



IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD)

Terms of Reference (ToR) for Project Impact Evaluation of Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Resilience Project (RPLRP)- P129408

1. Context

In 2010/2011, the IGAD region was hit by a severe drought and exacerbated chronic food insecurity, particularly in pastoral areas. This drought crisis brought to the fore the urgent need to invest in resilience-building as a means to end drought emergencies in arid and semi-arid areas dominated by pastoralism. The heads of States and Governments of the IGAD region convened a summit in Nairobi on 9th September 2011. The Nairobi summit called for the urgent introduction of strategies, policies and programmes at countries and regional levels with the principal objective of building resilience to future climatic shock. After subsequent consultation, the IGAD member countries and their development partners adopted a regional drought disaster resilience and sustainability initiative (IDDRSI). The member States adopted the strategy and elaborated it further in their country programming paper (CPP).

Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Resilience Project (RPLRP) is one of the pioneer projects prepared within the IDDRSI framework and in alignment with the country programming papers (CPPs). RPLRP is a five-year regional project implemented in three IGAD member States, including Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda, and financed by the World Bank and the government of these three countries. The RPLRP objectives are to enhance the livelihood resilience of pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in cross-border drought-prone areas of selected countries and improve the capacity of the countries' governments to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency.

The RPLRP has five main project components (PC): **PC1, Natural Resources Management** aims to enhancing the sustainable management and secure access of pastoral and agro-pastoral communities to natural resources (water and pasture) with trans-boundary significance. **PC2, Market Access and Trade**, aims to improving the market access of the agro-pastoralists and pastoralists to the intra-regional and international markets of livestock and livestock products. **PC3, Livelihood Support**, aims at enhancing the livelihoods of pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities. **PC4, Pastoral Risk Management**, aims to enhancing drought-related hazards and preparedness, prevention and response at the national and regional levels. **PC5, Project Management and Institutional Support**, focus on all aspects of the project management, including monitoring safeguards mitigation measures identified in the different frameworks disclosed and institutional strengthening for drought resilience.

The grant agreement of IGAD RPLRP was approved by the Bank on 18th March 2014, signed on 6th June 2014 and became effective on 15th December 2014. The total budget was SDR 3.3 million, an amount equivalent to USD 5 million at the time of signing. Since 2015, the project has been implemented concomitantly in the three countries (Kenya, Ethiopia and Uganda) and regional levels. At the IGAD level, the project implementation was led by project implementing units (PIUs) based at the ICPALD office in Nairobi. The project closing date was extended from 31st December 2019 to 31st December 2021 to allow full utilisation of the project resource and securely achieve its PDO. The complex nature of the project coupled with COVID-19 pandemic travel and social gathering restrictions caused the implementation delay.

Guided by the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) and financing agreement (FA), the project end impact evaluation (IE) is a requirement to be carried out at the end of the project implementation. The three project implementing countries have conducted a baseline survey in the RPLRP intervention areas and selected control areas, the specific areas are described in the three countries reports. Furthermore, the three countries have planned to conduct a final impact evaluation, and the report will be available to a regional consultant for review and consolidation. The regional consultant will use data, information, and analysis presented in the national report to aggregate regional impact, as well as provide a review of regional level achievements.

This Terms of Reference (ToR) provides an outline of the framework and expectations of key stakeholders based on the project planned interventions, baseline data and the expected results. Therefore, IGAD is hiring a qualified individual consultant for the RPLRP impact evaluation.

2. Evaluation Objectives

The overall objectives of the assignment are to undertake project end impact evaluation of the IGAD RPLRP to determine the extent to which the project has met its development objectives and draw lessons for future regional (drought resilience) projects/programmes.

