

## **Terms of Reference**

We are writing to invite an expression of interest from you for the development of a short project video (5-7 minutes) on our ongoing action research project titled *Sound of Silence: Strengthening Tribal Women's Voices and Leadership for Climate Risk Reduction among Tribal Communities in the Sundarbans, India*.

The video will be screened at the project's knowledge dissemination and advocacy conclave, tentatively scheduled for March 2026.

The project is designed to amplify and integrate the voices, experiences and priorities of tribal communities in the Indian Sundarbans into climate change and sustainable development discourse and practice in India. It focuses particularly on strengthening tribal women's leadership in climate risk reduction and community resilience.

The key objectives of the project include:

- Assessing the specific vulnerabilities, needs and adaptive capacities of tribal communities in the Sundarbans.
- Piloting community-led, locally embedded climate risk reduction initiatives.
- Building the leadership and technical capacities of tribal women to lead adaptation and resilience actions.
- Promoting mangrove conservation, climate-resilient livelihoods and community self-reliance.
- Generating field-based evidence to inform policy and practice.

The project has been implemented over the past three years across eight villages in four blocks of the Indian Sundarbans: Kakdwip, Kultali, Hingalganj and Sandeshkhali I, and has engaged 800 tribal households.

The purpose of the video is to present the project's journey, process, field engagement and key achievements in a compelling and accessible audio-visual format for a mixed audience of policymakers, researchers, practitioners, civil society organisations and community representatives.

Specifically, the proposed video should:

- Document the project context, approach and methodology.
- Capture field processes and community-led initiatives.
- Highlight women's leadership and local voices, including the turning points in the communities' journey with the project.
- Present key outcomes, innovations and lessons learned.
- Be suitable for policy and public dissemination audiences.
- Be completed within an agreed timeline prior to the conclave.

We will provide coordination support for field visits and interviews as well as access to relevant project documents.

If you are interested, please apply with:

- Your profile and credentials

- Links to relevant previous work (especially documentary/development/field-based films)
- An indicative budget range and timeline

We would be glad to review your materials and take the discussion forward.

Please send us your proposal to [quotation@drcsc.org](mailto:quotation@drcsc.org) by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026. For any queries please feel free to call Ms. Sulekha Laha at 9432013137.