

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT A GENDER-BASED ANALYSIS

Resilient and Inclusive Agri-Food Systems Empowering Women and Youth (RISE) Project

Sahel Consulting Agriculture and Nutrition Ltd invites qualified consulting firms to submit quotations for a consultancy to conduct a Gender-Based Analysis (GBA+) under the Resilient and Inclusive Agri-Food Systems Empowering Women and Youth in Nigeria (RISE) Project.

1. BACKGROUND

The Resilient and Inclusive Agri-food Systems Empowering Women and Youth in Nigeria (RISE) project is a five-year initiative aimed at strengthening the functioning, sustainability, and inclusiveness of four strategic agricultural value chains: rice, maize, soybean, and groundnut across selected Local Government Areas in Bauchi, Kaduna, and Kano States.

The project seeks to improve agricultural productivity, enhance nutrition outcomes, increase incomes, and generate 8,000 jobs, primarily for women aged 35 and above (5,600) and female and male youth aged 18–35 (2,400).

RISE is implemented by Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) in partnership with Sahel Consulting Agriculture and Nutrition Ltd., Extension Africa, the Federation of Muslim Women's Associations in Nigeria (FOMWAN), Women in Business Forum (WIBFO), Emerald Capital, and Development Exchange Center (DEC).

During project inception, an Inclusive Market Systems Analysis (IMSA) was conducted to identify systemic constraints and opportunities within the selected value chains. While this analysis highlighted several gender-related barriers, there is a need for a more focused assessment to deepen understanding of gender dynamics affecting women and youth within the project's implementation context.

Sahel Consulting therefore seeks to engage a qualified consulting firm to conduct a Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) to generate insights that will inform gender-responsive programming within the RISE project.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this consultancy is to conduct a Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) to better understand gender dynamics, barriers, and opportunities affecting women and youth within the targeted value chains and project communities.

The analysis will generate insights to inform the strengthening of the project's Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) strategy, programming approaches, and monitoring framework.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The consulting firm will work collaboratively with the RISE project team to carry out activities including:

- Review of relevant project documentation and existing literature related to gender equality and Human Right in agrifood systems.
- Development of appropriate data collection tools and methodologies for the gender-based analysis.
- Coordination and implementation of field data collection activities with relevant stakeholders.
- Analysis of findings related to gender dynamics, barriers to participation, and opportunities for strengthening gender equality and Human right outcomes within the targeted value chains.
- Preparation of a comprehensive gender analysis report with recommendations to strengthen gender integration within the RISE project.

Geographic Scope:

The assessment will be conducted in Bauchi, Kaduna and Kano states, covering three Local Government Areas (LGAs) per state. The assessment will cover 24 existing project communities across the LGAs plus 26 prospective communities within the broader project intervention areas.

4. DELIVERABLES

The consulting firm will be expected to deliver the following:

1. Inception Report outlining the proposed methodology, work plan, and timeline for the assignment.
2. Data collection tools adapted to the RISE project context.
3. Draft Gender-Based Analysis Report for review and feedback.
4. Final Gender-Based Analysis Report, including:
 - Key findings on gender dynamics within the targeted value chains.
 - Recommendations for strengthening gender integration and inclusion within the RISE project.

5. DURATION

The consultancy is expected to last approximately 6-8weeks from the date of contract execution.

6. REQUIREMENT

Interested consulting firms should demonstrate the following:

- At least 8 years of experience conducting gender analysis or Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) research in Nigeria.
- Demonstrated experience conducting gender analysis in agricultural or market systems development programs.
- Strong expertise in Gender-Based Analysis (GBA+) methodologies.
- Experience using participatory research methods including focus group discussions and key informant interviews.
- Experience working in Northern Nigeria and familiarity with local socio-cultural contexts.
- Strong analytical and report writing skills.

7. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Interested firms should submit the following documents:

- Technical Proposal outlining understanding of the assignment and proposed methodology.
- Financial Proposal with detailed budget breakdown.
- Company profile
- CVs of key team members.

8. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Interested consulting firms should submit their proposals electronically to:

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with the subject line:

"RFQ: RISE Gender-Based Analysis Consultancy"