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A STUDY ON HOW TO EFFECTIVELY IDENTIFY AND MITIGATE IMPACTS OF COMPOUNDING FACTORS OF CHRONIC SEQUENTIAL SHOCKS IN LOWER JUBA

Organization	Somalia Resilience Action Consortium(STREAM Consortium)
Project	Building Resilience Through Social Safety Nets In South-Central Somalia
Position Type	Short- Term Consultancy
Study Topic	Ways to Identify and Respond to Compounding Factors of Chronic Sequential Shocks In Lower Juba
Position Location	Lower Juba (Kismayo, Dhobley And Afmadhow) - Somalia
Duration	45 Days
Reporting To	Consortium M&E Coordinator
Working With	STREAM Consortium Secretariat, ACTED, SADO And Adeso Monitoring and Evaluation Units
Starting Date	Immediately
Application Deadline	26 th September, 2017
Vacancy Contact	Please send applications to consultancy@adesoafrika.org , Adeso will only respond to short-listed applicants.

1. BACKGROUND AND INTROUCTION

The STREAM Consortium, established in early 2013, aims to provide a sustainable opportunity for resilience building for communities chronically affected by food insecurity and humanitarian crises in Lower Juba. Targeted communities will benefit through the delivery of predictable and regular cash transfers to vulnerable households, alongside investment in diverse livelihood bases and the provision of support and community led preparedness, early warning and timely response systems. ACTED, SADO and Adeso have extensive experience of and presence in humanitarian programming in Somalia, in particular in South-Central Somalia and Lower Juba.

2. PROJECT SUMMARY

Stream Consortium is implementing a project dubbed “Building Resilience through Social Safety Nets in South-Central Somalia’. The project is a long term, predictable, market-based intervention which has the potential to improve households coping mechanisms and livelihood opportunities, minimizing the negative impacts of shocks. It aims at reducing lower Juba community’s vulnerability to acute and chronic food insecurity.

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warning and timely response systems. Resilience will be strengthened not only at the household level directly, but through implementing improvements to systems and policies in terms of early warning and disaster preparedness.

The program will reach 5,000 households with regular cash transfers and livelihood support, and the overall communities - an estimated 18,000 households will benefit from improved access to early warning messaging, disaster risk reduction and a scale-up of cash transfers in the event of a shock or disaster event. The project will support a body of research on Social Safety Net Programming, enabling service providers to continue to deliver better designed Safety Net interventions into the future.

The project target locations are the three districts of Lower Juba region, namely Kismayo, Afmadow and Dhobley, where ACTED and Adeso each have a strong presence. The STREAM consortium will aim at implementing a similar approach in other locations with complementary funding sources.

3. STUDY GOAL

The overall goal of the assignment is to provide empirical evidence on the compounding factors to various sequential shocks in a volatile setting under which the STREAM consortium members are working. This will be used to inform the development of ways and possible means to tackle these compounding factors

4. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The purpose of the study is to provide tangible evidence on compounding factors that exacerbate sequential shocks which will then be used to inform on ways of tackling or managing these shocks among communities in volatile areas. Within the overall framework of the study, it is essential to focus on Lower Juba communities with specific focus on women, girls and other vulnerable groups such as the minority clans and the IDPS. The consultant will have to map and provide timelines (seasonality) on how the shocks and the corresponding compounding factors impacts on the Lower Juba communities. The study should review the issues around localized ways of responding to sequential shocks from a gender perspective.

4.1. Key Assessment Questions include:

- What are those sequential shocks specific to Lower Juba and who has been affected by these shocks? What factors do compound these shocks?
- How are the above mentioned hazards/shocks in Lower Juba inter-related?
- How have these hazards/shocks affected the communities' coping mechanisms?
- How has the community responded to these shocks/ hazards in the past?
- What is the Lower Juba community vulnerability status (Level) in relation to sequential shocks?
- What community practices impede or pose a challenge to the breaking of cyclic shocks?
- What other factors impede the breaking of the shock cycles? I.e. type and frequency of impediments in relation to seasons or geographical area.
- What are the different socio-economic factors influencing community response to sequential shocks (community levels including in decision makers)?
- What measures can STREAM use to make sure that a system, community or society exposed to those sequential shocks resist, absorb, accommodate to and recover from those effects in a timely and efficient manner?
- What threats to humanitarian access and how has this contributed to community vulnerability? What are the main drivers of these threats?
- How can greater access to the area and communities be guaranteed for STREAM consortium?



