

TERMS OF REFERENCE
BASELINE ASSESSMENT FOR THE IMPROVING ACCESS TO WATER AND FOOD FOR DROUGHT STRICKEN COMMUNITIES PROJECT SOMALIA

Organization	Adeso - African Development Solutions (www.adesoafrica.org) & NIS - Nordic International Support Foundation
Project	Improve Access to Life-Saving Water and Food for Drought Stricken Communities in the Bay, Bakool and Gedo Regions
Position Type	Short-term Consultancy
Assessment Topic	Consultancy Assignment To Conduct A Baseline Assessment For 'Improving Access To Water And Food For Drought Stricken Communities' Project
Position Location	Bay, Bakool and Gedo Regions of Somalia
Duration	Thirty-Five (35) Days
Reporting To	MEAL Manager
Working With	Adeso And NIS Programme Teams
Starting Date	Immediately
Application Deadline	25 th May, 2017
Vacancy Contact	Please send applications to consultancy@adesoafrica.org – only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT: ADESO AND NIS

Adeso is an expanding and vibrant African based international development and humanitarian organization. At Adeso, we work with African communities who are yet to realize their full potential; working inside these communities to create environments in which Africans can thrive. Our belief that economic, social and environmental security is the bedrock of a healthy community drives the nature and intent of our programming. We work to prevent and overcome situations that adversely affect community well-being by: reinvigorating the economy, developing skills for life and work, providing humanitarian aid, and influencing policy.

For the past 20 years we have strengthened rural livelihoods through environmental awareness, training, technology transfer and innovative humanitarian projects in pursuit of a peaceful, self-reliant, and greener future. Currently, Adeso has programs in Somalia, Kenya and South Sudan.

Adeso is an exciting and dynamic organization experiencing managed rapid growth. It offers sound employment conditions with opportunities for personal growth and development.



NIS first established its presence in Somalia in late 2011 with the implementation of a pilot solar street lighting project in Mogadishu designed to increase the legitimacy of the local administration by increasing its capacity to deliver public services. NIS has highly-skilled national and diaspora staff in-country that effectively navigate the complex political and security landscape and maintain a focus on the immediate-term needs that are met in order to achieve visible results.

NIS has established effective networks with access to key actors within the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), the Somali diaspora, civil society, private sector and local and regional administrations. The close working relationship with government bodies allows NIS to assist the government in the implementation of projects aimed at filling the development gap and build the capacity of local administrations to deliver public services in their jurisdictions. NIS' country strategy combines stringent security requirements with increased access to a wide range of Somali stakeholders.

NIS manages security risks by implementing a low profile – high preparedness strategy. Its cornerstone is based on receiving security risk information from local sources, using local security resources and a “local face”.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Improving Access to Water and Food for Drought Stricken Communities Project in Bay, Bakool and Gedo regions of Somalia is an immediate-effect response project aimed to address the critical and deteriorating humanitarian situation in Somalia. It will combine humanitarian assistance and early recovery interventions to provide life-saving support to the affected households in Bay, Bakool and Gedo regions, and to allow them to strengthen their resilience in recurring water scarcity and food insecurity.

The proposed project is designed to be effective, flexible and responsive to the changing humanitarian context in Somalia. It will operate as a stakeholder partnership based around technical expertise, engagement and coordination with the private sector and local governance structures as well as humanitarian coordination bodies, and guided by humanitarian principles. The interventions will be implemented by a bipartite team that includes Adeso, with over 25 years of experience and expertise in humanitarian response programming, inclusion and social safety net programming in Somalia, and the Nordic International Support Foundation (NIS), a Norwegian non-profit foundation that has developed extensive partnerships in Somalia to support social and political stabilisation in post-conflict areas through immediate-impact social and infrastructural interventions with strong and active community involvement.

The joint team, herein referred to as the Consortium, will deliver the planned results over an eight months period to provide humanitarian assistance and build the resilience of communities affected by the ongoing drought. A critical factor for the successful implementation of the project will be engaging local communities, the private sector and strengthening the participation and coordination of local governance structures and UN led coordination forums. The team is uniquely qualified to carry out the goals of the project because of its extensive local experience and targeted expertise, established presence and deep understanding of the Somali context in which it will work to achieve the results.

The proposed intervention builds upon the Consortium's past and current investments from the Somalia Stability Fund and is in line with relevant frameworks and plans and in coordination with the relevant Government bodies of Somalia, humanitarian coordination structures and relevant stakeholders. This project will target the most vulnerable households affected by the ongoing drought. The proposed project expects to reach drought affected individuals in the target regions through the response will provide the target populations with immediate provision of life-saving access to water through construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure, contributing to the recovery and resilience of affected communities.

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The humanitarian response activities will be complemented by supplementary food access to those households most in need.

With the aim to save the lives of the most at risk families and strengthen community resilience and water infrastructure, the Consortium proposes the following interventions to meet the overall goal/impact, outcomes, intermediary outcomes and outputs of the Improving access to life-saving water and food for drought stricken communities in the Bay, Bakool and Gedo regions project.

OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The objective of the assessment is to carry out a comprehensive analysis of the project areas of Bay, Bakool and Gedo regions of Somalia to generate first-hand information to be used for project planning and benchmarking against which will serve as a target setting exercise against which outcomes results will be measured at the end of the project.

The baseline assessment will help determine the necessary socio-economic situation and bring forth data to inform the proportion, capacity and level of available resources in the communities. Specifically, the assessment will focus on food security, livelihoods and WASH indicators with a view to establish economic systems on market absorption capacity, particularly the level of market integration and access.

The assessment will also look at measures that are able to sustain peace/harmony of the community and the improved government capacity to respond to emergencies with a focus on reducing vulnerability to conflict.

