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| **JOB TITLE:** | Technical Expert for GCF Project Formulation |
| **TYPE OF CONTRACT:** | Consultancy |
| **UNIT/DIVISION:** | HQ (PRO-C) |
| **DUTY STATION (City, Country):** | Home-based with possible travel to Southern Africa. Destinations shall be determined by supervisor with approval. |
| **DURATION:** |  |

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT:**

Regional and local climates are rapidly changing, impacting developing countries and people in high-risk communities the most. As highlighted by the IPCC in recent assessments, poverty, vulnerability and exposure to climate-related risks are expected to significantly increase as global warming increases. Semi-arid regions, small island developing states and vulnerable developing countries being most at risk. Extreme meteorological and climate events, such as heavy rainfall (leading to flooding, mudflows and landslides), or high temperatures (leading to heatwaves, droughts and warming oceans), are either already increasing in intensity, duration and frequency, or are likely to do so in the future. These impacts will affect global development across all sectors including health, food and water security, disaster management and economic development. Over 60% of the global population is dependent on agricultural livelihoods, which are particularly vulnerable in developing countries .

Weather, water, and climate (hereafter hydromet) information and services can play a critical role in aiding adaptation decision-making at regional, national and community levels by providing key information to help anticipate, prepare for and respond effectively to many climatic and environmental changes. These services comprise the production, analysis, translation, distribution and use of hydromet information in decision-making to cope with current climatic variability including limiting or preventing the impact of climate-related disasters and building resilience to future climatic changes. To be effective, these services rely on both climate and non-climate information needed to contextualise decisions (i.e. socio-economic, food security and other vulnerability data), feedback mechanisms to evaluate their effectiveness and aid in their future development as well as appropriate stakeholder capacities to translate these services into effective actions.

Accurate, relevant, reliable, and timely hydromet information services and robust early warning systems are crucial for reducing losses and damages resulting from climate-related and extreme weather events and increasing the resilience of vulnerable populations. The World Bank estimates that globally improved weather, climate, and water observation and forecasting could lead up to USD 2 billion/year in reduced asset losses an estimate seconded by the Global Commission on Adaptation that found that early warning systems can save lives and assets worth at least 10 times their cost, with investment in USD 800 million on early warning systems in developing countries resulting in avoided losses of USD 3-16 billion per year .

Anticipatory Action (AA) approaches have gained significant momentum in recent years. Anticipatory Action leverages scientific improvements in climate and weather forecasting to prevent predictable climate hazards (e.g. storms, floods, and droughts) from turning into humanitarian disasters. By acting based on forecasted risks as opposed to manifested needs, AA has high potential to provide a more efficient, effective and sustainable way of managing shocks that upholds the dignity of affected populations while addressing some of the ‘residual risks’ that have not been reduced through longer-term investments in resilience. The benefits and effectiveness of anticipatory action (AA) have been showcased by a growing number of evidence. In Kenya, for instance, the estimated long-term impacts of drought-related AAs could result in a saving potential of US$20 billion over a 20-year period (i.e. US$1 billion per year). The same study also estimated that AAs based on ‘false alarms’ could be taken two to six times before the total costs would reach those of a single late response.

Within this context, the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) have all committed to working with partners to jointly make one billion people safer from disasters, greatly expand early action financing, improve early warning systems and the capacity to act on the risks they identify through the Risk-Informed Early Action Partnership (REAP), launched at the UNGA in 2019. The three agencies have now partnered to develop a programme towards operationalizing the commitments made under REAP by strengthening early warning systems and anticipatory action in southern Africa to be submitted to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for funding.

On behalf of the partners consortium, WFP is seeking services of an International Consultant to support the development of such a programme.

**ACCOUNTABILITIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The main objective of the consultancy is to provide support and expertise for the development of a GCF Concept Note process in Southern Africa. The incumbent will be expected to provide the necessary analysis in terms of regional needs and impact to shape the programme rationale and criteria through a regional focus, potential impact theory of change, needs assessment and eligibility criteria for potential national subprojects to be integrated within the Concept Note and Prefeasibility Study. Information to develop an initial stakeholder and gender analysis for the project will be required as will a baseline analysis on past anticipatory action approaches taken within the SADC region.

S/he will work under an overall technical guidance of the WFP’s Climate Finance Team Lead and the rest of the technical task team including technical representatives from UNDP and IFRC. S/he will fully collaborate and coordinate with the technical expert leading the Concept Note and Prefeasibility Study development.

