unemployment, reverse migration and healthcare issues for the working population engaged in micro, small and medium enterprises. There is a need to empower farmers and cooperatives by building their capacities through innovative agribusiness models and facilitating market linkages.

NCUI invites proposals from individual professionals for undertaking a short term project focused on action-based research with aim to translate the research findings into action plans and strengthen and empower cooperatives in the country. The duration of the project will be three months. The indicative list of thrust areas/themes covered in scope of work mentioned in the next section.

Scope of Work

- 1. To devise strategies for building partnerships with relevant government departments, social organizations and enterprises for knowledge exchange and building capacities of cooperatives.**
- 2. Conduct extensive field work in different zones of India to identify success stories and best practices in the field of cooperatives, agriculture and women empowerment.**
- 3. To develop IEC material based on the success stories from various regions which can be used for capacity building programs of cooperatives and farmers.**
- 4. To build linkages with reputed academic/ research institutions for strengthening outreach network and soliciting support under various projects of NCUI.**
- 5. To suggest new livelihood options for farmers in different regions.**

Interested professionals can email their proposal with information about their qualifications and experience along with the procedure for executing the project, expected outcomes and project cost to NCUI ED(Pers.) latest by 30.07.2021