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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

***Country:*** *Sierra Leone*

Project: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

**Assignment Title: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ON-FARM TRAINING OF OIL PALM COCOA, AND IVS FFS BENEFICIARIES ON GALS/FALS/NUTRITION/CHILD LABOUR/GBV)**

**Reference No**. **AVDP-PMU/CS/CQS/8/2/23**

The **Government of Sierra Leone** has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Adaption Fund (AF), OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) and Toni Blair Institute (TBI) towards the cost of Agriculture Value Chain Development Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consultant for the **Consultancy Services for On-farm Training of Oil Palm Cocoa, and IVS FFS Beneficiaries on GALS/FALS/Nutrition/Child Labour/GBV**

The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD’s approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD’s rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with the Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

The overall objective of the consultancy services is to lead, coordinate and facilitate the GALS/FALS/Nutrition-sensitive training for the oil palm, cocoa and food crop (IVS) farmer field school beneficiaries in the two AVDP implementation regions (Southern and Eastern).,

Specifically, the Consultant is expected to

1. conduct GALS/FALS/Nutrition-sensitive/Child labour/Gender-Based Violence training to beneficiaries reaching a target of 48 food crops (IVS) farmer field schools, 66 oil palm FFS, and 50 cocoa FFS through on-farm approach in the two project operational regions (Southern and Eastern) covering seven (07) districts (Bo, Bonthe, Moyamba, Pujehun, Kenema, Kailahun and Kono
2. follow-up on the trained beneficiaries and the peer learners in all the targeted FFS they conducted the training.
3. GALS/FALS/Nutrition-sensitive/Child labour/Gender-Based Violence training to beneficiaries reaching a target of 48 food crops (IVS) farmer field schools, 66 oil palm FFS, and 50 cocoa FFS through on-farm approach in the two project operational regions (Southern and Eastern) covering seven (07) districts (Bo, Bonthe, Moyamba, Pujehun, Kenema, Kailahun and Kono
4. follow-up on the trained beneficiaries and the peer learners in all the targeted FFS they conducted the training.

The Agriculture Value Chain Development Project, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (“the client”) now invites eligible consulting firms (“consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Interested firms should fill the template for expressions of interest found at the following link: <https://bit.ly/eoitemplate> or request for the EOI template by sending email to

avdppmu@gmail.com

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to IFAD’s Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy[[1]](#footnote-1) and the Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption its Activities and Operations[[2]](#footnote-2). The latter sets forth IFAD’s provisions on prohibited practices. IFAD further strives to ensure a safe working environment free of harassment, including sexual harassment, and free of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in its activities and operations as detailed in its IFAD Policy to Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.[[3]](#footnote-3)

The consultant shall not have any actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. A consultant with an actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest shall be disqualified unless otherwise explicitly approved by the Fund. A consultant including their respective personnel and affiliates are considered to have a conflict of interest if they a) have a relationship that provides them with undue or undisclosed information about or influence over the selection process and the execution of the contract, b) participate in more than one EOI under this procurement action, c) have a business or family relationship with a member of the Purchaser’s board of directors or its personnel, the Fund or its personnel, or any other individual that was, has been or might reasonably be directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of this REOI, (ii) the shortlisting or selection process for this procurement, or (iii) execution of the contract. The consultant has an ongoing obligation to disclose any situation of actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest during preparation of the EOI, the selection process or the contract execution. Failure to properly disclose any of said situations may lead to appropriate actions, including the disqualification of the consultant, the termination of the contract and any other as appropriate under the IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Projects and Operations.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection CQS method set out in IFAD’ project procurement handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at www.ifad.org/project-procurement.

The shortlisting criteria can be found in the template for expressions of interest the aforementioned weblink.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via e-mail to avdppmu@gmail.com no later than 11th May, 2023. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by 17th May, 2023

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form using the forms provided for this purpose. EOIs shall be uploaded to the link below no later than **25th May, 2023 at 16:00 GMT.**

Link to upload EOI:

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1. The policy is accessible at https://www.ifad.org/en/document-detail/asset/41942012. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The policy is accessible at www.ifad.org/anticorruption\_policy. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The policy is accessible at https://www.ifad.org/en/document-detail/asset/40738506. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)