

TERMS OF REFERENCE

FINAL EVALUATION FOR THE DROUGHT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROJECT FOR RURAL, PASTORAL AND URBAN POOR COMMUNITIES IN SOMALIA/SOMALILAND (DEAP)

Organization	Adeso - African Development Solutions, www.adesoafrica.org
Project	Drought Emergency Assistance Project for Rural, Pastoral and Urban Poor Communities in Somalia/Somaliland (DEAP)
Position Type	Short-term Consultancy
Study/Assessment Topic	Final Evaluation for the Drought Emergency Assistance Project for Rural, Pastoral and Urban Poor Communities in Somalia/Somaliland (DEAP)
Position Location	Sool (Bocame), Mudug (Hoby, Jariiban), Sanaag (Lasqoray, Badhan, and Dhahar)
Duration	Thirty (30) Days
Reporting To	M&E Manager while working closely with the Deputy Country Director and Project Manager
Working With	DEAP Field Teams; Programs Team will provide support throughout the process. The Consultant will also work with the Program Development and Quality Unit (PDQU) Team based in Nairobi
Starting Date	Immediately
Application Deadline	17 th May, 2018
Vacancy Contact	Please send applications to consultancy@adesoafrica.org – Adeso will only respond to short-listed applicants.

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

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.

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BACKGROUND FOR CONSULTANCY

Adeso is seeking a competent consulting firm or qualified individuals with specialties in evaluating Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) and review of disaster management component of the projects; to evaluate the impact of Adeso's Drought Emergency Assistant Project (DEAP) through Emergency WASH initiatives in Somalia/Somaliland.

The consultancy period is 30 days to begin a few days after the application deadline and will include desk review, field data collection, data analysis, report writing and a presentation of the findings in the field office and Nairobi. Adeso encourages Consultancy firms or groups who can assign specific consultant specialized in WASH, Disaster Risk Reduction/Management.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Drought Emergency Assistance Project (DEAP) for rural, pastoral and urban poor Communities in Somalia/Somaliland. DEAP will target communities in Mudug (both North and South), Sool, and Sanaag most affected by the drought, including pastoral, rural, and urban poor, with access to safe and clean water. DEAP is a 15 Month project funded by USAID-OFDA (April 2017 – June 2018 including 3 months of No-cost extension - NCE).

The DEAP project consist three main sections, that complement each other and when combined, actively support households to maintain their livelihood strategies while addressing key WASH problems. The project will also strengthen the government's early warning systems in the management and coordination of disasters at federal, state and community levels while working with the National Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA)

In response to the drought related emergencies and in line with Somalia's WASH guidelines pastoral communities with significant distance from permanent water sources rural and pastoral communities will be targeted for voucher-based water trucking. Through community participation, local water vendors were identified and contracted for water delivery to the targeted households in the rural areas. The beneficiary communities directly manage the water delivery process through the volunteer hygiene promoters and village water user committees. This process empowered the beneficiary communities and ensured communities having control in the process. In Addition, the project activities included subsidization the water prices via provision of fuel subsidy to strategic boreholes in the project intervention areas. The fuel subsidy and subsequent negotiated reduction in water prices also benefitted the poor households in the peri-urban and urban centers unable to buy the expensive water.

DEAP was designed to go beyond short-term crisis response and focus on enhancing household capacity to address recurrent problems such as water and sanitation. The project included the following major components: improving immediate access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services for affected women, men and children in the Mudug, and Sanaag regions, through voucher-based water trucking, fuel subsidies, rehabilitation of water facilities, and promotion of hygiene and sanitation, the strengthening of early warning systems to include livelihood-saving early warning messages to communities through the Disaster Management Authority.

The specific objective of the WASH component is to improve immediate access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services for affected women, men and children in the Sool, Mudug, and Sanaag regions, through voucher-based water trucking, fuel subsidies, rehabilitation of water facilities, and promotion of hygiene. The project has therefore targeted these HHs, by providing them with access to free or reduced-price water through fuel subsidies and borehole repairs. Seven strategically-located boreholes was rehabilitated and supported through this approach. Adeso WASH team and PSAWEN water technicians have carried out water pumping test to ensure there is adequate water yield.

The water trucking was purely for emergency response to the water scarce areas in the rural and pastoral communities who do not have access to water points. The project further provided hygiene kits to the target households-that includes water storage households containers (20L,10L, 5L jerry cans), hand washing soaps and soap bar for washing dishes, waste collection and disposal tools (rakes, shovels), nail clipper, water drinking mugs (different sizes-in consideration for children, people with disability).