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- How have other actors/ stakeholders have contributed to the building resilience of the lower Juba communities?
- What are the lessons that can be learnt from the community and stakeholders that can inform how projects plan, implement and work with the community to build their resilience
- What are some of the best practices that can tapped from stakeholder activities?

5. METHODOLOGY

The research on how to effectively identify and respond to compounding factors of multiple sequential shocks in hard to reach areas will be coordinated by an external consultant who will further review the methodology and selection of parties to be interviewed. The methodology will be further defined by the consultant and in this regard the successful firm/ individual shall provide STREAM consortium with an inception report, containing an overview of their understanding of the research, planned work, suggested methods and potential interviewees as well as any parties they see fit to engage, to be approved by the consortium secretariat and project partners. It is envisaged that the final outcome of the research will include a framework approach that is going to be implemented by the teams.

In order to provide a comprehensive research, it is expected that the firm will make it a participatory approach by using a balanced range of qualitative and quantitative methods which includes but not limited to the below list.

- Desk Review: Review of existing secondary information and reports relevant to the project and to the context of Lower Juba will be done. This will provide an analysis and discussion of facts and data within the assignment context. The literature will include among others Project documents; contextual information or other projects' information on socio-economic context of Lower Juba as will be found necessary by the selected team.
- Quantitative data collection: This will include: Interviews with targeted groups including households through the use of checklists; Field visits in the implementation areas for sampling, data collection and observations; Conduct structured household interviews (if necessary) with sampled project stakeholders; using PRA tools, thematic area specialized tools e.t.c
- Qualitative data collection: Focus group discussions and interviews with field staff and with sampled potential beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries;
- Field observations and reflections for triangulation of information; Reflection and feedback sessions with consortium team members in the field, Nairobi based and other key informants.
- Develop data collection tools and framework to guide the process of data collection.
- The study is expected to cover Lower Juba region in Somalia, where consortium agencies are implementing the project.
- Field work visits, some of the areas covered by Consortium are having limited access; the consultant can explore possibility of having independent short term local personnel having access to field location under direct supervision arrangements for data collection.
- In case of a consultant planning to have independent arrangement of deploying local team to collect data, necessary details of the locally deployable team should be provided and should be reflected in the proposal budget including how they will take care or cover their security costs.
- The field teams of consortium working on ground are available to support basic data collection with appropriate guidance and training. It should be noted that the field teams of project might necessary not be equipped with professional skills in the research subject matter.



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5.1. Survey Design

With the facilitation of STREAM Consortium M&E advisor and the M&E units, the consultant will develop a participatory design where the main project stakeholders will be involved to give their inputs and views in the research process. The data collection tools to be used should capture crosscutting issues particularly gender, environment and accountability, to their best possible extent. The tools developed will be pre-tested to ensure that enumerators and the study population alike have the same understanding of the assessment topics, and revised based on identified shortcomings. This also includes translation of the study tools into Somali language where necessary.

5.1.1 Sampling and Data Collection Plan

The project target areas have been clustered geographically into villages which the survey is expected to observe. As highlighted previously, the qualitative study should use participatory assessment tools.

The data collection team must have required technical and localized knowledge, experience and integrity and show how they will mitigate data collection abuses and make it reliable. This will give the exercise the credibility it requires for wider acceptance of the survey findings by the community. Enumerators will be contracted and trained by the consultant on how to collect and analyze data in the field to build capacity at that level. A combined analysis will be done for the collected data to allow program level conclusions to be drawn. Analysis of the collected data needs to be done in comparison by region, district and village where necessary. Further necessary statistical tests (where necessary) should be performed in order to determine relationships between various variables.

