

OXFAM GB (OGB)

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SHORT TERM CONSULTANCY ON EMERGENCY FOOD SECURITY AND RESILIENCE LIVELIHOODS.

LENGTH: 40 WORKING DAYS

BACKGROUND

Oxfam GB (OGB) is a part of Oxfam International (OI), which is a worldwide confederation of 18 organizations working for change and development. OI's vision is a just world without poverty. Oxfam works in response to humanitarian need in more than 120 countries. A simple and inescapable truth underlines everything we do at Oxfam: there's enough wealth in this world to go around. It's unfortunate that people live in poverty. It's unjustifiable. It's not just their problem. It's ours too. And with the right support, we can beat poverty and injustice.

Driven by that belief, Oxfam began operations in Nigeria in 1965 and since then has been working to save lives by providing humanitarian response, builds sustainable livelihoods, transforms attitudes about women's rights and promotes more active citizens, and a more accountable state and private sector adopting a rights based approach.

OGB is currently implementing several donor funded Food Security and Resilience Livelihoods projects (1) The PROACT project (Adamawa and Kebbi) has an overall objective of improving the food security, nutrition and resilience of vulnerable households in disaster and conflict affected communities in Kebbi and Adamawa States of northern Nigeria, it is working with the private sector to increasing food reserves through supporting farmers' access to agriculture inputs and technologies: and enhancing the purchasing power of vulnerable HHs through integrating cash transfer into agriculture production support. It also seeks to improve the wellbeing of communities and households (HHs) through by focusing on developing resilient livelihoods through integration of humanitarian relief, socio-economic development, and empowerment advocacy as well as improving social protection/safety nets and strengthen market systems. (2) VSLA community organizing project in the middle belt (Benue, Nassarawa and Plateau) deliberately seeks to build the resilience of communities through provision of financial services, insurance, influencing through "advocacy for pro-poor policies from the capacity they acquire as a result of the structured training methodology of their savings groups. (3) The GROW campaign (covering the whole Nation) with emphasis on budget tracking, climate and agriculture

finance and Female Food Hero that has made gender the cornerstone of the implementation strategy where women's resilience is recognized and celebrated.

In addition to the ongoing programs, OGB expects to open new offices in Borno and Taraba states with new programs in resilient livelihoods where the organisation seeks to link recovery and rehabilitation to development

Oxfam in Nigeria is currently going to a transition into one Oxfam. Because of this transition process and the commitment with her relevant stakeholders, OGB requires a consultant on a short term basis to provide specialised technical support in the area of weather index insurance as well as being the technical agricultural lead on the new resilient livelihood program development in Borno and Taraba States.

Given the short timeframe available to deliver, there is a need to hire a high level consultant with prior experience working in Nigeria who has a sound understanding of the local context in Adamawa, Kebbi, Borno and Taraba States and who is able to hit the ground running multitasking both on program development, proposal writing and specialised skills ie, on weather index insurance.

Overall objective of the consultancy

Lead the charge in proposal writing for targeted donors especially the European Union and Gates Foundation.

Develop a weather index insurance in a bid to de-risk investment in agriculture and make it more attractive for farmers and investors

Specific deliverables

Within 40 days consultancy, the consultant is expected to accomplish the following:

(a) Package 2 proposals for both multilateral donor and Foundations.

(i) PROBUILD Borno full proposal. The project will increase access to basic needs and strengthen resilience in communities affected by the insurgence through social protection, creation of employment , and the promotion of livelihood opportunities (with a special focus on women, youth and vulnerable households) The project has four results: (1) Social protection systems and safety nets for conflict affected people, in particular women and youth, established or improved (2) Households return to places of origin or resettlements accompanied and (re)integration in communities

facilitated: (3) Employment opportunities created, in particular for women and youth, in areas such as afforestation, waste and debris management and urban renewal: (4) Vocational training provided and skills of displaced people developed with the aim of generating revenue, setting up small businesses and facilitating the (re)integration within local communities

(ii) Market access and participation of small scale farmers in agricultural value chain in Taraba State. The project will grow a resilient commodity value chain and rural enterprise that benefit small-scale farmers in Taraba state, Nigeria. The Action is to fast track agricultural productivity, promote access to market, increase income and improve socioeconomic stability in selected communities the State. The project has four results: (1) Vulnerable small scale crop, fish producing and cattle grazing households increase their productivity through access to new production methods and improved extension services; (2) Vulnerable farmers and micro agro entrepreneurs in local communities have improved access to existing and virtual market opportunities: (3) Local governance of natural resources is improved through community-led natural resources management, participative planning and effective political dialogue: (4) Government agricultural policies and programs are responsive to the needs and priorities of farmers and value chain actors

(II) 2 concept notes for consolidating the Village Savings and Loans Project in Benue, Nassarawa and Plateau

(III) In collaboration with Oxfam Nigeria, develop the Weather Index Insurance for PROACT project in Adamawa and Kebbi

SKILLS AND COMPETENCE:

- Excellent analytical and critical thinking ability, with a Bachelor degree in agriculture, food security, climate change or a related field of study with 8-10 years of field experience in food security, agriculture, and resilient livelihoods, including experience in emergency response and recovery following natural disaster; and social protection/safety nets.
- Sound theoretical and practical understanding of both, disaster risk reduction, adaptation to climate change and sustainable natural resource management, including multiple approaches that involve mitigation, adaptation, restoration, risk reduction, vulnerability reduction, livelihoods and sustainability.
- Substantial experience of working in DRR/CCA/vulnerability areas
- Ability to design, implement and report on food security emergency programmes.

- Proven ability, and preferably experience in working in areas of chronic poverty and inequality; preferably in Northern Nigeria
- Experience of evaluating the impact of livelihoods interventions and of the analytical principles that structure household economic analysis and sustainable livelihoods.
- Proven ability of understanding and applying issues related to gender and women's rights in a development context.
- Proven ability, and preferably experience at supporting and influencing others through advisory roles, with multi-cultural teams.
- A high degree of self-motivation, an ability to work towards institutional goals, and proven examples of delivery of tasks while operating under pressure.
- Well-connected within a network of professionals working on food security, adaptability and development issues.
- Experience in working with and building capacity of civil society groups, including community based or established NGO's
- Knowledge of Information Technology and ability to use such in programming and learning.

Action points:

Oxfam has opened up this consultancy to a limited number of consultants with in-depth knowledge of the Nigeria context and resilient livelihoods work in Nigeria. You are expected to submit by **February 28th 2017** a cost proposal with a clear methodology on how to deliver on expectations to: oxfamgbnigeria@oxfam.org.uk. **Decision will be reached by March 3rd 2017** and the successful candidate will be contacted. Work will commence **on March 6th 2017 at 08:30 am at Oxfam Abuja Office**. If by **March 3rd**, you have not heard from Oxfam GB, you have probably not made it to the final stage this time around.