

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTANCY**FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION BASELINE SURVEY; GICUMBI & GATSIBO DISTRICT****Background**

Rwanda Natural Resource Authority (RNRA) in partnership with International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is piloting a multiple benefit Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) project in Gicumbi and Gatsibo district in line with the government's commitment to Bonn Challenge to restore 2M Hectare by the year 2020. The project aims at developing several FLR investment packages that attracts both the private sector (while benefiting the farmers) and the owners to realize full scale restoration that can be scaled up within Rwanda and beyond. The project is expected to restore a total of 18,000 Ha by 2018 using interventions outlined in the Restoration Opportunity Assessment Methodology (ROAM) Rwanda Report and in the road test RAOM handbook.

One of the main milestone of the project is to create a robust M&E framework that will be used to develop a GIS based and a multi-user M&E system for monitoring the project successes and the long-term impact on the landscapes. The project proposal document has outlined 3 outcome indicators and 8 output indicators as the basis for monitoring the project trend in short-term and long term period.

Rationale of the consultancy

One of the main setbacks in many landscape restoration projects/activities is lack of an effective monitoring and evaluation framework/plan. This does not only hamper the success of the project but also jeopardises the efforts to see the impact of the project on the landscapes. To turn this around this consultancy is expected to determine concrete baseline situation at the pilot districts as firm base to monitor the trend. This consultancy will focus on the 11 indicators to address the three main aspects of a successful restoration. The analysis of these indicators will be vital in developing an M&E Framework that will consequently feed into the M&E system.

NB: *The consultant will have to collect the list of the project indicators from the IUCN office before responding to the call for proposal.*

Baseline Study Objectives

1. To establish the baseline situation of the project using the provided indicators.
2. To gather relevant baseline data for key project indicators – including a baseline survey to gauge the social economic (livelihood) status of the targeted population that should be linked to the biophysical data/indicators of the landscapes.
3. To develop an M&E Framework.

Scope of work

1. Collect and analyse relevant biophysical data that addresses the appropriate indicator including and not limited to;
 - Physical description and understanding of the select landscape (topography, relief, climate, population, forest cover, watersheds, water catchments land use pattern, and landscape pressure/vulnerability, etc.)
 - Carbon sequestration.
 - Planting stock diversification.

- A GIS database of the landowners that are currently participating in FLR groups/activities in the selected sectors.
2. Collect and analyse social-economic/livelihood data and information linked to the project indicators including:
 - Local/rural livelihoods opportunities
 - Income generating opportunities for farmers, women, youth
 - Measures to improve the skills base of local communities
 - Market opportunities
 3. Review the existing policies, institutional and capacity issues affecting implementation OF FLR and provide appropriate governance framework, for successful.

Methodology

- a) Questionnaire preparation, participatory data collection & development of a sampling strategy.
- b) Frequent meeting with the IUCN staff and district officials to get inputs and advice.
- c) Use maps and graphs to demonstrate indicator measurements.
- d) A synthesis of relevant reports from government institutions and IUCN.
- e) Review pertinent projects documents and maps.
- f) Use of Key Informant Interviews to gauge changing attitudes of key stakeholders in the course of the consultancy.
- g) Meeting with the relevant district officials.
- h) Inception reporting and validation workshops

Duration of study: Duration of study is estimated to be 30 days after signing the contract.

Qualification Profile

At minimum the individual consultant must possess the following:

- Must possess at least a M. sc. Degree in social economics /Environmental science/Forestry.
- Must have a multi-disciplinary team composed of M&E expert, statistician and GIS analyst.
- At least 8 years' work experience in baseline survey on social economic and biophysical indicators related to Forest Landscape Restoration or Environmental Impacts Assessment.
- Proven understanding on forest and non-forest value chains.
- Fluency in spoken and written English.
- Excellent analytical and report writing skills.

Application Process

National and international consultants who meet the requirements should submit the technical and financial proposals which must include the following: (i) a suitability statement, commitment to be available for the entire assignment, (ii) proposed study methodology including a detailed work plan, (iii) a financial proposal in a separate document (if soft copy)/envelope (if hard copy), including daily cost per major activity, (iv) updated curriculum vitae showing qualifications and experience, (v) references from 3 organizations that have recently contracted the consultant to carry out a baseline survey.

The proposals should be sent to Joseph.Njue@iucn.org and Rwanda@iucn.org .The closing date for submission is 1st August 2016 at 16.00Hrs.The financial proposals will be opened on same day and time at IUCN office (4th Floor, RSSB building).For more information call: **+250-788-301-582 or +250-785-186-361**