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PROGRAM TO BUILD RESILIENCE FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA (HOA) REGION

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM CONSULTING SERVICES TO CARRY OUT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE PROGRAM TO BUILD RESILIENCE FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA (HOA) REGION

Sectors: *Social, Economic, Environment*

1. The IGAD Secretariat has received funding from the African Development Fund (ADF) to cover the cost of the second phase of the 'Drought Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods Program (DRSLP)', hereinafter referred as the 'Program to Build Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security in the Horn of Africa (HOA) referred as the 'HOA Program'. The Secretariat has decided to allocate a portion of the funds to finance a contract for consultancy services to undertake a feasibility study of the HOA Program.

2. A summary of the services to be provided under the contract include the following:

- Consult and hold discussions with relevant ministerial departments and agencies, and civil society organizations on the criteria for selecting areas of intervention;
- Propose intervention areas based on the IDDRSI Country Programming Papers, Regional Programming Paper, identifying the resilience priorities of the countries; and the land degradation "hotspots", as identified in the Land Degradation Neutrality (NDT) process;
- Conduct an economic and financial analysis of the program at country and regional level;
- Identify the promising priority sectors by country that will be supported throughout the value chains of targeted outputs;
- Validate activities for the country in consultation with all major stakeholders; estimate their costs and assess their technical and economic feasibility, including identification of risks and mitigation measures;
- Identify beneficiary capacity building activities;
- Identify and propose actions to promote gender and social inclusion;
- Identify the communication actions to be used both at national and regional levels in connection with the proposed actions;
- Exchange with stakeholders and beneficiaries on strategies for implementing program activities at national and regional levels, reflecting the role of municipalities, civil society and beneficiaries;
- Develop a logical framework for the project, based on results-based management (RBM);
- Identify the priority actions and the implementation modalities of the program;
- Develop a program cost table for each country component and for the overall program by component;
- Evaluate the sustainability of the program's actions and propose measures appropriate for enhancing sustainability;
- Develop a provisional timetable for the implementation of each activity component, each country component and for the whole program;
- Propose the institutional scheme of implementation, the operational mechanism and the partnerships to be fostered;
- Develop a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment Study (SESA) of the program;

- Prepare a project preparation report for the component of each IGAD member country as well as the regional component, including the description, location, quantities and costs of the proposed activities, a provisional schedule for carrying out the activities, and the approach of their implementation, taking into account experiences gained from the DRSLP project;
- Prepare a project preparation report at the regional level, ensuring coherence with the IDDRSI Platform and its related resilience enhancing initiatives, including; the Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Resilience Programme (RPLRP), the Initiative for Cross-border Cooperation in the Implementation of IDDRSI, the Support for Effective Cooperation and Coordination of Cross-Border Initiatives (SECCCI) in 7 cross-border areas, namely; Mendera, Omo-Turkana, Mayle-Marsabit, Benshangul-Gumuz, Karamoja, Dikhil and Blue Nile State; as well as the African Development Bank's "Feed Africa" strategy.

3. The duration of this assignment is six (6) months. The assignment must be conducted by a consulting firm with evidence of not less than 10 years of national, regional or international experience in similar services.

4. The IGAD Secretariat now invites eligible consultancy firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described above. Interested Consultancy Firms must provide information on their ability and experience, demonstrating that they are qualified to provide the services (web-linked documentation, reference of similar services, experience in comparable assignments, availability of appropriately qualified personnel, etc.). Individual consultants can partner with Consultancy Firms to increase their chances of selection. References of similar services must show for each assignment (i) the title of the assignment, (ii) the name, address and contacts of the client, (iii) the year(s) of implementation including start dates and end of mission, (iv) contract amount, (v) list of key experts who completed the assignment.

5. The eligibility criteria, the shortlisting and the selection procedure will be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants", May 2008 edition, revised in July 2012, which are available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>

6. Interested Consultancy Firms may obtain additional information at the address mentioned below during the referred office hours:

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Opening hours: 8 am to 4 pm (East African Standard Time).

7. Expressions of interest must be submitted at the address below, latest by Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 4 pm (East African Standard Time) and expressly mention: "**Expressions of interest for the recruitment of a Consultancy Firm to carry out a feasibility study on the Program to Build Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security in the Horn of Africa (HOA)**"; and marked:

For the attention of:
H.E. Amb. Eng. Mahboub M. Maalim
Executive Secretary
IGAD Secretariat.