



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

DFID Zimbabwe Livelihoods and Food Security Programme (LFSP)
Agricultural Productivity and Nutrition (APN) Component

Terms of Reference

International Evaluation and Knowledge Generation Consultant
11 months, based in Harare, Zimbabwe

Duties and Responsibilities

The United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) is supporting the Zimbabwe Livelihoods and Food Security Programme (LFSP), which aims to contribute to poverty reduction through increased incomes. Targeting smallholder men and women farmers, the LFSP will address constraints to productivity, market participation and the supply and demand of nutritious foods. Under the LFSP, FAO is implementing the Agricultural Productivity and Nutrition (APN) component, which is the cornerstone of the LFSP and aims to improve food, nutrition and income security among target smallholder farm households. This will be achieved primarily by working with Implementing Partners (IP) through the LFSP Agricultural Development Fund (ADF) managed by FAO under the APN. The APN will also generate and communicate evidence to influence policy and public/private sector investments.

Working under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative in Zimbabwe, the direct supervision of the LFSP/APN Project Coordinator, and in close collaboration with relevant FAO technical and support staff (including the From Protection to Production team), donors, implementing partners and government, the Consultant is responsible for the further elaboration, successful implementation, monitoring and evaluation of LFSP APN activities related to impact evaluation and knowledge generation. In reference to this component, the incumbent will in particular:

- Design the LFSP-APN impact evaluation strategy, given the content and planned implementation of the Zimbabwe LFSP in general and the APN in particular using a mixed methods approach, including rigorous quantitative impact evaluation to establish causality (experimental or non-experimental design), qualitative methods, and general equilibrium approaches. Finalize work on key outcome indicator methodologies and determine data collection needs (household and business surveys, community surveys, qualitative field work).
- Provide guidance and technical assistance in contracting of firm/institution that will carry out the different components of the impact evaluation.
- Supervise timely implementation of the evaluation strategy including implementation of baseline household and other surveys and qualitative field work including developing survey instruments, sample frame, field procedure plans and field reports; supervise piloting, enumerator training, field work, data input and data quality procedures and reporting.
- Coordinate implementation of the impact evaluation strategy with other components of overall LFSP.
- Identify other opportunities and needs for knowledge generation, develop appropriate proposals, and facilitate the implementation of activities.
- Provide technical advice and support to the project team, FAO consultants, implementing and strategic partners, as required in order to ensure high technical standards and quality of all outputs and ensure their contribution towards achieving the LFSP/APN results.
- Provide global and regional linkages and ensure knowledge sharing of experiences in the field, as well as linkages with relevant stakeholders.
- Identify and consolidate lessons learned and best practices in support of impact evaluation and knowledge generation.
- Perform other related duties, including the direct implementation of some technical activities, as required.

Minimum Requirements (*Candidates will meet the following criteria*)

- Advanced university degree in statistics, agricultural extension, quantitative methods or related field.
- At least 5 years of relevant field experience preferably in Africa supporting impact evaluation and knowledge generation using a variety of methods and tools, including both quantitative and qualitative.
- Excellent English, communication, facilitation and computer skills.

Selection Criteria (*Candidates will be assessed against the following criteria*)

- Relevance and scope of experience in impact evaluation and knowledge generation using a variety of methods and tools, including both quantitative and qualitative.
- Previous experience working in Africa with national and local governments, donors, private sector and NGOs.
- Demonstrated experience developing an impact evaluation strategy and designing and leading field evaluations for large and complex development initiatives, particularly related to livelihoods and food security.

Begins: As soon as possible

If interested please send cover letter and curriculum vitae to: PToP-Team@fao.org by May 19th 2014.