REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

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Title of Assignment: Consultancy Services for CAPI - Survey Solutions in Agricultural Statistics.

Brief description of the Assignment: The assignment involves building country capacity in the use of CAPI using mobile devices called Survey Solutions (SuSo), in addition to any other newly developed cost-effective method.

National Agricultural Statistical Systems (NASS) and data are in a sorry state in many African countries – the systems are weak, uncoordinated, poorly resourced, and essentially unsustainable. Moreover, their outputs are wanting in terms of quantity, quality, and dissemination. The situation has been exacerbated by new data requirements to inform policy on emerging development issues such as food production vs. biofuels, global warming, environment, and food security.

In response to meeting these challenges in developing countries, newly cost-effective methods for producing agricultural statistics (including the use of Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing - CAPI-) have been developed, and AfDB is providing Technical Assistance (TA) to African countries for applying those methods.

Department/Division issuing the request: ECST.2

Place of assignment: Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

Duration of the assignment: 6 months, renewable

Tentative Date of commencement: February 01, 2019

Detailed Terms of reference for the assignment: See Terms of Reference listed below

Deadline for applications: January 18, 2019

The Statistics Department of the African Development Bank invites Individual Consultants to indicate interest in the above assignment. The interested individuals shall provide information in writing on their qualifications and experience, describing their ability to undertake the assignment.

Applications to be submitted to: Ms. Fatema DEME (F.Deme@afdb.org) and Ms. Nejma LAZLEM (L.Nejma@afdb.org); with cc to: Mr. Ben Paul MUNGYEREZA (B.Mungyereza@afdb.org), and Mr. Vincent NGENDAKUMANA (V.Ngendakumana@afdb.org).

Any questions and requests for clarifications may be sent to: Mr. Vincent NGENDAKUMANA (v.ngendakumana@afdb.org).

Expression of interest must be received no later than January 18, 2019 at 17:00 hours Abidjan local time, and specifically mentioning: Consultancy Services for CAPI-**Survey Solutions in Agricultural Statistics.**

Terms of Reference for Consultancy Services for CAPI - Survey Solutions in Agricultural Statistics

1. Background

Agriculture is Africa´s backbone, and it holds great promise for future growth and job creation. It employs 65-70% of the African workforce. It contributes substantially (about a third) to the continent´s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and as such is the key to economic growth, increased incomes, improved living standards, poverty eradication, and enhanced food security. Promoting agriculture is therefore one of the most effective ways to contributing to alleviating poverty.

Agriculture in Africa faces many challenges including (i) internal infrastructure deficiencies prevent Africa from realizing its full agricultural and food security potential; (ii) inadequate energy supply constraining productivity and processing and storage of produce; (iii) very low connectivity density in paved road and rail network contributing to high postharvest losses and lack of access to markets; and (iv) difficult adaptation to climate change mainly due to the continent's limited capacity and technology.

In October 2015, the Bank developed a strategy for long-term agricultural transformation in Africa, entitled "Agricultural Transformation Agenda (ATA)" and known as "Feeding Africa" initiative, in order to map out how to unlock Africa's agricultural potential and boost job creation in view of diversifying economies. As such, ATA supports the realization of key SDGs through the development of an inclusive and competitive African agribusiness sector. Underpinning this vision the ATA are four specific goals: (i) contribute to the end of poverty; (ii) end hunger and malnutrition; (iii) make Africa a net food exporter; and (iv) move Africa to the top of export-orientated value chains where it has comparative advantage.

The importance of the agricultural sector in Africa and the challenges it is facing demand that its planning, management, and monitoring be based on sound evidence. This, in turn, requires the sustained availability of comprehensive, reliable, up-to-date, and consistent statistical data. In addition, these data need to be in a form that renders them intelligible and accessible for a variety of users.

Unfortunately, agricultural statistical systems and data are in a sorry state in many African countries – the systems are weak, uncoordinated, poorly resourced, and essentially unsustainable. Moreover, their outputs are wanting in terms of quantity, quality, and dissemination. The situation has been exacerbated by new data requirements to inform policy on emerging development issues such as food production vs. biofuels, global warming, environment, and food security.

In response to meeting these challenges in developing countries, newly cost-effective methods for producing agricultural statistics, including the use of Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) have been developed, and AfDB is providing TA to African countries for absorbing those methods.

The Bank requires the services of an international consultant to help building country capacity in the use of CAPI using mobile devices called Survey Solutions (SuSo), in addition to any other newly developed cost-effective method.