The specific objectives are to:

- Assess the effectiveness, efficiency and relevance of the project interventions in achieving the intended project development objectives,
- Evaluate the intended and unintended project outcomes and impacts, with particular focus on regional coordination,
- Assess the sustainability of key project interventions, and
- Identify key good practices and other lessons, if any, to inform future regional (drought resilience) projects/programmes.
- As part of lessons learned, identify any related issues/areas the project should have addressed for greater impact and sustainability, but was not able to respond due to the project limitations.
- Identify the factors and constraints due to which the project could not be completed on time and required several extensions to the project closing date

3. Specific Tasks

- Review all the project documents: Project Appraisal Document (PAD), Project Implementation Manual (PIM), Financing Agreement (FA), progress reports, IDDRSI Strategy and Country Programming Paper (CPP) and any other relevant documents,

- Review the three project countries project end impact evaluation report and aggregate the necessary data and information to provide a regional overview of the project impact;l
- Undertake field visit to selected cross-border areas, visit cross-border infrastructure and other interventions including consultation with stakeholders;
- Review the extent to which the overall project development objectives have been achieved, in line with the planned output, intermediate outcomes and impacts,
- Review the extent to which the project was able to incorporate and address gender concerns during implementation;
- Review the extent to which ESMF was complied with, Assess arrangements that are in place to sustain some of the key project interventions at the IGAD level,
- Assess the relevance of the regional interventions in the context of target communities, national, regional and continental priorities and policies, and
- Highlight key lessons arising over the regional project implementation processes and interventions.

4. Scope of the Evaluation

Geographical scope: Cross-border areas of Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda

a) Technical scope

- Develop a framework and strategy for implementing the specific tasks listed above,
- Finalise the parameters to be covered in the evaluation process based on the evaluation objectives and specific tasks,
- Develop data collection tools and prepare fieldwork logistics,
- Collect and analyse data and information from primary and secondary sources, and report the findings of the evaluation, and
- Participate in all the validation and feedback workshops and meetings.

5. Methodology and Approach

To achieve the evaluation's purpose, quantitative and qualitative methods and participatory approaches shall be employed by the consultant. The evaluation must utilise evaluation reports produced by the three countries and collect additional information and data specific to regional level interventions.

6. Expected Deliverables

- **The inception report** should demonstrate a clear understanding of the terms of reference and include the proposed methodology and approach for data collection and analysis, the detailed work plan, and an outline of the evaluation report, among others,
- **Draft report:** presentation of the main findings of the assessment from the national evaluation report, field level and stakeholders, and
- **Final draft report** of the evaluation, incorporating all comments from the stakeholders and client.

7. Duration of the Assignment and Fees

- The consultancy work shall start within 15 (fifteen) days after signing of a work contract with IGAD,
- The consultancy is fixed at a maximum of 45 person-day spread over a period of 3 months.

8. Qualifications

8.1 Academic Qualifications

- Master's degree or equivalent in agriculture, economics, rural development, or related fields.

8.2 Work Experience and Competencies

- Proven track record of impact evaluation and project reviews
- At least 10 years of working experience in Agriculture, natural resource management, or rural development programming and management,

8.3 Other Experience/ Knowledge / Abilities

- Ability to strategically plan, generate information and analysis,
- Strong interpersonal skills and experience of working with a regional and international organisation.
- Experience of working on Agricultural/Rural Development project in Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda or at least in two of the three countries.
- Verbal and written communication skills in English. French will be added advantage.
- Ability to communicate and discuss in local language with the targetted groups/communities.

9. Selection Criteria

- The selection criteria are academic qualification, work experiences (as described above), good track record in delivering similar assignments, the experience of working in the IGAD region and familiarity with pastoralism and rangelands context.

10. Reporting Requirement

- The consultant will work closely with the project coordination teams at regional and national levels,
- The consultant will report to the Director of ICPALD, through the Regional Project Coordinator,
- The consultant will also provide 3 paper copies of the final evaluation report accompanied by electronic copies, raw data and images.

11. Client Role

- The client will observe competitive selection criteria, subject to a consultant's demonstration on the clear understanding of the task.

- The client will provide necessary documents to facilitate the review, including country reports, project documents and any other information about the project as may be requested,
- The client will meet the conference cost for the validation workshop(s), including the participation of the relevant stakeholders.

Payment Schedule

Output/ activity completed	Payment in percent of the contract amount	Estimated date of completion
Signing of contract and approval of inception report	15%	Inception report within 15 days of signing the contract
Draft Report accepted by the client	35%	Draft report, within two months
Final draft report accepted by the client	50%	Within a month, after methodology developed

Insurance cover

- The consultant will be responsible for his/her own medical and life insurance covers for the duration of the assignment.

Taxes

- The consultant will be responsible for remitting his/her own taxes.

The report will be submitted to:

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