



STRENGTHENING LAND GOVERNANCE SYSTEM FOR SMALLHOLDER FARMERS IN MALAWI PROJECT

CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP POLICY PROPOSALS BASED ON LESSONS FROM PILOTING OF INCLUSIVE CUSTOMARY LAND GOVERNANCE

BACKGROUND

Centre for Environmental Policy and Advocacy (CEPA) and Oxfam have been implementing the ‘*Strengthening Land Governance Systems for Smallholders Farmers in Malawi*’ Project in collaboration with the Government of Malawi with technical support from DAI Europe. The project, which started in 2015 and is set to end in March 2019, is funded by the European Union. The overall objective of the project is to ensure that rural women and men in Malawi practice sustainable agricultural production and secure livelihoods. The specific objective of the project is to pilot, test and recommend for scale up improved gender sensitive land governance systems for customary estates. The project is being implemented in Group Village Head (GVH) Maoni, Traditional Authority (TA) Nazombe in Phalombe District; GVH Ching’amba, TA Lukwa in Kasungu District; and GVH Chimalabanthu, TA Mwankhunkira in Rumphi District with a target of 1000 households in each district.

The project sensitised communities on the regulatory framework for establishing local land governance structures, customary land titling and registration, dispute management and voluntary guidelines on the governance of tenure of land, forests and fisheries in the context of national food security (VGGT) in all the three pilot locations. In addition, the project facilitated establishment and orientation of Customary Land Committees (CLCs) and Customary Land Tribunal (CLTs) in all the three pilot sites. Afterwards, the project carried out field adjudication and demarcation of customary land in the pilot sites which was followed by public display for the community to inspect and confirm or request for corrections, where applicable, before the final records are produced.

It is against this background that CEPA would like to engage a Consultant to document and consolidate lessons learnt throughout the piloting process and to develop policy proposals for consideration in the nationwide rollout of inclusive customary land governance.

OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The overall objective of this assignment is to document and consolidate lessons and package clear policy proposals for consideration in the nationwide rollout of inclusive customary land governance based on lessons from the ‘*Strengthening Land Governance System for Smallholder Farmers in Malawi*’ Project.

SCOPE OF WORK

Specifically, the consultant is expected to:

- i) Conduct a desk review of the lessons learnt from the pilot project based on project reports and associated literature;
- ii) Conduct consultations with relevant stakeholders to generate, clarify and validate lessons from the pilot project, as appropriate;
- iii) Based on the desk review and stakeholder consultations, compile, analyse and consolidate lessons learnt throughout the implementation of the pilot project; and

- iv) Drawing from the lessons, develop policy proposals for consideration in the nationwide rollout of inclusive customary land governance.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

The expected key deliverables shall include:

- i) A report containing lessons learnt from the implementation of the pilot project with clear policy proposals to inform nationwide rollout of inclusive customary land governance; and
- ii) A policy brief.

QUALIFICATIONS

This assignment requires the services of a consultant who meets the following minimum qualifications and experience:

- The Lead Consultant should have a minimum of a Masters Degree in a land related discipline and extensive experience in formulation of policy instruments;
- The Consultant should demonstrate familiarity with land related legislation in Malawi as well as international instruments on responsible land governance;
- The Consultant should demonstrate proven experience of undertaking similar assignments; and
- Experience in managing rural land reform programs will be an added advantage

DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The assignment is expected to take a maximum of 12 days.

SUBMISSION OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS

Interested consultants must submit technical and financial proposals detailing their understanding of the assignment, how they intend to carry out the assignment and information about their suitability to perform the outlined task. The application should reach CEPA not later than Wednesday 26th February, 2020 at 5pm to the undersigned.

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