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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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

Project: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

### **Assignment Title: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ANNUAL OUTCOME SURVEY**

**Reference No**. SLE-2000001544-0008-CS-QCBS

**Selection Method**: Quality and Cost Based Selection Method

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 Annual Outcome Survey**

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 purpose of this study is to assess the annual achievement of the project in the respective four value chains and cross cutting areas against the project interventions and provide quantitative and qualitative interpretations on specific indicators as reflected in the project M &E matrix (logframe) and provide suggestions to the project to improve project’s supports to get the targeted outcomes during the project implementation. More specifically, the study strives to achieve the following objectives:

* To measure the positive and/or negative changes/outcomes taking place on relevant indicators at the household/group/FBOs/agribusiness level;
* To measure the AVDP second and third level results at beneficiaries/local producers and household level;
* To provide timely project performance information so that corrective actions may be taken to implement the project activities, if required;
* To provide early evidence of project success, changes or failure.
* As assess the project’s risks/assumptions and proffer recommendations

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/44yVwW7](about:blank) or request for the EOI template by sending email to

[avdppmu@gmail.com](about:blank)

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 **Quality and Cost Based Selection Method** set out in IFAD’ project procurement handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at [www.ifad.org/project-procurement](about:blank).

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](about:blank) no later than 4th August, 2023. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by 7th August, 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 **15th August, 2023 at 16:00 GMT.**

Link to upload EOI: [https://bit.ly/3NXwUiR](about:blank)

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