

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

### CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT AN IN-DEPTH ENGENDERED ANALYSIS OF CLIMATE-SMART AND INCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES AND TECHNOLOGIES ACROSS PRODUCTION, AGGREGATION, PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS.

#### 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 an In-depth engendered Analysis of Climate-smart and Inclusive Agricultural practices and Technologies for Production, Aggregation, Processing and Distribution of target value chains under the Resilient and Inclusive Agri-Food Systems Empowering Women and Youth in Nigeria (RISE) Project.

### 1. BACKGROUND

The Resilient and Inclusive Agrifood Systems Empowering Women and Youth in Nigeria (RISE) Project is a five-year initiative (2025 – 2030) funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and implemented by a consortium of partners with rich experience working in the project locations. The project seeks to transform agri-food systems in Bauchi, Kaduna and Kano States by promoting inclusive, climate-resilient and market-driven growth across four priority value chains: rice, maize, groundnuts and soybean. RISE places climate resilience and environmental sustainability at the core of its strategy to improve agricultural productivity, food security and inclusive economic growth by adopting climate-smart agriculture (CSA) technologies and practices, enhancing soil and water management and implementing regenerative approaches that protect natural ecosystems.

The RISE Project targets four strategic value chains: rice, maize, groundnut and soybean. Each of these Value chains has distinct environmental and climate-related challenges across the production, aggregation, processing and consumption level. The program is strategically designed to address systemic gender and age barriers that limit the participation and productivity of women and youth in agriculture. RISE will directly support 12,500 smallholder farmers organized into 250 cooperatives and 450 women/youth owned/led MSMEs, ensuring that at least 50% of clients are women and 20% youth aged 18 to 35, create or sustain 8,000 decent jobs (70% women, 30% youth), and generate broad-based community impact through improved incomes, productivity and resilience.

### 2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this consultancy is to conduct an In-depth engendered Analysis of Climate-smart and Inclusive Agricultural practices and Technologies for Production, Aggregation, Processing and Distribution of target value chains within the RISE focused states and communities

The analysis will generate insights to support the identification, promotion and adoption of climate-smart and inclusive agricultural practices and technologies. It will also inform tailored interventions and climate-smart incentive investments to strengthen resilience, improve productivity and promote sustainable and inclusive market system development.

### 3. SCOPE OF WORK

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

- Review relevant project documents: IMSA report, RISE ECC Strategy, climate data, National and state environmental and climate policies, GAC Feminist International Assistant Policy and environment tools and existing literature related to climate-smart agriculture, environmental sustainability, gender equality and youth inclusion in agrifood systems.
- Development of appropriate data collection tools and methodologies for the analysis.
- Coordination and implementation of field data collection activities with relevant stakeholders.
- Analyse gender and youth dynamics, including access to resources, participation in value chains, decision-making and constraints to adopting climate-smart technologies and practices.
- Identify opportunities for climate-smart, inclusive and environmentally sustainable interventions, technologies and incentive investments within the targeted market systems.
- Prepare and present a comprehensive assessment report with evidence-based, scalable and gender-transformative recommendations to support climate-resilient and inclusive implementation under 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, analytical framework, sampling strategy, work plan and timeline for the climate-smart and inclusive agriculture assessment.
2. Data Collection Tools and Methodology tailored to the RISE project context, including tools for climate risk assessment, environmental analysis, and GESI-responsive data collection across the value chains.
3. Draft Assessment Report on climate-smart and inclusive agricultural practices and technologies for review and feedback by the RISE project team.
4. Final Assessment Report, including:
  - Key findings on climate vulnerabilities, environmental risks and climate-smart practices and technologies across production, aggregation, processing and distribution systems.
  - Actionable, evidence-based recommendations to guide climate-smart investments, practices, technologies adoption and implementation under the RISE project.

#### **5. DURATION**

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

## 6. REQUIREMENT

Interested consulting firms should demonstrate the following:

- Advanced degree in Environmental management, Gender Studies, Agricultural Economics, Rural Development, Climate Change, or related field.
- Minimum 8 years' experience in environment and climate change, GESI and agricultural market systems
- Strong understanding of climate-smart agriculture and technologies.
- Proven experience in gender-transformative programming and familiarity with Global Affairs Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy.
- Excellent analytical and report writing skills.
- Fluent in Hausa language.
- 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.

## 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:

[Research@sahelconsult.com](mailto:Research@sahelconsult.com)

with the subject line:

**"EOI: Climate-Smart Technologies and Inclusive Agriculture Assessment (RISE Project) Consultancy"**

