



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

1) The Assignment:

To support Kilimo Trust by ensuring that Private sector interests are reflected in all project countries' national rice policies for the Competitive African Rice Initiative for Tanzania Phase II (CARI II) Project.

2) About the Assignment:

The overarching CARI strategy is to build on the identification, optimization and expansion of sustainable business models that integrate small-scale rice producers. CARI's technical and financial assistance is based on a value chain approach. CARI's strategy focuses on intervention areas that will result in the following objectives:

1. Increased experience sharing amongst actors of the rice value chain
2. Sustainably improved inclusive business relationships
3. Improved access to financial services for actors of the rice value chain
4. Improved policy framework for rice value chain

Kilimo Trust will be responsible for the implementation of CARI activities in Tanzania. Under objective 2; KT will support the operationalization of business consortia providing end-to-end services. A consortium in this case refers to a collaboration where there is a lead firm - a rice miller/processor - in contractual relationship with organized farmer based organizations (FBOs). The two form the core partners of the consortium who are also actively working in close collaboration with business development service providers e.g. seed companies, fertilizer companies, extension services providers, mechanization services providers and financing institutions; with the aim of ensuring sustainability of business relationships that are mutually beneficial.

3) About Kilimo Trust and CARI Phase II Project :

a) Kilimo Trust (KT) is a regional agricultural development organization - working on agriculture for development across the EAC Region. It implements projects across all EAC Partner States.

b) The CARI Phase II Project has the following specific project:

- i) Increase the productivity and quality of paddy rice based on the development of sustainable and competitive rice production systems;
- ii) Increase the sourcing capacity through structured producer-processors-linkages as well as improved storage capacity and processing efficiency;
- iii) Improve access to finance and financial innovation for all value chain actors; and
- iv) Support the strengthening of the enabling environment at national and regional levels, including policy framework and market linkages.

4) The Consultant will be expected to:

- a) Participate in government policy platforms to promote rice industry concerns raised by Matching Fund partners and other rice sector stakeholders.
- b) Advise and actively work with East African Community Secretariat to establish a regional platform to enhance coordination of matters related to rice development
- c) Conduct policy studies to analyze current issues affecting intra-regional rice trade
- d) Support government of Tanzania to revise and update the Tanzania National Rice Development Strategy
- e) Support the recruitment of industry actors into membership based platforms for the rice value chain e.g. Rice Council of Tanzania and Agriculture Agricultural Council of Tanzania.

- f) Advise and actively work with EAC secretariat to establish a regional platform to enhance coordination of matters related to rice development.

5) Time:

60 working days for 6 months starting from 15th October 2018 to 30th April 2019

6) Degree of Expertise and Qualifications of the Consultant:

- a) Experience and track record in senior level management of agricultural development initiatives and programs funded by development partners, with a large part of that experience gained in Tanzania.
- b) Experience in Agricultural policy formulation and implementation through getting buy in from various key stake holders .
- c) Experience in working closely with the East African Community
- d) Respect and influence within Tanzania enabling you to establish partnership with the private and public stakeholders in the agricultural sector in general and the rice sub-sector in particular.
- e) Ability to mentor our staff in Agricultural policy matters
- f) Possess relevant qualifications
- g) Excellent Analytical, Presentation and Communication skills.

7) Mode of Application;

Qualified Consultants should submit the following before 4pm on 28th September 2018 to;

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- a) A Technical Proposal: Expression of Interest, stating why you consider your self suitable for the assignment;
- b) CV of the consultant proposed for this assignment highlighting qualifications and experience in similar projects; and
- c) Work references - contact details (e-mail addresses) of referees (firms for whom you've produced similar assignments).
- d) Financial proposal