5.1.2 Presentation of survey findings

The consultant will be responsible for writing and presenting the research findings to both field and Nairobi based teams working closely with STREAM consortium secretariat. The consultant will be expected to make a presentation of the methodology and finding in plenary sessions organized by the M&E coordinator.

6. DELIVERABLES

1. Inception Report to be reviewed and validated by STREAM consortium secretariat: includes proposal containing an initial work plan and detailed methodology, analysis plan, report outlines of final products, each assessment sector survey tools, process of data collection, analysis as well as final set of data-collection tools and the revised budget if needed.
2. Draft report with preliminary analysis and observations to STREAM consortium for feedback and comments.
3. Organize and conduct a workshop / learning event for STREAM consortium staff to present the study findings and then discuss on how we could have or we should responded better or earlier to the shock.
4. Develop a framework on changing response approaches with concrete actions that will be implemented by the teams.
5. A working video of community members presenting on ways of how they perceive shocks in the community with demonstrative ways of how they mitigate the impacts of those shocks or how they come up with measures of early warning, reduce or engage the shocks at village level.
6. Final report (three hard copies and a soft copy on CD ROM) in English not exceeding 45 pages.
7. Summary version of the final report to be shared with project communities.
8. Raw data summaries and data sets used.



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7. CONSULTANCY PERIOD

The study shall be completed within a period of 45 days. The final report is expected to be finalized by the end of October 2017. This research is part of key result areas of the consortium hence timelines agreed between STREAM and the firm are strictly to be adhered to.

8. POSSIBLE FIELD WORK:

The consultancy is expected to commence within October 2017. The consultant will prepare a study work plan/schedule to operationalize and direct the study for the stipulated period of consultancy assignment. The work plan will describe how the study will be carried out, bringing refinements, strategy, specificity and elaboration to the terms of reference.

Consultant will need to provide his/her own travel insurance and the same will be applicable to personnel independently deployed for data collection.

9. MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

The consultant will report to the M&E focal point of the Consortium and will work closely with consortium secretariat and the implementing partners.

10. QUALIFICATION PROFILE

Qualifications of the Team Leader

- Master's degree in community development, planning, research, monitoring or social sciences and other areas relevant to the assignment.
- At least 10 years of relevant professional work in social research or related studies with specific reference to profiling of sequential shocks in a volatile environment.
- Experience working and collaborating with diverse sets of stakeholders, such as local NGOs, government officials, donor representatives, local and international staff.
- Thorough knowledge and understanding of social protection programming approaches and its linkages.
- Extensive experience in working with INGOs and local NGOs, local authorities and beneficiaries.
- Demonstrated analytical and writing skills.
- Previous work experience in Lower Juba, Somalia.
- Excellent knowledge of English with supportive Somali speaking capabilities.

11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

All documentation related to the assignment shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the STREAM Consortium.

12. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should be submitted to consultancy@adesoafrica.org with the subject line: **Stream Empirical Research** not later than **26th September 2017**. The selection committee consisting of 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 comprehensive budget for the whole assignment. The application package should include the following:

- A one page application letter addressing:
 - The lead consultant's previous experience and how it's relevant to the proposed



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- The names, expertise, years of experience and relevance of team members in undertaking this assignment.
- A comprehensive proposal. Showing the firms understanding of the Terms of reference.
- Updated CVs for all consultants of the bidding firm including relevant work, number of days required, specific roles, experience and qualifications.
- An explanation or a chart of showing how the team will be organized and an estimate number of days for each team member and the team leader.
- Detailed comprehensive budget. Covering all assessment costs i.e. Total number of days verses individual man-days, per diem, flight tickets, assessment training costs, transportation & accommodation costs; visa fees e.t.c. The consortium will not cater for any costs or be liable for other additional costs due to other factors.
- Samples of recently written reports on similar assignments. Individual sector assignment reports can also be submitted in lieu of the above i.e. reports on conflict dynamics, markets, FSL e.t.c.
- An updated company profile detailing the composition, management and areas pf expertise.
- Contact details for three references the consortium can contact.

Applications not including all of the above information will not be reviewed.