1. The Government of Ghana has received two grants, one from the African Development Bank and another from the Strategic Climate Fund, to finance the Engaging Local Communities in REDD+ /Enhancement of Carbon Stocks (ELCIR+) Project. The project forms part of the Ghana Investment Plan for the Forest Investment Program which will be co-financed through basket funding with the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

2. The Project development objective is to contribute to the increase of carbon stocks, and poverty reduction in the off reserve areas of the High Forest Zones, by engaging communities in land management approaches that generate direct financial and environmental benefits. This will lead to emission reductions and the protection of carbon reservoirs as part of the REDD+ agenda.

3. The project includes the following three (3) components:

**Component 1: Restoration of degraded agricultural landscapes:**

This component entails: i) Surveying, mapping and registration of 5,000 ha of degraded plots; ii) Conservation and Management of 1008 ha of Dedicated Forests and Sacred Groves; iii) Reconnaissance and Sensitisation of Beneficiaries on options for Public Private Partnerships (PPP); iv) Promotion of strategies for off-reserve wildfire management; v) establishment and maintenance of 6 model plantation for training & extension through the farmer field schools and cross farm visits; vi) Identification of innovative options and develop best practice guidelines for PPP in Plantation establishment off-reserve; vii) Provision of Seed and Equipment for Plantation Development; viii) Promotion of High Quality Tree seeds through NTSC and support management of seed stands and orchards. The project will incentivise the beneficiaries by promoting benefit sharing mechanism as obtained during closed Bank intervention. The benefit sharing mechanism will be further improved upon to guarantee sustainability of the Project’s interventions.

**Component 2: Promotion of climate smart and environmentally responsible cocoa and agroforestry systems:**

This component will support: i) Implementation of tested technologies in shade trees (tree planting, enrichment planting and natural regeneration) into 16,000 ha of the cocoa landscapes including establishment of CSA cocoa plantations in degraded erstwhile cocoa fields, ii) Integration of trees into 10,000 ha of other agricultural farming systems to increase yields, resilience and carbon stocks through the enhancement of soil carbon and fallow management, iii) the testing and integration of shade trees into the cocoa landscape to increase yields, resilience, carbon stocks and biodiversity; iv) Support CSSVDU and the operationalization of cocoa roundtable (COCOBOD’s Ghana cocoa platform).

**Component 3: Community alternative livelihoods and capacity building.**

This consists of two groups of activities namely:

A) Alternate Livelihood activities including: i) Support the Establishment of 1,200 ha Woodlots for fuel wood and charcoal production in charcoal production endemic areas; ii) promote interventions for enhanced efficiency in charcoal production and usage (including charcoal value chain and create awareness);
B) Capacity building support to community groups including: i) value addition to Non-Timber Forest Products; ii) Training on methods of restoration of degraded off-reserve forest iii) Community Capacity building for alternative livelihoods, sustainable and climate smart agriculture; iv) Review of existing governance systems for carbon, tree and land tenure and Promotion of Benefit Sharing/Carbon Rights. v) Promotion of Strategies and policy for Payment for Environmental/Ecological Services for Off-Reserve Watersheds Services

4. Procurement of goods and/or works will be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Rules and Procedure for the Procurement of Goods and Works. Acquisition of the services of Consultants will follow the African Development Bank's Rules of Procedure for the Use of Consultants. Specific procurement notices for the bidding process of contracts will be announced as they become available, in United Nations Development Business Online and or newspaper of national circulation in Ghana as well as the Bank's external website.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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