Apart from WASH component, the project has also undertaken action and activities to strengthen the coordination of the Disaster Management Authorities (DMAs) at the state level in Jubaland, Hir shabelle, South west, Galmudug and

Puntland states, allowing government to take a center seat in discussions and disaster information management, while also coordinating responses. The disaster management activities were aimed at strengthen the national risk reduction strategies, development of policies, and plans in the new states through training and capacity development. The project activities was built on previous achievement where SODMA capacity was improved so as to coordinate information and responses at federal level. The DEAP project has developed new focal points and DMA units in each state. By strengthening the early warning systems, both the government and humanitarian actors will be better able to predict and respond to potential disasters.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The purpose of this evaluation is to assess the progress made towards achievement of the overall and specific objectives of the DEAP project, its impacts on the lives of beneficiaries who have been directly involved in the project activities, including their families, communities and on the responses of policy makers at local and national levels after the end of the implementation period. The assessment will also help determine any impact the project has produced on the main target communities and project beneficiaries on WASH but also on improving disaster preparedness. The evaluation will also gauge the level of community and other stakeholder participation and ownership of the implementation process including the identification of the intended and unintended outcomes, best practices and lessons learned as well as challenges arising from program implementation. In addition, the evaluation will come up conclusions and recommendations on the way forward.

Specific Objectives

In addition to the objectives, more specific areas of focus are as follows:

1. Appropriateness

- The evaluation must report back on the appropriateness of this particular intervention in meeting the objectives.
- Were the activities developed necessary and were they implemented appropriate to the context and culture?
- Was the choice of objective appropriate to the context?
- Appropriateness on the project design verses implementation.

2. Connectedness

- Does the project fit within wider organization, government and other stakeholder's programs?
- Did the work of Adeso compliment the activities of other stakeholders, such as INGOs, NGOs and UN agencies in the intervention areas?
- Assess the processes and systems used by Adeso to ensure the involvement of all the stakeholders, particularly women, youth and minorities in design, planning, implementation and monitoring stage;

3. Coherence

- Was the project coherent?
- Did the activities complement one another?
- Did success in one activity increase the potential success of another activity?
- How well did Adeso link the activities on the ground?

4. Coverage

- Evaluate the coverage of the project.

- Was the coverage too small to have an impact or was it too large that the benefits were spread too thin to have an impact?
- How has the coverage affected other aspects of the project such as monitoring?
- Was the right area chosen for this sort of project?

5. Effectiveness

- How well did the project design meet the objectives and extent to which the objectives were achieved?
- How good was the targeting methodology in identifying the most vulnerable/ pastoralist dropouts' households/ beneficiaries as well as the targeted areas?
- Was the number of beneficiaries reached by the various activities acceptable?
- Were the activities implemented well?
- Could there have been better ways of implementation that may have led to improved outcomes?
- To what extent did the external assumptions in the proposal hold true and how well were the mitigating measures put into use?

6. Efficiency

- Evaluate project activity management and implementation, and resource allocation and utilization (including human resources and financial management).
- Evaluate the involvement of stakeholders in the design of projects and identification of gender equalities and women' empowerment support areas.
- How realistic is the potential sustainability of the infrastructures constructed and groups supported.
- Evaluate the gender balance in relation to beneficiary participation and benefits.
- Assessment of value of internal controls i.e. monitoring tools, information management, activity plan and implementation.
- Evaluate the efficiency of working with local stakeholders, including government bodies.

7. Outcomes and Impact signs

- Determine the outcomes of the project activities to number of people have access to improved safe drinking water in the target population.
- Improved water availability and accessibility in context of drought stricken Households
- Assessment of the outcomes of the project activities through measuring increased number of Households benefiting from improved water infrastructures in the targeted areas
- Assess the impact signs of project activities on gender and other vulnerable groups and especially its impact in addressing the needs of women and children.
- Highlight any unintended impacts of the project.
- Level of occurrence of the waterborne diseases through promotion of Hygiene and sanitation practices
- The change of the behavior of community regarding hygiene and sanitation practices.
- Number of established functional community structures.
- National and local risk assessment, hazards data and vulnerability information available within targeted areas
- Number of hazard risk reduction plans, strategies, policies, disaster preparedness,
- Contingency plans developed and in place.

8. Sustainability

- Evaluate the design of the project in relation to sustainability and replicability.
- Evaluate whether the project activities implemented will live beyond the life of the project period and continue to contribute to improving the target regions.

