

ABRIDGED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consulting Services to conduct a Desk Study on impact of COVID19 on Family Farming in East Africa Region.

Introduction

COVID-19 is disrupting some activities in agriculture and supply chains. Preliminary reports show that the non-availability of labor is interrupting some activities along the production to marketing value chain nodes. There are disruptions in supply chains because of transportation problems and other issues. Prices have declined for various commodities have seen consumers paying more and therefore affecting the nutrition security of many urbanites and increased post-harvest losses. Government directives on the closure of hotels, restaurants, sweet shops, and tea shops during the lockdown is already depressing various commodity sales. Due to internal country lockdowns as well as lack of inbound and outbound flights has led to poor distribution of input supplies for either producers or processors. It has also led to decreased provision of BDS services a much-needed service within the agricultural marketplace.

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. 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 world's 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. As unforeseen the COVID19 pandemic is creating a significant threat to the food and feed sector.

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 a Desk Study on impact of COVID19 on Family Farming in East Africa Region

Comprehensive Terms of Reference

- a) Analyze how the COVID -19 is affecting the input and output supply chains in agriculture
- b) Look at how family farms are being affected by the pandemic – an engendered approach.
- c) Develop/recommend guidelines on how to address the impact of COVID 19 to family farming

Deliverables

1. Comprehensive desk study report
2. Recommended guidelines on how farmer organizations can address the impact of COVID19 especially in family farms in the EAC region.

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 1 month from 1th October – 30th October 2020.

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