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Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Project: Capacity Development for the Strengthening of Drought Resilience of the pastoral and agro-pastoral population in the Ethiopian arid and semi-arid lands (CDSDR II-SR)

Task: Baseline study analysing the context of implementation of the project regarding project indicators

Time frame: 25/01/2021 – 25/03/2021

Project number/cost centre: 17.2150.5-003.00

1. Context and background

Pastoral and agro-pastoral livelihood systems in the lowlands of Ethiopia (Afar & Somali Region) are among the most defenceless to the diverse impacts of climate change and natural disasters. Over the past decades, their livelihood systems were hammered by repeated severe drought, extreme scarcity of food, and epidemics. This has led to extensive food insecurity and malnutrition. Furthermore, human activities, non-suitable agricultural practices, overgrazing and other factors influenced significantly the soil fertility and structure.

The programme **"Strengthening Drought Resilience in Pastoral and Agro-pastoral Areas of Ethiopia" (SDR)** acts as a support to the Ethiopian Government. The programme is implemented jointly by the Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture, their respective decentralised bureaus and the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) GmbH, commissioned by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The SDR programme aims at strengthening the capacities of communities and responsible institutions in the Afar and Somali Region to implement drought resilience measures within a legal, political and institutional framework reflecting the concerns of pastoralists and agro-pastoralists. It has been designed to respond to the needs and priorities of (agro-)pastoralists in the Afar and Somali region and to their key problems in the management of the natural resources. The measures are focusing on the adaptation of Natural Resource Management to the local situation by pilot-interventions at community level, the improvement of livelihoods based on income generating activities and the development of capacities of major stakeholders at village, community, regional and national level.

There is a huge potential in the Ethiopian lowlands to improve the livelihood-systems by the rehabilitation of degraded dry valleys. Within the SDR-programme, a key technological innovation for the rehabilitation of dry valleys are water-spreading weirs (WSW) distributing flash floods to adjacent plains. Physical land rehabilitation measures are accompanied by vegetative measures to prevent soil erosion, such as introduction of robust grasses, shrubs or trees.

Under the umbrella of the SDR programme, the project in the Somali region - ***Capacity Development for the Strengthening of Drought Resilience of the pastoral and agro-pastoral population in Somali Region*** **(CDSDR II-SR)** – co-financed by Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) – is looking into systemic capacity development with partner structures and systems. CDSDR-SR II is strengthening capacities at regional level, creating a conducive environment for dry valley rehabilitation in semi-arid areas of Ethiopia. In addition, through an action-research based approach, sustainable models of using the sites under rehabilitation are developed.

2. Objectives of the assignment

The objective of this consultancy is to conduct a baseline study in the project intervention zones in Somali region analyzing the context of implementation of the project regarding the following project indicators:

2.1 Analysis of relevant regional strategies and policies regarding agro-pastoralism, agricultural production, drought resilience and watershed management in Somali Region (Outcome Indicator 2.1).

2.2 Analysis of the spatial and social context of project intervention sites and definition of target numbers of related Outcome Indicators 1.1 and 1.2

2.3 Evaluation of possibilities of Integration of Internal displaced Persons (IDP) in the project approach (Output Indicator 1.3)

3. Methodology

The designed consultant will participate in a mandatory briefing session (via MS Teams or real life) to understand and get familiar with the project and its indicators. He/She presents his methodology to the project team and will adapt it according to eventual observations made by the program – and/or project manager.

The consultant receives the relevant project documents by CDSDR-SR and will be introduced into the subjects by the program manager and project manager. Furthermore, he/she will be introduced to the relevant regional institutions by the regional program manager.

Relevant documents on relevant strategies, policies and programs etc. are to be researched and collected independently by the consultant.

Introduction in the actual intervention zone of the project and field contacts will be facilitated by CDSDR-SR project staff.

The consultant conducts semi-structured interviews on local level. In case the consultant does not speak the Somali language he/she has to provide a translator.

For physical appreciation of spatial outreach of the positive impact of DVRPU measures, the consultant may consult technicians of the project and technicians of the partners.

4. Tasks to be performed by the contractor

4.1 Analysis of relevant strategies and policies regarding (agro-)pastoralism, agricultural production, drought resilience and watershed management in Somali Region and on level Woredas South and North in regard to Outcome Indicator 2.1: *BoANRD and BoLPD and 2 of 4 target Woredas covering X/Y male/female led households in Somali Region integrate gender-sensitive technical, economic and organisational aspects of the DVR concept into their respective drought resilience strategy papers.*

- Assess the relevant strategies, policies and programs focusing on strengthening drought resilience for the pastoral and agro-pastoral population in the Somali region.
- Identify and describe local policies regarding watershed management, land and access rights which may be approved or developed integrating gender-sensitive technical, economic and organisational aspects of DVR.

