

ABRIDGED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consulting Services to conduct a study on Family Farming Policies in support or against in line with FAO voluntary guidelines in Kenya and Rwanda.

Introduction

Family farming is inextricably linked to national and global food security. Both in developing and developed countries, family farming is the predominant form of agriculture in the food production sector. Family farming includes all family based agricultural activities, and it is linked to several areas of rural development. There are more than 570million farms in the world of which over 500 million are family owned. They are responsible for at least 56% of agricultural production; in the following sectors agricultural crops and livestock, fisheries, pastoral production and aquaculture production. Family farmers work on a significant portion of the worlds farmland. In Africa 62%. Farmers manage their lands to sustain remarkably high levels of productivity despite having less access to productive resources such as agricultural inputs and support. Family farming preserves traditional food products while contributing to a balanced diet and safeguarding the worlds agro-biodiversity and the sustainable use of natural resources. They provide the majority of the world's food, are the major investors in agriculture and the backbone of the rural economic structure.

The United Nations Decade of Family Farming (2019-2028) in December 2017, providing the international community an extraordinary opportunity to address family farming from a holistic perspective, in order to achieve substantial transformations in current food systems that will contribute to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. By placing family farming at the center of the international agenda for a period of ten years, this Decade of Family Farming provides an unprecedented possibility to achieve positive change throughout global food systems. Family farmers have proven their capacity to develop new strategies and provide innovative responses.

The Eastern African Farmers' Federation (EAFF) was formed in 2001 as a non-political, non-profit and democratic organization, whose role is to voice the concerns and interests of farmers

of the region to enhance their social-economic status and regional cohesiveness. EAFF's establishment was championed by national farmers' organizations from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and DR Congo. Membership was subsequently extended to Rwanda, Burundi, Eritrea, Djibouti, Ethiopia and South Sudan. EAFF membership is now composed of 23 farmer organizations serving about 20 million small holder farmers. EAFF is contributing to the Commitment based initiatives pillar 2 on strong small scale farming systems. **To Ensure equitable land distribution and public investment that supports small-scale farming systems, including through redistributive agrarian reforms that counter excessive land concentration, provide for secure and equitable use and control of land, and allocate appropriate land to landless rural producers and urban residents, whilst supporting smallholders as investors and producers, such as through cooperative and partnership business models.** EAFF therefore with funding support from the International land coalition is seeking the services of a consultant to undertake a comprehensive study on Family Farming Policies in support or against in line with FAO voluntary guidelines in Kenya and Rwanda. We are looking for a consultant to

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- a) Synthesize how the government of Kenya and Rwanda is implementing the FAO voluntary guidelines
- b) Look into how of land distribution policies affect youth and women and correlate it to its effect on family farming
- c) Outline various policies that are promoting family farming in Kenya and Uganda and those that don't promote family farming
- d) Provide recommendations on how to include the family farming agenda within the government policies as a way to ensure food and nutrition security in Kenya and Rwanda.

Ps. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we encourage consultants to follow the guidelines of WHO for their own safety to prevent its spread. Keep Safe

Timelines

This assignment will run for 2 months from 1st September – 1st November 2020.

If interested, please send your Technical (with detailed SOW) and financial bids