

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – NGO SELECTION)



Country: REPUBLIC OF GHANA
MINISTRY OF FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE (MoFA)



Project Name: WEST AFRICA FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCE PROJECT (FSRP) –
GHANA (Phase 2 of a Multiphase Programmatic Approach)
Project No.: P178132

Assignment Packages:

Reference. No.	Lot No.	Assignment Title
GH-FSRP PHASE 2-376440-CS- QCBS	LOT 1	Engagement of NGO to support the implementation of Integrated Land Management (ILM) activities under FSRP intervention areas - Target Area 1- Eastern Region, Greater Accra Region, Volta Region and Central Region
GH-FSRP PHASE 2-376443-CS- QCBS	LOT 2	Engagement of NGO to support the implementation of Integrated Land Management (ILM) activities under FSRP intervention areas – Target Area 2 - Northern Region, North-East Region and Upper East Region
GH-FSRP PHASE 2-376430-CS- QCBS	LOT 3	Engagement of NGO to support the implementation of Integrated Land Management (ILM) activities under FSRP intervention areas – Target Area 3- Ashanti Region, Bono Region and Bono East Region

The *Government of Ghana* has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *West Africa Food System Resilience Project (FSRP)* and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include obtaining the services of an NGO or Consortium of NGOs to partner with relevant decentralised local government staff and stakeholders to set up and operationalise participatory ILM planning processes in the identified landscapes in **Target Areas indicated in Table 1 below.**

The development objective of the FSRP is to increase preparedness against food insecurity and improve the resilience of food systems in Ghana. The FSRP is organized around five (5) core distinct but interrelated components to help achieve the objectives of the project. The project components include:

- Component 1: Digital Advisory Services for Agriculture and Food Crisis Prevention and Management
- Component 2: Sustainability and Adaptive Capacity of the Food System’s Productive Base
- Component 3: Regional Food Market Integration and Trade
- Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component – CERC

- Component 5: Project Management

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA) is the government agency responsible for the implementation of the project.

The FSRP Component 2 has two (2) sub-components namely;

- Sub-component 2.1: Consolidate the Regional Agriculture Innovation Systems Sub-component
- Sub-component 2.2: Strengthen Regional Food Security through Integrated Landscape Management

Sub-component 2.2 will finance investments combining natural resource management with environmental and livelihood activities using an Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) approach. It seeks to contribute to improved food security for rural households and build their resilience to climate variability by supporting ILM as a long-term collaborative process.

The Assignment shall be conducted by the recruited NGO or Consortium of NGOs, also called Local Partner Institutions (LPIs), working in close collaboration with the relevant decentralised government agencies such as District Agriculture Departments (DADs), physical planning unit, the Land Use and Spatial Planning Authority (LUSPA), Forest Services and Wild Life Divisions of the Forest Commission, among others, in addition to other national regulatory bodies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Water Resource Commission (WRC), etc in selected Target Area and Production bases as indicated in **Table 1 below**.

Table 1: Packaging of Assignment, Production Bases/ Target Areas, Regions and respective Priority Commodities

Lot	Target Areas/ Production Bases	Regions	No. of Districts	Priority Commodities	Community Investments Projects identified during project preparation
1	Target Area 1 – Southern Belt (Lower Volta Basin)	Greater Accra, Eastern, Volta and Central	14	Rice & Poultry	4 Irrigation Schemes – Kpong Irrigation (4,000 ha), Kpong Left Bank Irrigation 3,300 ha), Weta (880 ha) and Dawhenya Irrigation (200 ha) schemes
2	Target Area 2 - Northern Belt (White/ Red Volta Basin)	Upper East, Northern and North East	17	Rice, Maize & Soyabean	2 Irrigation Schemes - Tono and Vea Irrigation Schemes (2,460 ha and 880 ha respectively)
3	Target Area 3 – Middle Belt	Ashanti, Bono and Bono East	25	Rice, Maize & Poultry	20 Inland Valley sites (7,000 ha; 1 Irrigation Scheme - Tanoso Irrigation Scheme (100 ha)

As shown in Table 1 above, the Assignment has been packaged into 3 Lots, in line with the 3 Target Areas/ Production Bases selected. **NGO or Consortium of NGOs may submit separate proposals for more than one (1) Lot.**

The Assignment is expected to commence by the **1st week of August 2024**. The duration of the contract shall be for two (2) years, renewable annually.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

The Project Coordinator

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Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA)
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The *Ministry of Food and Agriculture through FSRP* now invites eligible *Non-Governmental Organizations or a Consortium of NGOs* to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested NGOs should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

Criteria

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- a. Core business – including involvement in and demonstrable knowledge of developmental issues and needs, governance issues, agriculture and agribusiness at the Metropolitan/ Municipal/ District/ Community Levels; use of participatory and inclusive approaches for developmental work; group mobilisation/ group animation at community/ district/ municipal and metropolitan level; as well as should be duly registered.
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- b. Years in NGO business – at least seven (7) years
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- c. Relevant Experience in a similar environment/ condition
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- d. Technical and managerial capability of the NGO (*including* Organisational set-up and staffing)

NB: Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested *Non-Governmental Organizations or Consortium of NGOs* is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” *September 2023, 5th edition*, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Non-Governmental Organizations or a Consortium of NGOs may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Non-Governmental Organization or a Consortium of NGOs will be selected in accordance with the *Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS)* method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours *0900 to 1700 hours GMT*.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by *10.30 hours GMT, 28th June 2024*.

The Project Coordinator,

West Africa Food System Resilience Project

Ministry of Food and Agriculture,

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