1. Coordinate inputs from relevant stakeholders:

a) To liaise with the relevant experts in Government, NGOs, CSOs, Private Sector, Development Partners to obtain critical input, including expert advice, information from relevant documents that can feed into the preparation of the regional analysis and criteria.

b) To organize, participate and collate information based on a series of consultations with stakeholders, resulting in an initial stakeholder analysis for the project to support its regional rationale.

c) To synthesize key information from existing documents of relevance, given the scope of the intended project, that can then be used as input to the development of a regional programmatic rationale to feed into concept design and proposal development with a strong focus on anticipatory action capacity and needs.

d) To support UNDP/WFP/IFRC (as relevant) staff (at Regional and national level) to conduct and capture discussions from community level consultations to both inform and validate the design of the project particularly as it relates to the project’s anticipatory action approach.

e) To collate data received from consultations, discussion with stakeholders, ministries and the project formulation consortium.

1. Develop a regional programmatic analysis for the project taking into account impact potential; paradigm shift potential; sustainable development; country needs; country ownership and cost-effectiveness and how these can be shaped by a regional programme:

a) Conduct technical analysis to provide a strong regional programmatic rationale for the programme including: an initial capacity needs assessment based on mapping of information requirements for AA and its flow through different media and the current capacity (regional/national) to produce the information and data on which it relies; baseline mapping including current policies and past and ongoing projects related to CIEWS/AA and the identification of key barriers for the programme’s anticipatory action approach including past problems/failures and barriers to implementation (both structural and technical) and gaps in current CIEWS/AA approaches. The technical analysis should include initial eligibility criteria for the identification of potential sub projects.

b) Collect and consolidate sufficient data to produce an initial stakeholder and gender analysis for the project to be included within the Pre Feasibility Study and that will inform the impact potential of the programme’s regional approach.

c)Outline a potential financial structure for the project’s AA finance component (with input from UNDP/WFP/IFRC) identifying potential sources for financing including co-financing and the leveraging of additional funds (such as private investment flows) as well as the potential implementation mechanism based on best practices.

d) Support the technical expert hired by the project formulation consortium leading the Concept Note and Prefeasibility Study drafting to ensure that a strong regional rationale for the project is reflected within the project design and its theory of change.

e) Assist the UNDP/WFP/IFRC (as relevant) country offices with organizing and compiling information that will feed into the project development exercise.

f) Shape programmatic analysis: criteria for inclusion in the Programmatic Funding Proposal (PFP) (for the Capacity Strengthening & the AA Pot: board for deciding on sub-project allocations and who is responsible for what).

**DELIVERABLES AT THE END OF THE CONTRACT:**

1. Workplan including an initial stakeholder engagement plan for the work to be developed should include a presentation to be provided to national focal points (estimated 5 working days)

2. Baseline and capacity needs analysis including initial mapping of barriers (estimated 10 working days)

3. First Draft of the Finalized Regional Programmatic Analysis for the Programme to be included within the GCF Concept Note and Prefeasibility Study Report (estimated 15 working days)

4. Finalized updated version of the regional programmatic analysis included within the GCF Concept Note and Prefeasibility Study Report (estimated 10 working days)

5. Support in responding to GCF comments on submitted package (estimated 5 working days)

**QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:**

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| **Education:** | Master’s degree in environmental sciences, international development, with specific academic or professional background related to climate change adaptation, monitoring and evaluation or other closely related fields. |
| **Experience:** | At least 7 years of experience related to disaster risk management, anticipatory action, hydro-meteorology, climate change adaptation or other closely related fields.  Experience in providing technical research to expert in support of formulation of projects/programmes/proposals for global vertical funds.  Experience in designing or implementing forecast-based anticipatory action programmes is highly desirable.  Experience in working with international organization or UN organization would be an asset. |
| **Knowledge & Skills:** | Working knowledge of seasonal and/or drought forecast models, anticipatory action, Southern Africa’s climate regimes. Ability to work with minimal supervision and set priorities. Ability to communicate clearly both orally and in writing. Ability to work in a team and establish effective working relations with persons of different national and cultural backgrounds. |
| **Languages:** | Fluent in English including strong writing skills; working knowledge of French and/or Portuguese (level B) is an advantage. |

**Certified by Hiring Manager (name/title) & signature):**

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**Accepted by Short-term/Consultancy contract holder (name & signature):**

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