4.2 Analysis of the spatial and social context of intervention sites and definition of target numbers of indicators 1.1 and 1.2:

- Estimation of the spatial outreach of significant positive effects of Dry Valley Rehabilitation (DVR) measures as promoted by the project in 4 typical Dry valleys or or intervention areas to be indicated by the project (2 in surroundings of Jijiga, 1 in Erer and 1 in Shinile Woreda).
- Description and assessment of land use and access rights in the areas affected by expected significant positive impact of DVR concerning agricultural, horticultural and pastoral use. Especially how access to agricultural and horticultural usable land is defined.
- Description of family structures and households having access to areas with expected positive impact of DVR, including typical household size and composition.
- Description of typical income sources of women and youth in households.
- Estimation of number of households concerned by direct positive impact of the DVR measures as promoted by the project in the 4 dry valleys or intervention areas to be studied.
- Proposition of number of male/female led households to be included in the elaboration of 2 user agreements for DVR to be supported by the project around Jijiga in 2021 to specify target numbers (X/Y) of Outcome Indicator 1.1: *2 user agreements or signed protocols for Dry Valley Rehabilitation (DVR) sites between the woreda level and the communities, involving X/Y male/female led households include details on gender-sensitive livelihood improvement measures and financial and organisational arrangements for maintenance of NRM structures while 1 of these also contain arrangements for the collective use of rehabilitated natural resources.*
- Proposition of the target numbers (X/Y) of the Output Indicator 1.2: *In 2 DVR sites at least XX Women and YY Youth generate additional income through newly developed livelihood options based on rehabilitated land and thus contribute to their household income*.

4.3 Evaluation of possibilities of Integration of Internal displaced Persons (IDP) in the project approach. Relevant to Output indicator 1.3: *Line bureaus (BoANR & BoLPD) in the SNRS are enabled for informed policy decisions on DVR implementation integrating IDPs that integrate into host communities under the guidelines and operational concept of the DSWG.*

- Description of applied strategies and approaches for integration of IDPs in host communities and livelihood options in Somali region.
- Assessment of possibilities of Integration of IDPs in the Dry Valley Rehabilitation and Productive Use approach.

5. Expertise and Qualifications required

Professional qualification

- Master's degree in rural development, economics, sociology, agriculture or similar area

Professional experience

- At least 6 years' experience in rural development, especially agricultural and agro-pastoral production systems
- At least 4 years' experience with land tenure rights, access to land and related issues including customary rights – if possible in Somali Region
- Proven knowledge of elaborating baseline studies in pastoral / agro-pastoral context

Other knowledge, additional competencies

- Understanding of traditional rural social structures in Somali region is an advantage
- Excellent skills in speaking and writing in English. Somali language is an advantage
- Experience with GIZ projects is an asset
- Computer skills in software application MS-Office.

6. Deliverables/Reporting

- A report is to be submitted that provides:
  - A short description of the methodology, process of the consultancy and activities accomplished
  - All relevant information and propositions for the indicators as described under objective (2.) and tasks (4)
  - List of persons met and interviewed
  - List of documents, strategies and policies used
- The provisional report is to be submitted latest 18.03.2021
- The final report is to be submitted latest 5 days after the consultant received comments, observations and improvements demanded by the CDSDR-SR project

7. Period

The consultancy will take place in the period of 25/01/2021 – 25/03/2021in up to 35 days.

8. Costing requirements

Assignment of personnel

Expert:	Assignment in Somali Region:	up to 30 days
	Assignment in home office:	up to 5 days
Translator (if needed):	Assignment in Somali Region:	up to 20 days

Travel

The bidder is required to calculate the travel and to list the expenses separately by daily allowance, accommodation costs, flight costs and other travel expenses. This should include

Transport in Jijiga (and eventually in Addis for briefing)

Expert: 1 domestic return flight to Jijiga for the expert.

Exact dates will be given with the final schedule during the briefing (please note that trips might be canceled / added with the development of the tasks and the project requirements).

Other costs

Transport in Jijiga (and eventually in Addis for briefing) and transport in the field will be provided by the consultant

Vehicle rent for field operations: up to 20 days

Please note:

In case of a travel warning for single Ethiopian regions, it must be clarified with the responsible for the project (project manager) at least 3 days before departure whether the journey can be commenced.

Workshops

The contractor implements the following workshops:

- Inception workshop with relevant parties
- Debriefing workshop with relevant parties

The workshop will take place at the project office in Jijiga and is organised and financed by GIZ.

9. Technical concept

In the bid, the bidder is required to show how the objectives are to be achieved under consideration of further specific method-related requirements (technical-methodological concept).

Strategy: The bidder is required to consider the tasks to be performed with regard to the objectives of the tendered services. Following this, the bidder presents and justifies the strategy by which he/she intends to provide the services for which he/she is responsible.

The bidder is required to present the actors relevant for the services for which he/she is responsible and to describe the cooperation with them and how he/she will approach them.

The bidder is required to describe the key processes for the services for which he/she is responsible and to create a schedule that describes how the services are to be provided.

<u>The complete bid shall not exceed 2 pages</u> (excluding CV). The CV shall not exceed 3 pages. The CV must clearly show the position and job the proposed person held in the reference project and for how long. If one of the maximum page lengths is exceeded, the content appearing after the cut-off point will not be included in the assessment.

Please calculate your price bid based exactly on the aforementioned costing requirements. In the contract the contractor has no claim to fully exhaust the days/travel/workshops/ budgets. The number of days/travel/workshops and the budget amount shall be agreed in the contract as ‘up to’ amounts. The specifications for pricing are defined in the price schedule.