

TERMS OF REFERENCE

NATIONAL CONSULTANT FOR EVALUATION OF THE PILOT GAMBIA SONGHAI PROJECT IN THE GAMBIA

I. Background

This Songhai Gambia Initiative is designed to effectively tackle the triple challenges in the Gambia today: Agriculture/Food Security, Demographic transition/Youth Employment/Poverty and Environmental. It was within this context the UNDP support an initiation project for one year aimed at eradicating the logic of poverty and unleashing sustainable broad based and inclusive development in The Gambia. It is designed as an innovative platform for a broader, multi-partnership program to support the activities of The Gambian Government in promoting access of youth, men and women, to appropriate agribusiness entrepreneurial, leadership and management skills required for their effective participation in the creation of wealth and investments in socio-economically viable agribusiness enterprises in every community in The Gambia.

Through the support of UNDP and in partnership with the Songhai Regional Centre and the Ministry of Youth and Sports in The Gambia, the first phase of the project started in February 2015 as project preparatory assistance. The specific objectives of the preparatory phase is to prepare the ground for solid take off of the full project by focusing on four key areas 1) Identification of facility and project staffing, 2) equipment and rehabilitation of facilities, 3) training of initial youth cohort, and 4) partnership and resource mobilization. Almost two years after the launch of implementation of the project and with a total budget now reaching US\$1.6 million it is important at this juncture to carry out an evaluation in order to take stock and learn lessons to inform decisions regarding the future of UNDP support in this area.

II. Objectives

- The objective of this assignment is to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the initiation-preparatory project and assess the overall performance of the initiation phase experience which will feed into future scale up and replicate phase on a sustainable basis by attracting investors and partners to the program.

Education:

- A Master's Degree in Development Studies, Economics, Law, Public Policy or other relevant area;

Experience:

- Minimum 7 years of relevant experience in project evaluation,
- Experience in programme/project management in a development related field
- Good experience in establishing relations and working with development partners including donors, government and independent commissions

- Good knowledge of the national development agenda and in particular youth and agricultural development issues.
- Strong analytical and reporting on socio-economic issues, development needs and strategies to support national development agendas
- Excellence in oral and written English
- Fully fluent in the use of Microsoft Office, including Word and Excel
- Good understanding of human rights-based approaches to programming, gender disaggregation, mainstreaming and for environmental sustainability, Results Based Management (RBM) principles, Capacity Building Techniques
- Experience with the UN/Government at a senior management level

Language:

- Excellent proven written and spoken English
- Strong oral and written communication skills

III. Duration:

- The duration of the assignment will be for 30 man-days/ one (1) month, beginning on 17th October 2016 to 17th November 2016.

VIII. How to Apply for the Assignment

For consultants interested to bid for the assignment, they are required to submit two proposals as follows:

- 1. Technical Proposal:** This should clearly indicate the proposed approach and methodology for the assignment. It should include a work plan and Gantt chart.
- 2. Financial Proposal:** This should outline the total cost of the assignment, as well as the breakdown of the cost.

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Only those candidates that are shortlisted will be notified. Closing date for receipt of application is **30th September 2016**. Only those candidates that are shortlisted will be notified.