



Terms of Reference

Development of National Livestock Identification and Traceability System (LITS) Strategy for Somalia

Background

Livestock production has been the backbone of the Somali economy for many centuries. It is the most important source of food and income for the predominantly rural population, as well as the country's biggest export commodity. It is the major source of household wealth and supply end products that include milk, meat and hides and skins and transport. Prior to the war, some 46% of the total population were engaged in nomadic pastoralism and livestock accounted for 40% of the GDP and 80% of all export earnings. The use of production based approach to estimate the contribution of livestock to economy of Somalia yielded an estimate of 8.157 Billion USD in 2013. This estimate is above the IMF estimate of Agriculture GDP of 5.7 Billion USD where livestock contributes 2.28 Billion USD, equivalent of 40% of Agriculture contribution to GDP¹. The export trade is often affected by outbreaks of some transboundary animal diseases that lead to trade bans or halts by major importing countries in Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries especially Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), the dominant importer.

For adequate traceability of livestock and their products by importers, application of livestock identification and traceability system (LITS) is becoming a key requirement. LITS is becoming a pre-requisite for exporting countries to implement in order to access and expand export markets since it is an effective means to successfully protect public health, food safety and contain or respond to an outbreak of an infectious animal disease. The system requires two basic components: an identification system (for example brands, marks or a device) and a system that tracks an animal, or group of animals, along the value chain to the final destination. It is only when these components are all put together that LITS becomes functional. LITs can also help in curbing cattle rustling; recently Camel rustling also reported in Somalia.

IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) trained national LITS focal personnel and other team members, developed regional guidelines and legal framework that guide in the implementation of LITS in the member States including Somalia through its subsequent adaption to national laws. For Somalia to sustain export of livestock and livestock products, it is important for the country to develop a national strategy in LITS and do a coordinated efforts to implement it. This is because most international market outlets for livestock and livestock

¹ The Contribution of Livestock to the Somali Economy, 2015

products are increasingly demanding that animal health status are known and traced properly. Moreover, development of the strategy will help in coordination of stakeholders, contribute to resource mobilization efforts among others to roll out the system. ICPALD is seeking to support the Federal Government of Somalia to develop a national strategy on LITS by contracting an experienced consultant in matters of LITs. The successful incumbent will develop a national LITS strategy and facilitate its validation.

Objective of the assignment

To develop and validate a LITs strategy for the Federal Republic of Somalia

Specific tasks

- Draft an inception report detailing clear understanding of the assignment including tentative timeline and deliverable including an outline of the strategy
- Undertake desk review of available and success livestock identification and traceability systems around the globe, continent, IGAD region
- Review performance of pilot studies undertaken in Kenya and Ethiopia in terms of achievements realized, challenges faced and applicable solutions to inform the Somalia strategy
- Carry out country situation analysis of LIT systems covering the producers, traders; export quarantine stations /exporters, identify key gaps and how they can be addressed as well as good practices and lessons to form part of the strategy
- Draft the national strategy
- Facilitate validation of the strategy
- Produce a final report

Expected output

- Inception report
- Strategy validation workshop report
- Validated national strategy on LITS for Somalia

Consultancy location and office accommodation

The assignment will be home-based with visit to necessary offices for data and information collection, meeting and stakeholder consultation. The consultant will use his/her own computer, photocopying, telephone and Internet facilities and other necessary equipment for the assignment.

Consultancy Duration and Fees

The consultancy shall commence within 5 (five) days of signing the contract with IGAD/ICPALD. The consultancy period is fixed at a maximum of 20 person-day spread over a period of 3 months.

REQUIREMENTS

Academic qualifications

Master's degree or above in livestock production/ health, epidemiology & economics, resource economics, or any other related and/or relevant field.

Work Experience and Competencies

- At least 5 years work experience in data collection, analysis and policy review, and strategy development
- Experience in livestock identification and traceability systems and livestock trade
- Proven analytical skill and statistical data analysis

Other Experience/ Knowledge / Skills

- Knowledge and experience of the livestock sector and livestock identification issues,
- Successful record of accomplishment of tasks in data collection and policy review,
- Strong interpersonal skills and experience of working with diverse stakeholders,
- Verbal and written communication skills in English and multiple local language.

Reporting Requirement

- The consultant will work closely with ICPALD's Livestock technical lead and report to the Director of ICPALD,
- The consultant will provide the final report accompanied by electronic copies, raw data and images

Payment Schedule

| Output/ activity completed | Payment in percent of the contract amount | Estimated date of completion |
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| Signing of contract and approved inception report | - | Inception report within 7 days of signing the contract |
| Draft Report accepted by the ICPALD | 40% | Draft report, within two months of start of the assignment |
| Final draft report accepted by ICPALD | 60% | Within two weeks, after getting feedback from ICPALD and stakeholders workshop on the draft report |

Taxes

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

Insurance Cover

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

How to apply

Interested candidates should submit their applications accompanied by a detailed CV, copies of both academic and professional certificates and their interest and ability to undertake this assignment to Beverlyne.Nyanchera@igad.int; and cc to procurement@igad.int.

All applications should be received not later than April 4th, 2022.