9. Lessons Learnt

- Identify lessons learnt and give recommendations of general and specific nature which are useful to Adeso for the planning, preparation and implementation of integrated gender equalities and women' empowerment programs/projects in future.

EVALUATION QUESTIONS

Overall the process must speak to the following broad evaluation questions:

- Have the right things been done? (Was the outcome and associated projects relevant, appropriate and strategic to national/local development goals and the Adeso mandate?);
- Have things been done right? (Were the actions to achieve the outputs and outcomes effective and efficient?);
- Are the results sustainable? (Will the outputs and outcome(s) lead to benefits beyond the life of the existing project(s)?);
- How might we do things better in the future? (Which findings may have relevance for future programming or for other similar initiatives elsewhere?).

DELIVERABLES

- Initial work plan and proposal for study (including study methodology and process of data collection with clear timeline, budget), to be presented.
- Final work plans and data collection tools for approval prior to fieldwork.
- Interim evaluation report with preliminary analysis and observations, submitted for feedback and comments.
- Presentation on the main findings of the draft evaluation report for final consensus building to the field team in Sanaag and Program Development and Quality Team in Nairobi for comments;
- Final Evaluation Report in English.

SCOPE OF WORK

DEAP field final evaluation will be done through visits to project sites in Sanaag and Mudug and Sool (Bocame) regions of Somalia/Somaliland. Indirect data collection will be done through extensive literature review, with interviewees from different livelihood groups who have been involved in the project. The following factors can be used to identify a cross-section of focus areas and interviewees:

- Coordination and implementation of the project in the project areas.
- Urban / rural
- Pastoralist / agro-pastoralist / riverine communities.
- Levels of displacement, access to land.
- Gender, age, clan, etc.
- Beneficiaries / non-beneficiary perspectives.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology will be further defined by the consultant (in the proposal) and revised at the outset of the consultancy. The elements in the methodology to include, direct and indirect data collection, analysis and cross referencing, formulating recommendations and lessons learnt. To the extent possible, field data should be collected using participatory appraisal techniques. District local authorities; such as elders, women CBOs, youth groups, minorities and other community members, In addition to government partners from the respective line Ministries should be included.

WORKPLAN FOR THE EVALUATION

A work plan for this assignment should be developed in relation to the methodology suggested by the consultant, and the number of days set for this assignment. This will include a one day briefing in field and another day in Adeso office in Nairobi on the findings to get input from project staff, as well as build consensus around the recommendations.

QUALIFICATION PROFILE

- Consultancy firm with vast experience and qualifications on the fields of food security and livelihood, WASH, farming and DRR
- At least eight years of hands-on experience in conducting assessments, midterm reviews and evaluations in similar context
- Experience leading project evaluations/mid-term reviews is essential;
- Must have profound knowledge in economic analysis of development projects;
- Familiar with issues related to WASH and in particular water source management (especially subsurface dams and hydro dynamic shallow wells) and DRR in relation to current emergencies in Somalia and Somali cultural responses to various emergencies. With specific details in assessing community based DRR interventions and contingency planning;
- Familiar with environmental issues and semi-arid and arid lands;
- He/she must be experienced in developing and implementing gender sensitive evaluation methodologies in WASH, and other food security frameworks;
- Ability to assess/review critically the project activities and results;
- Good knowledge and experience in survey design, implementation of surveys and statistical data analysis is required;
- Experience in the use of participatory appraisal techniques in data collection;
- Previous work experience in Somalia and knowledge of Somali culture is essential.

CONSULTANCY PERIOD

Thirty (30) days.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

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APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications should be sent to consultancy@adesoafrica.org by **17th May, 2018** with the subject line "**DEAP Final Evaluation**". The selection committee will review all applications on rolling basis. All applicants must meet the minimum requirements described above, and those unable to meet these requirements will not be considered. Adeso is an equal opportunity employer.

Each application package should include the following:

- An application letter addressing the selection criteria including how the firm's/group's previous experience matches the consultancy objectives as well as the interest for the position. It should also indicate the candidate's availability.
- A technical and financial proposal for the consultancy assignment with methodology. All expenses should be included in the assignment cost; Adeso will not cater for any other expenses.
- An updated CVs of the survey technical team, with strong demonstration of solid experience of the assessment objective and sub components.
- Samples of recently written report for a similar assignment;
- Contact details of 3 references.

Applications not including all of the above information will not be reviewed. Adeso is an equal opportunity employer.