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Call for applications

For the selection of Consultant For the evaluation of project proposals Promoting youth employment in local milk value chains in West Africa and Chad.

Regional Support Programme for Farmers' Organizations (PRAOP, Phase 3)

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1- Background and rationale

As part of the operationalization of its Regional Agricultural Policy, ECOWAP adopted in 2005, the ECOWAS Commission has undertaken the implementation of two important programmes with the objective of enhancing the contribution of young people to more efficient food systems:

- The regional offensive for the promotion of local milk value chains in West Africa, launched by ECOWAS in 2016, offers the opportunity for structured actions to improve the situation and protect the local milk market. The vision of this strategy is "A West Africa that emerges among the dairy basins of the African continent and progressively increases its contribution to regional trade in dairy products of EU origin".
- The regional strategy to support the employability of young people in the agro-sylvo-pastoral and fisheries sector. The general objective of this strategy is to "facilitate the retention and socio-professional integration of young people (men and women) in the agro-sylvo-pastoral and fisheries sector and agri-food value chains" in order to: (i) reduce underemployment and unemployment of the active population and (iii) minimize rural exodus and uncontrolled migration.

The third phase of the Regional Support Programme for Farmers' Organizations (PRAOP 3) is part of the combined implementation of the two priority investment programmes developed to operationalize the regional strategies described above. It aims to contribute to a substantial increase in investments in local milk value chains to increase job creation opportunities for unemployed or underemployed youth, with a view to decelerating rural exodus and uncontrolled emigration in West Africa.

The overall objective of the programme is to contribute to the reduction of rural exodus and uncontrolled emigration of young people through their professional insertion in the agro-sylvopastoral and fishing industry and in the agro-food value chains in West Africa and Chad.

Specifically, the action will improve the access of young people (men and women) to decent and remunerative jobs in the local milk value chains in the targeted areas, through initiatives led by ECOWAS, the States, socio-professional agricultural organizations and the private sector.

The main expected results are:

- Opportunities for decent and remunerative employment for young people (men and women) in the local milk sector are increased, thanks to the pilot projects;
- The technical and economic performance of local milk value chains is improved, through increased productivity and milk production of livestock systems, increased

volumes of milk collected and processed, and improved market access for local dairy products;

- The conditions for the emergence of efficient local milk value chains that provide employment for young people are improved;
- Funding for RFOs' mobilizing programmes on youth employability is strengthened
- Technical-economic models for strengthening the employability of young people in the value chain on local milk are developed;
- The capacities of young people to fit into the technical and economic models of local milk value chains are strengthened and;
- ECOWAS/DARD's organizational capacities are strengthened: strategic steering, resource mobilization, project implementation.

Within the framework of the implementation of the project actions, ECOWAS, through the RAAF, will use part of the contribution of the Swiss Confederation (SDC) for the financing of innovative investments by the professional organizations of the local milk value chain. These innovative actions will be selected following a call for project proposals entitled "Promotion of Youth Employment in Local Milk Value Chains in West Africa and Chad".

These Terms of Reference define the conditions for the recruitment of consultants to support the RAAF in the selection process of innovative actions resulting from the call for proposals.

2- Mission and tasks of consultants

The consultants will individually provide technical assistance to the RAAF in the implementation of PRAOP3 actions. More specifically they will support the RAAF in the selection process of relevant projects. They will have to perform the following tasks

- Participate in discussions with the RAAF on the mastery of the guidelines of the call for project proposals and in the discussions on the evaluation grid for Concept Notes and Detailed Project Proposals;
- Participate in evaluations of project proposals;
- Support the RAAF in tasks related to project activities.

The consultants will work under the direct supervision of the Head of the RAAF's Technical Operations Division

3- Location of the mission

The consultants will carry out the various tasks from their place of residence, with access to the internet. Exchanges on calls for project proposals with the consultants in the framework of the assignment will be done online (skype, video conference, telephone communication) on the planned RAAF platform

4- Deliverables

The consultants will produce the evaluation reports of the projects in the area of local milk value chains. These reports should include the evaluation sheets with sufficiently detailed comments on each of the projects evaluated.

5- Required expertise

Consultants should have a Master's degree or "A" Level+5 at least in the fields of livestock, animal health, agronomy, or agro-economics with experience in youth employment issues and in agricultural value chains

Have solid and relevant experience of at least 5 years in the field of livestock, or development of agricultural commodity chains, including at least 3 years in the evaluation or monitoring-evaluation of projects concerning livestock development, infrastructure, agricultural commodity chains and value chains etc.

Knowledge of ECOWAS regional agricultural policy (ECOWAP 2025) and experience working with farmers' or agricultural producers' organizations at regional or national level would be an asset.

Experience in the successful evaluation of projects under the RAAF calls for proposals is an additional asset

6- Consultant evaluation

The consultants' dossiers will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

	Criteria	Content of the criterion	Weight
1	General qualification	Higher education, academic degree	30
2	Experience and qualifications relevant to the assignment	Solid and relevant experience in the field: youth employment, value chains, local milk Experience in satisfactory evaluation of previous call for proposal projects	60
3	Knowledge of the institutional and sectoral environment	Knowledge of ECOPWAP Knowledge of Regional Breeders' or Agricultural Producers' Organizations	10
TOTAL			100

7- Application form

Applicants should submit their complete application consisting of the following documents:

- a letter of motivation and
- a detailed CV

8- Submission of applications

Applications are received at the latest on **20th July 2022, at 17H00 GMT**, hand-delivered or by email at the following addresses:

Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF),

83, Rue de la Pâture, Lomé, Togo (in a sealed envelope marked: «Application for the position of the evaluation of project proposals Promoting youth employment in local milk value chains in West Africa and Chad. (PRAOP, Phase 3) »

Email: evaluateurspraop3@araa.org

Subject: «Application for the position of the evaluation of project proposals Promoting youth employment in local milk value chains in West Africa and Chad. (PRAOP, Phase 3) »

9- Method of selection

Consultants will be selected according to selection method based on qualification as defined method as defined in the ECOWAS Public Procurement Code. An interview may be organized with shortlisted candidates. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

RAAF reserves the right not to proceed with this call for applications.


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