



Terms of reference

Consultant to Facilitate a Public Forum to Share Lessons on Impact of Harmonized Standards in Staple Grain in Cross-Border Areas of Karamoja and Mandera Clusters

Duty Station:	Home-based
Type of Contract:	Individual
Contract post level:	Short-term
Start date:	non-continuous 20 days spread over 3 months

1.0 Introduction

The IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) Implementation Letter (IL) project, funded by USAID and implemented by IGAD has been designed to build resilient communities through strengthening market systems in the IGAD region, particularly of clusters 1 and 3 i.e. Karamoja (Uganda-Ethiopia-Kenya-South Sudan) and Mandera (Kenya-Somalia-Ethiopia) respectively. The market systems in these cross-border areas are affected by several factors including weather and climate vagaries and associated environmental pressures; conflict and political instabilities; irregular and unpredictable food flows and volatility in food prices; poor information flow between policy makers, enforcers and traders as well as *ad-hoc* trade restrictions due to non-tariff barriers related to standards and policies among others. The challenges discourage sustained private sector investment, reduce the ability of the market systems to cope with added shocks and stresses, and consequently, reduces their effectiveness in sustaining cross-border communities in case of drought-induced disasters that the project is designed to address.

In Karamoja and Mandera Clusters, production of the African staple grain and horticultural value chains is characterized by smallholder farmers, who form 60-80 percent of the farming constituency. Maize, sorghum, and teff, sesame, sunflower, sugarcane, mangoes, oranges are the main food and cash crops that are produced in the two clusters.

To promote cross-border trade, it is important to create awareness of cross-border trade regulations and procedures such as the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA), Simplified Trading Regime (STR) and the East African Community (EAC) harmonized grain standards as well as cross-border trade procedures and documentation needed to clear goods; barriers to access to working capital and other financing needed to grow businesses.

To build on achievements of years 1 and 2 of 'Building Resilient Market Systems in the Cross-border Drylands of the IGAD Region' Implementation Letter Project funded by USAID, ICPALD is planning to convene one public forum to share with the beneficiary communities lessons learnt on impact of harmonized standards in staple grain on crossborder trade. The incumbent consultant will develop materials on lessons from impact of harmonized standards in staple grain crossborder trade and facilitated two-day workshop with selected beneficiaries from the two clusters.

2.0 Scope of work

- i. Draft and submit scope of work report showing understanding of the assignment including work plan and clear milestones of how the assignment will be delivered and outline of the workshop materials
- ii. Consult East African grain council and cross border traders ; document details on the harmonized standards in staple grain; impacts observed and lessons
- iii. Share feedback on Mutual recognition and equivalence agreements as alternatives to harmonization
- iv. Develop workshop materials on lessons from impact of harmonized standards in staple grain trade in crossborder areas
- v.
- vi. Facilitate forum of selected cereal grain and horticulture private sectors and regulatory authorities using the materials,
- vii. Submit the final workshop material and forum report

2.1 Expected output

- i. Inception report - A scope of work report reflecting clear understanding of assignment submitted to ICPALD;
- ii. Consultation report as inputs for the workshop materials
- iii. Draft workshop material submitted to ICPALD
- iv. Final workshop report and material submitted to ICPALD

3.0 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Qualifications and skills

- Master degree or equivalent in agriculture production and trade with relevant expertise in agricultural trade policies, standards, resilience research, technology transfer and innovation systems
- Knowledge and experience of using participatory approaches for adult training,
- Strong analytical skills,
- Excellent communication skills and fluent in English.

3.2 General professional experience

- Good understanding and experience on the staple grain and horticultural products' trade in Eastern Africa and cross border trade
- Proven experience in programming and private sector investment,

- Proven experience in engaging the private sector for investment

3.3 Specific professional experience

- At least 10 years work experience in agriculture development particularly in food /horticultural production and staple grain trade
- Familiar with development of workshop materials and conducting forums of adults
- Knowledge of public-private partnership approaches in service delivery and investment,
- Understands domestic and international laws related to agriculture and staple grain production and trade,

4.0 Duration

The Consultancy will be for a total of twenty (20) man-days on when actually employed basis spread over three months.

5.0 Payment terms

The applicable daily rate will be dependent on the qualifications and experience of the appointed consultant. The consultant will be responsible for all government taxes and levies arising from this assignment.

Output/ completed	activity	Payment in percent of the contract amount	Estimated date of completion
Signing of contract and inception report		15%	Inception report within 10 days of signing the contract
A final report including workshop proceeding and materials		85%	Within one month after receiving comment on draft report

6.0 Travel outside duty station

Air tickets and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will be covered for field work upon approval of travel schedules.

7.0 Insurance cover

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

8.0 Final Report will be Submitted to:

Dr. Ameha Sebsibe, Head, Livestock and Fisheries IGAD Centre for Pastoral Area and Livestock Development (ICPALD), Kabete Veterinary Laboratories, Off Kapenguria Road, ameha.sebsibe@igad.int Telephone: +254 202573743 (office)

Applications:

Interested candidates should submit their applications accompanied by a detailed CV, copies of both academic and professional certificates and testimonials, names and addresses of three reputable referees, contact details (e-mail, telephone) should be sent by email beverlyne.nyanchera@igad.int. All applications should be received not later than 19th July 2023.

IGAD shall only respond to shortlisted candidates