



IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD)

Terms of Reference

Assessing the status of the Rolling out of Standard Methods and Procedures (SMP) for Priority TADs and Quarantines in the IGAD region and undertake further roll out

1.0 Background

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) region's 60-70% landmass comprises of arid and semi-arid lands that are home to substantial livestock resources including large and small ruminants. Livestock production and trade play a key role in supporting people's livelihoods, food security and economic growth in the region. However, the livestock sector in the different IGAD Member States faces common challenges, with trade sensitive Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) posing a major challenge to livestock production and trade. The impact of TADs is not only aggravated by differing animal health regulations amongst the countries and uncoordinated disease surveillance and control programs, but also by recurrent livestock trade bans by importing countries arising from weak compliance with import sanitary requirements.

Through the IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) Implementation Letter (IL) project, funded by USAID and implemented by IGAD, milestones have 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. One of the milestones is to roll out the developed SMPs in priority TADs, quarantine and laboratory.

Through the Standard Methods and Procedures in Animal Health (SMP-AH) project funded by USAID/EA, coordinated by AU-IBAR and IGAD and implemented from 2013 to 2017 in the Greater Horn of Africa (GHOA) i.e. Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda, standard methods and procedures (SMPs) for priority TADs, export quarantines and sixteen (16) laboratory Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) were developed and validated. The goal was to contribute to uniform approaches to disease prevention and control in support of livestock movement and trade, harmonized quarantine procedures to facilitate trade and ensure that tests and procedures carried out in the various laboratories are harmonized. Actioning these SMPs and SOPs were meant to enhance trade, therefore, reduce poverty, enhance regional economic growth and integration through improved access of live animals and animal products to regional and international markets. The SMPs aimed at improvement of standards in inspection through certification and thereby enhance disease control, improve the health and welfare of exported animals. This approach would allow

countries in the region to access livestock markets despite the difficulty of achieving country or zonal disease-free status.

Under IDDRSI IL, ICPALD has plans to roll out Standards Method and Procedures (SMP) in Management of Priority TADs and Quarantines. A regional event will be organized to assess the status of the roll out of the SMPs; identify best practices, draw useful lessons and identify areas where challenges have been encountered for further actions.

ICPALD is seeking a short-term consultant to prepare, facilitate and report on the event.

2.1 Objectives of the consultancy

- Facilitate a consultative workshop for selected technical staff responsible for implementation of the SMPs from public and private sectors. This will enhance collaboration between the regulatory bodies and the private sector in this business

2.2 Tasks

- Prepare an inception report detailing the methodology and workplan for conducting the assignment.
- Develop tailored workshop materials based on the SMPs for priority TADs & quarantines other relevant literature
- Conduct training of selected technical staff responsible for implementation of the SMPs in management of priority TADs and quarantine stations
- Finalize the draft SOP quarantine
- Develop road map with the trainee on cascading of the SMPs to the wider officers
- Assess the status of the use and implementation of SMP
- Prepare and submit a detailed final report of the assignment to IGAD

Expected outputs

- Tailor-made workshop materials for priority TADs and quarantine SMPs
- Trained personnel
- Training report including the road map
- Revised Quarantine SOP
- Consensus on modalities for regular collaboration and monitoring of implementation between CVOs, and quarantine owners

3.0 Qualifications

3.1 Education

Post-graduate degree in veterinary medicine, animal health, animal production, or equivalent

3.2 Work Experience

- At least 10 years of experience and knowledge in animal health service delivery or training institutions out of which at least 5 years' experience should be in disease surveillance, prevention and control.
- Must be familiar with the development of training manuals and curricula on TADs emergency management, livestock holding grounds and quarantine procedures, and reporting

- Experience in animal health and standard method and procedures of the priority TADs as well as quarantines and reporting.
- Knowledge of the livestock sectors in the IGAD or East African regions will be an added advantage
- Knowledge and experiences on the sanitary and halal requirements of the Middle East and north African livestock markets
- Comprehensive understanding of animal health and other relevant emergencies in the IGAD region,
- Excellent skills and ability to articulate ideas in a clear and accurate manner including the ability to prepare reports
- A good command of oral and written English is essential. A working knowledge of French will be an added advantage.
- Good interpersonal skills and ability to establish and maintain effective working relations

4. Selection Criteria

The selection criteria will include education and work experiences (as described above), a good track record of delivering assignments, experience of working in the IGAD region and familiarity with the livestock production systems, quarantine procedures, animal health, SMP ; marketing and information sharing and sanitary and halal requirements of the Middle East and northern Africa livestock markets.

5. Consultancy Location and office accommodation

For desk review, the consultant will use his/her own office accommodation and facilities

6.0 Duration

The Consultancy will be for a total of twenty (25) man-days on when actually employed basis spread over three months.

7.0 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/ activity completed	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; SOP etc	85%	Within one month after receiving comment on draft report

8.0 Travel outside duty station

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

9.0 Insurance cover

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

10.0 Final Report will be Submitted to:

The Director, IGAD Centre for Pastoral Area and Livestock Development (ICPALD), Kabete Veterinary Laboratories, Off Kapenguria Road, icpald@igad.int

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 23rd August 2023.

IGAD shall only respond to shortlisted candidates