



**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Office of Evaluation (OED)**

**Call for expressions of interest (EOIs) – Team Leader and member for
the Mid-Term Evaluation of the “Australia Balochistan Agribusiness
Program”**

Date of EOI: 13/10/2015

Closing date of EOI: 25/10/2015

The FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from qualified individuals for the provision of services to complete the independent mid-term evaluation of the “*Australian Assistance to Agricultural Development in Balochistan Border*”. The full TOR will be provided to those shortlisted for the assignment.

Background

The Australia Balochistan Agribusiness Programme (AUSABBA) started in August 2012 and is implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The AUSABBA project is implemented over 48 months with a budget of 12.6 million dollars. The AusABBA programme’s goal is to make a significant contribution to the reduction of poverty and economic inequalities for some 175,000 impoverished people from the Western border districts of Chagai, Kech, Kharan, Nushki, Panjgur and Washuk, through sustainable agriculture development.

The outputs of the AUSABBA Project are:

1. Improved enabling environment for the development of provincial agricultural policies and regulatory frameworks, market-led and community-driven investments, strategies and processes, and women’s empowerment in agricultural development.
2. Increased crop and livestock productivity and value of agricultural products produced in the project districts, through improved technological innovation and management practices and improved community-based water management practices in project-assisted communities and their value chains.
3. Small local agribusiness enterprises established and market linkages strengthened for target poor communities of the project districts to increase sales of their surplus produce and improve competitiveness and sustainability of their value chains.

In summary the programme aims to promote sustainable development among marginal and small-scale producers as well as food traders and exporters, to reduce poverty and address economic inequalities, through community development, technology transfer and value chain development. The five major components of the project are: Community Development, Water Resources Management, Crop Productivity, Livestock Productivity and Marketing.

Purpose, objective and scope of the evaluation

This evaluation is the mid-term evaluation of the AUSABBA project. The objective of this evaluation is to assess the progress made in achieving project expected outcomes and identify areas of improvement. The evaluation will enable to better understand the implementation process of the project and inform its future implementation.

The time frame covered by this mid-term evaluation spans from the beginning of the project's implementation in September 2012 to the start of the evaluation process (November 2015).

Duration of the evaluation process

The evaluation will take place from **November 2015 to January 2016**, covering project activities carried out in the Balochistan region with tentative field missions to 2 of the 6 districts in which the project is implemented.

Desired team profile

The Evaluation Team will be comprised of international, regional and national experts (2 to 3 people), with an appropriate balance of relevant technical expertise and experience in evaluation.

The team will have the following expertise:

- Agriculture and Rural Development,
- Agribusiness and Value Chains
- Institutional /Governance related issues
- Gender
- Project/programme management

Team Leader

- Postgraduate degree in relevant disciplines (Agronomy, Sociology or related disciplines)
- At least 10 years of professional experience
- Proven experience in leading evaluations
- Excellent communication skills (both written and oral) in English
- Knowledge of the regional context and FAO would be an asset

Team Members

- Postgraduate degree in relevant disciplines (Agronomy, Sociology or related disciplines)
- At least 8 years of professional experience
- Excellent communication skills (both written and oral) in English.
- Knowledge of Pakistan, and particularly Balochistan
- Evaluation skills are an asset

Individual Terms of reference will be developed.

The evaluation will be guided by FAO Office of Evaluation, OED. The Evaluation Team is responsible for conducting the evaluation and applying the methodology. The team will participate in briefing and debriefing, discussions, field visits, and will contribute to the evaluation with written inputs.

Application process:

Interested candidates should send their application by **25 October 2015**, to the email addresses: Ahmedou.OuldAbdallahi@fao.org and Elena.Dibiasio@fao.org . Please specify "*Evaluation of AUSABBA project*" in the email subject line. Applications should include a detailed Curriculum Vita.

As a standard practice in OED evaluations, the consultant should not have been involved in the design or implementation of FAO activities being assessed by the evaluation and will be required to sign a conflict of interest declaration. The selected candidates will be requested to complete their online profile in the FAO iRecruitment platform: <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>. Successful candidates will be offered individual consultant contracts which will entitle them to an honorarium, daily subsistence allowance while on mission out of their home-base, and insurance while on mission. All travel will be organized by the Office of Evaluation.