The specific objectives will include:

- Drought affected community profiling showing an analysis of the current emergency situation, economic opportunities, gaps, and vulnerabilities and challenges to be addressed.
- Determining those specific hindrances and measures that are able to sustain peace and harmony of targeted households in community and improved capacities of humanitarian agencies including the government to respond.
- An analysis of the market capacity including but not limited to an analysis of purchasing patterns, transport and distribution networks, market absorption capacity various skills and other livelihood products.
- An examination of the costs of living, market interconnectedness, beneficiary perceptions and quality aspects for different livelihoods.
- An analysis on the current water availability and access situation, any gaps including priority areas for humanitarian interventions.
- Determining the AWD/Cholera incidence and prevalence in the targeted districts especially in the specific target locations and ways to mitigate the communicable disease.
- Recommendations for programmatic approaches to address the immediate priorities with regards to strengthening WASH and food security components of the project.

SCOPE OF WORK

The assessment scope includes the review of the existing information through desk review process, the primary data collection in the field locations and quantitative including qualitative interviews. The consultancy assignment will provide an analysis and discussion of facts and data within the assignment context. The literature will include among others; Project proposal, Project Log frame; previous Adeso and NIS SSF funded projects and other relevant literature as will be found necessary by the consultant.



Relevant literature (project documents and other existing literature) will be collected in advance and reviewed to get a better understanding of the research and to sharpen the following research processes. Some of the documents considered mandatory for this review would include information on women and local authority (survey and focus groups), and Policy makers, community key leaders and the general public, other agencies in the region and the administration.

SURVEY DESIGN

With the facilitation of Project staff and Adeso MEAL Manager, develop a participatory design where the main project stakeholders will be involved to give their input and views in the survey process. The data collection tools to be used should capture cross-cutting issues particularly gender, environment and accountability to the extent possible.

Tools developed will be pre-tested to ensure that enumerators and the targeted population alike have the same understanding of the assessment objective, and revised based on identified shortcomings. This also includes translation of the study tools into Somali language where necessary.

The project target areas have been clustered geographically into Regions (Bay, Bakool and Gedo) which the survey is expected to observe. Samples will be drawn from each of the regions in proportion with the size of the population through use of the Proportional Probability to Size (PPS) sampling technique.

Field data collection will be done by enumerators selected from districts of origin. This will give the exercise the credibility it requires for wider acceptance of the survey findings by the community. A data mask will be developed for entering the completed questionnaires after finalization, following pre-testing. Enumerators will be trained on how to collect and analyse data at field level to build capacity at that level. A combined analysis will be done for the collected data to allow program level conclusions to be drawn.

PRESENTATION OF ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

The consultant will be responsible for developing an assessment report working closely with Adeso and NIS programme teams. The report will document findings and provide a benchmark for measuring outcomes of project interventions.

The consultant will then present the findings to a panel of Adeso and NIS project management team for final consultation and review.

DELIVERABLES

1. Inception Report: includes initial work plan and proposal for the baseline survey outlining the proposed methodology, survey tools, process of data collection and analysis, budget outline, as well as final set of data-collection tools for all indicators in the log frame within first week of contracting.
2. Draft report of the baseline survey for the feedback and comments from consortium staff.
3. Presentation on the main findings of the baseline assessment at field level involving project teams, community representatives and local authorities.
4. Final report (three hard copies and a soft copy on CD ROM) in English which includes:
5. Summary version of the final report to be shared with project communities, our donors and government stakeholders.

NB: - The baseline report should follow and conform to the consortium log-frame and show clear interlinkage as necessary. Qualitative indicators should clearly be focused on during the assessment-to show the interlinkage between the project outcome, output and intervention or activity variables, these indicators include and not limited to;

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- Communities' peace and harmony maintained through determining the averted conflicts and/or feuds due to proper utilization and management of rehabilitated water structures.
- Targeted households reporting improved water sources leading to their accessing clean and safe water.
- Interest groups and minorities (participating in the Inclusive community based targeting approach) selected to represent the community in the Village relief committees.

1. Types of stakeholders participating in public engagement and sensitization activities.

CONSULTANCY PERIOD

The consultancy will be for 35 days; including travel days.

QUALIFICATION PROFILE

- Postgraduate degree in a food security and WATSAN related field.
- At least five years of hands on experience in conducting baseline assessments in livelihood, WASH and cash intervention programming.
- Strong understanding of monitoring and evaluation techniques.
- Familiar with the livelihood context in Somalia.
- Strong experience in gender mainstreaming in insecure and volatile contexts such as Somalia.
- Experience in developing and implementing gender sensitive baseline methodologies in livelihood and cash intervention frameworks.
- Ability to analyse complex livelihood and WASH frameworks.
- Good knowledge and experience in survey design, implementation of surveys and statistical data analysis.
- Knowledge of Somali people, culture and the Somali political dynamics an advantage.
- Previous experience doing similar assignment with Adeso or NIS is an added advantage.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

All documentation related to the assignment shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the donor through Adeso and NIS.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should be submitted to consultancy@adesoafrica.org with the subject line: **improving access to water and food for drought stricken communities project baseline** not later than 25th May 2017. The selection committee consisting of the Project staff will review all applications as they arrive. All applicants must meet the minimum requirements described.

The application must have one page cover letter; Technical proposal and proposed budget for the whole assignment. The application package should include the following:

- A one page application letter addressing the consultant's previous experience and how it's relevant to the proposed assignment. It should also indicate the candidate's availability and consultancy rates.
- Technical proposal for the baseline study with methodology and work plan.
- Detailed comprehensive budget capturing all the costs.
- A sample of a recently written report for a similar assignment.
- Updated CVs for all consultants including relevant work experience and qualifications.

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