

REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES OFFICE OF STUDIES PLANNING AND STATISTIC COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

RFP REF: 101/CS/CADP/20: Consulting Services for: Evaluation of the CADP

Clarification Nº 2

Question Nº 1: Could you provide information on which are the municipalities that are targeted for the entire project period? It is important to know the locations that we must include in the baseline survey. The PAD only talks of the initial 12 municipalities in Cuanza Norte, Malanje, and Cuanza Sul (phase 1). At the end of the project how many and which municipalities are supposed to be included? If the exact municipalities are not yet decided, can you give us an indication of the number of municipalities and number of direct beneficiaries (farmers and SMEs) that are targeted?

Answer CADP Nº1: Geographic coverage: The project follows a spatial approach to removing existing bottlenecks to the development of commercial agriculture (including technical knowledge, finance, and critical infrastructure) along two 'roads corridors'. These corridors link—through the road network—the central highlands, traditional agricultural areas and those most affected by the conflict, with the large urban market of Luanda. The two corridors comprise the following provinces: (A) Luanda-Bengo-Cuanza Norte- Malanje; and (B) Luanda-Bengo-Cuanza Sul-Huambo-Bié-and the North of Huila province.

Gradual implementation: Within the two corridors, project activities will initially focus on 12 municipalities in three provinces: Cuanza Norte, Malanje, and Cuanza Sul. In Cuanza Norte and Malanje Provinces (Corridor A) project implementation will be launched first in the municipalities of Cazengo, Lucala, Cambambe, Golungo Alto, Cacuso, and Malanje; and in Cuanza Sul Province (Corridor B), in the municipalities of Quibala, Libolo, Cela, Mussende, Quilenda, and Amboim. The initial focus on 12 municipalities seeks to concentrate project investments and test implementation arrangements and is consistent with the following criteria for the selection of the project's geographic coverage: (a) concentration of organized producers and small, and medium agribusiness firms relative to other areas so as to promote collaboration, knowledge spillovers among producers, development of specialized labor and, in some cases, centralized input purchasing; (b) aggregation/proximity of these municipalities; (c) existence of infrastructure in production and surrounding areas (within 50 km) based on the PPA-financed infrastructure mapping exercise; (d) access to consumer centers and transport hubs. However, according to the RFP in annex 1, the project targets are expressed in results framework and Monitoring Evaluation Plan.

By the end of the project, it is planned to reach all Municipalities of the eight Provinces.







Question N° 2: What is the role of the consultant with respect to (bi-)annual monitoring? The ToR suggest that the consultant is only responsible for independent surveys but under task a) the development of a sampling framework, paragraphs g and j, reference is made to the development of a bi-annual sampling plan and methods for collecting monitoring data. It is not clear who will implement these methods – the PIU? And are they in function of the evaluation studies (to get data that feed into the evaluations) or are they part of the overall monitoring framework/system (which would be more the role of the PIU M&E team)?

Answer CADP Nº2: Based on the ToRs, the consultant should provide the following deliverables:

- Develop the evaluation strategy;
- Conduct a baseline survey;
- Conduct a mid-term evaluation;
- Conduct select thematic studies; and
- Conduct end-line evaluation.

Question Nº 3: Lastly, is it possible to share/access the CADP progress reports as submitted to the World Bank?

Answer CADP Nº3: We understand that for the evaluation process all the official project documents will be available as well as progress reports to the contracted firm.

Question Nº 4: Submission of the Offer (online vs hard copies). Considering the prescription of DS 19.1 (opening of Technical Proposals) and you answer to Question no. 3 in Clarification N.1, we would like to receive a confirmation on the fact that in case of electronic submission (option 3), the printed copies will be sent by the Consultant **after the submission deadline and upon specific request of the Client**.

Answer CADP Nº4: As previously informed in the Document called CLARIFICATION Nº 1, if used Option 3 which is Submission of the Proposal by Electronic e-mail (EM), the Original Technical and Financial proposal hardcopy in a sealed envelope shall be addressed to the address indicated at any time, or once the contract is awarded, the Original Proposal, in a sealed envelope shall be delivered upon client's request.

Moreover, as stated in the RFP Clause 19.1: An online option of the opening of the Technical Proposals is offered; and paragraph (ii) clearly indicates the following:

(ii) If Consultants submits email Proposal and paper Proposal, then both Proposals will be opened. If there is discrepancy between paper-based Proposal and email Proposal, then paper-based Proposal shall prevail.

Question Nº 5: Sample size. In order to carefully calculate the size of respondents' sample, according to requirements for the sampling framework, can we know how many are the actual direct beneficiaries of the interventions?

Answer CADP Nº5: As indicated in the RFP in Annex 1: Result Framework and Monitoring and Evaluation Plan. Please see the project targets.









Question Nº 6: Respondents' identification. We usually consider to reach the same selected respondents for all steps of the evaluation (baseline, mid-term, end-line), taking in account possible remedies in case of losses of previous respondents. Shall we use the same criterion, or do you want to consider a different methodology, due to the potential increase of the geographical coverage and to the gradual implementation during the project life?

Answer CADP Nº 6: Correct, the methodology must be contextual, consistent and relevant for all the steps of the evaluation.

Question Nº 7: Non-Key Experts. We understand that CVs of non-Key experts will not be evaluated. Must we submit in any case the CVs of such experts, when already identified, or can we include in the offer short experts' profiles only?

Answer CADP Nº 7: Correct, the non-key professional staff's CVs will not be evaluated, but brief CVs shall be submitted. (Please see RPF Section 7. TOR, paragraph CONSULTANT QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA, pages 91-92.

Question Nº 8: We note that point 6.3.1 of the Data Sheet (p.33) refers to '**The Declaration of AFD's Covenant of Integrity** must be completed, signed by the authorized person, and submitted with the Technical Proposal'

Please kindly confirm that the requested statement is the one according to the below official link of AFD (Procurement Guidelines) in which it is specified:

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<u>Answer CADP Nº 8:</u> Please see attached to this document, the declaration sample for AFD's COVENANT OF INTEGRITY to be used under this tender.

Question № 9: Under this tender, what does "Experts" mean?

Answer CADP Nº 9: As indicated in the RFP Section: Instructions to Consultants - A. General Provisions, 1. Definitions, page 11:

"Experts" means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or Joint Venture member(s).

Procurement Unit Luanda, September 24, 2021