2. Tasks of the Consultant

Under the overall direction of the Manager of Statistical Capacity Building Division (ECST.2), and direct technical supervision of the Principal Agricultural Statistician, the consultant will provide technical assistance to countries in the use of CAPI-SuSo and any other newly developed cost-effective method.

The specific tasks will include the following:

➢ Developing and/or adapting to Africa context training materials on the CAPI-SuSo for agricultural statistics;

➢ Determining the actual specific CAPI Survey Solutions needs for agricultural statistics of countries and generating a technical assistance delivery model/strategy.

➢ Providing regional and national trainings on the use of CAPI Survey Solutions for agricultural statistics: Design, Data Collection, Validation and Analysis for a group of national experts from concerned countries and RECs;

➢ Providing bilateral Technical Assistance (TA) to address the identified specific needs of countries and advice on the hardware and software to acquire, and that, in line with the developed technical assistance delivery model/strategy on CAPI; and

➢ Undertake any other activity as requested by the Management.

3. Selection Criteria

Skills Required

➢ Proven professional competence and experience in designing and undertaking agricultural surveys in Africa, in general, and use of CAPI in particular. The candidate must be competent in network management, and in the development and strengthening of Agricultural Statistical Systems in Africa; possess sound analytical and problem-solving skills, and a proven experience in providing agricultural statistical support to African countries; and, good skills for planning and organization of own work and meeting deadlines;

➢ Ease of working in a collaborative style and with good interpersonal skills;

➢ Openness to sharing information and keeping people informed; strong communications skills, both oral and written, especially ability to draft/edit a variety of written reports and studies in a clear, concise style.

➢ Ability to interpret and relate statistical data to socioeconomic developments;

➢ Sound experience and competence in the use of standard soft-wares; and,

➢ Ability to write reports, make presentations complete tasks on a timely basis.

Qualifications

The candidate must possess at least a Master's degree in Statistics and/or economics, with a very good quantitative statistical and IT background, including agricultural data processing, analysis and management. S/he must have a minimum of 5 years relevant professional experience in using CAPI, and Capacity Building in Statistics.

Language

The candidate should have an excellent knowledge of written and spoken English and/or French; and, a good working knowledge of the other language.

4. Reporting

The Consultant will be required to prepare and submit activity progress reports as appropriate and a Consultancy Report for the period of the consultancy.

5. Duration and duty station of assignment

The assignment is proposed for a duration of 6 months on a continuous basis, renewable based on need and subject to satisfactory performance.

The duty station shall be AfDB HQs based in Abidjan.

6. Missions//Travels

The Consultant would be entitled to any travel/mission needed for his/her fulfilment of the duties, particularly to countries for the delivery of Technical Assistance, and attending meetings/workshops as needed.

Please attach an updated Curriculum Vitae on the basis of the template below:

MODEL CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Title of the Assignment:
Department:

Surname:	First Name:
Birth Date:	Nationality:
Address:	Country:
Telephone:	E-mail:

Are any of your family members (spouse/partner, father/mother, Brother/sister, Son/daughter, etc.° employed in the African Development Bank?	Yes ☐ No ☐
	If « Yes », the following data must be provided
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Language Level	Read	Written	Spoken
English	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent
French	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent
Other (specify)	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent	☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent

Key Qualifications:

Please provide (i) a summary of your experience and training highlighting the most relevant for the proposed assignment, and (ii) the responsibilities which you exercised. Utilize one half-page maximum.

Education (University Level and above only):

Name of University - City - Country	Period		Diploma Obtained	Main Topic / Major
	From	To		

Professional Training:

Name of Training Institution- City - Country	Type of Training	Period		Certificates or Diploma Obtained
		From	From	

Employment Record:

Begin with your most recent employment. For each job since your Master Degree achievement, please indicate:
- Name of the Employer
- Type of Activity/Business of the Employer
- Title / Function
- Place of Employment
- Brief Description (three lines maximum) of main accomplishments and responsibilities

Reference:

Please indicate the name and address of three persons with no family relationship with yourself, familiar with your character and titles.

I hereby certify that the responses which I provided above are all, to the best of my knowledge, true, complete and accurate. I acknowledge that an inaccurate statement or essential omission in a personal declaration or another document required by the African Development Bank might result in the rejection of my application, termination of my Contract or any other administrative sanction by the Bank. The African Development Bank may verify any statements which I made in this application.

Date: _____

Signature: