



## **Terms of Reference for the Final Evaluation of Lifesaving and Livelihood Restoration Project-III (LLRP-III) in South Central Somalia.**

### **A. Background information**

Founded in 1988 and with Headquarters in Berne Switzerland, Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Suisse (VSF-Suisse), [www.vsf-suisse.org](http://www.vsf-suisse.org), is a not for profit organisation focusing on preventing and alleviating suffering, disease and hunger, supporting socio-economic development and assisting people whose livelihood mainly depends on livestock and agriculture with the aim of improving food sovereignty, nutrition security and resilience. VSF-Suisse is implementing a USAID/OFDA funded project: Lifesaving and Livelihood Restoration Project-III (LLRP-III) in South Central Somalia. LLRP-III aims at providing immediate access to food and emergency support to restore livelihoods and alleviate suffering for the vulnerable drought affected population in Gedo Region of South Central Somalia.

VSF-Suisse is seeking to engage a reputable consultant(s) to undertake a Final Evaluation of LLRP-III in order to assess how the project has performed in compliance with the project design and other major cross-cutting issues influencing success/failure such as environmental protection, gender equity, community participation, ownership and sustainability. The evaluation will assess in a participatory manner the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact, sustainability and reliability of the actions in addressing the needs of the targeted beneficiaries and in close collaboration with the local authorities, communities as well as livestock health and production actors.

### **B. Project Summary**

*Project Period:* 01 October 2018 to 30 September 2019.

*Target Beneficiaries:* Vulnerable livestock keeping communities including pastoralists, agro-pastoralists and IDPs

*Project Location:* Bullahawa, Garbaharey, Elwak, Baardhere, Luuq and Dollow Districts of Gedo-Region of South Central Somalia.

*Sectors and Sub-Sectors:*

- Agriculture and Food Security (AFS) Sector (*Livestock, Veterinary Pharmaceuticals and other Medical Commodities (VPMC) and Irrigation Sub-Sectors*)
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Sector (*Water supply and Hygiene promotion Sub-Sectors*)

*Implementing Partners:* VSF-Suisse (Grantee), EPAG-K and NARDO (sub-grantees)

*Donor:* USAID/OFDA

***The project has two objectives.***

- To alleviate suffering, protect and restore livelihoods of population in distress from the effect of drought. This is achieved by implementing activities in the AFS Sector.

- To rehabilitate community assets and reduce vulnerability of communities to droughts. This is achieved by implementing activities in the WASH Sector.

**The following are the Project results/activities under LLRP-III:**

- Support is provided to agro-pastoralist communities to produce and conserve fodder.
- Emergency treatment of livestock is provided to the core breeding, milking and replacement stock.
- Training is provided to Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) to offer animal health services.
- Training is provided to Community Health Workers (CHWs) and CAHWs on One Health.
- Community sensitization is conducted on the link between Human, Animal and Environmental Health.
- Reporting on zoonoses and emerging public health concerns to local authorities and/or health facilities is conducted through CHWs and CAHWs to enhance public health disease surveillance system.
- Procurement, storage and distribution of Veterinary Pharmaceuticals and Medical Commodities (VPMC) is conducted to equip Veterinary teams and CAHWs.
- Training is provided to owners of the Veterinary pharmacies and Ministry of Livestock officials on veterinary commodity supply chain management.
- Agro-pastoralist communities are supported to rehabilitate communal irrigation canals through Cash for Work approach to enhance agricultural activities.
- Training is provided to farmers on basic use of irrigation equipment and agronomic skills to enhance agricultural activities.
- Rehabilitation of dual purpose water infrastructure (3 shallow wells and 1 water pan) is conducted to improve access to water for humans, the core breeding and milking livestock.
- Training of Trainers (ToT) training is provided to CAHWs, CHWs and Hygiene Promoters (HPs) to enhance hygiene promotion in rural pastoral and agro-pastoral communities.
- Hygiene messages are disseminated to the community through ToTs and billboards.
- Water storage containers with lids are distributed to beneficiaries of the rehabilitated Shallow wells and Water pan.

**C. Objectives of the Evaluation (*Evaluation purpose*):**

The objectives of the evaluation are:

- To assess the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and demonstrated impact and sustainability of the project on the targeted beneficiaries;
- To assess the extent to which the objectives and key activities of the project were achieved and determine how they contributed to the realization of the overall goal;
- To assess the appropriateness of the different approaches and methodologies used in the implementation of the project to target different groups of beneficiaries;
- To identify indicators of success including communities' views on the benefits, impact and sustainability of the action.
- To document key successes, challenges and lessons learnt and make recommendations for future interventions.

#### **D. Evaluation type:**

The project will conduct summative evaluation to help answer questions about the impact of the project for the purpose of accountability, decision making and learning to improve effectiveness in future programming. Summative evaluation will help assess whether the project met its goal; had any unintended consequences; changed the lives of the beneficiaries; as well as provide insights into the project's success and impact; effectiveness and efficiency; as well as document lessons learned and highlight potential improvements for future projects.

#### **E. Evaluation questions:**

The project will aim at answering the following questions, *among others during evaluation*:

- What is the estimated number of people and animals that benefited from fodder activities (*including fodder production, utilization and income from fodder activities*)?
  - What is the estimated number of months of fodder beneficiaries HHs feed security? and HHs food self sufficiency? as a result of fodder activities.
  - What is the estimated number of animals that were treated (core breeding stock, milking and replacement stock) through emergency livestock treatments and overall CAHWs practice?
  - At what level did the animal health intervention contribute towards protecting livestock assets during the drought; containing animal disease outbreaks and prevalence rate?
  - What is the community perception on Animal health intervention through emergency mass livestock treatments and CAHWs practice?
  - What is the estimated number of acres that was put under food and fodder production- as a result of the rehabilitation of the Irrigation canals?
  - What is the estimated number of people that directly or indirectly benefited from the rehabilitation of Irrigation canals?
  - What is the estimated number of months that HHs benefiting from the rehabilitated Irrigation canals had food self sufficiency?
  - What is the estimated number of people that directly utilized improved water services? From *Shallow wells and Water pan-(provided through OFDA funding)*
  - What is the estimated quantity of safe water that was supplied per beneficiary in litres/person/day?, through Water supply activities.
  - What percent of households had drinking water supplies with Free Residual Chlorine-FRC (at the level of (FRC)>0.2 mg/L)?
  - What is the estimated number of people that received direct hygiene promotion?; the percent of people targeted 'who knew at least three (3) of the five (5) critical times to wash hands'? and percent of people targeted 'able to store their drinking water safely in clean containers'?
  - What were the main positive impact(s), successes, challenges and lessons learned from interventions under the following sub-sectors?-(*Fodder/Livestock, Veterinary Pharmaceuticals and Medical Commodities (VPMC), Irrigation, Water supply and Hygiene promotion*).
  - What are the recommendations for similar future interventions?
- Determine the relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of LLRP-III interventions

#### **F. Methodology of Data Collection (Evaluation method):**

The project will apply a number of methodologies in data Collection. The methods of data collection that will be used in combination include (e.g *qualitative, quantitative or mixed methods*):

1. Desk review of VSF Suisse project reports, relevant reports on LLRP-III project activities
2. Focus group discussions with stakeholders, pastoralists, agro-pastoralists and key actors in the districts/ Gedo-region.
3. Key Informant Interviews with relevant experts in emergency, development interventions; local authorities and heads of departments from the collaborating actors
4. Use of participatory skills and approaches and field data collection with pastoralists and agro-pastoralists in targeted areas.

### G. Results of Evaluation

A detailed report indicating clearly the main impacts, lessons learned, project successes and key recommendations.

### H. Evaluation timeline:

The proposed duration of the Evaluation planned during the last month(s) of the project will be 22 days as described below. The evaluation is expected to be completed in September 2019.

| <b>Proposed activity</b> |  |             |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Result</b>            |  | <b>Days</b> |
| 1.1                      | Literature review in Nairobi                                       | 2           |
| 1.2                      | Focus Group discussions and Key Informant Interviews (Field visit) | 14          |
| 1.3                      | Compiling Evaluation report  | 6           |
|                          | <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>22</b>   |

### I. Location

The evaluation will take place in the project areas in Gedo Region of Somalia as agreed with the consultant (s).

### J. Execution

- The consultant (s) should provide a detailed work plan and budget of the training.

## **K. Deliverables**

The consultant (s) will be expected to submit a hard copy and soft copy of a detailed plan within two (2) days of signing the consultancy contract.

A detailed final report will be presented to the VSF Suisse Country Director and the Team Leader detailing the findings of the consultancy and recommendations for future similar interventions in South Central Somalia. The entire report will be presented in English and will remain the property of VSF Suisse. A hard copy and a soft copy (electronic) must be submitted.

A draft report will be expected four (4) days after the end of the field mission and the Final report is expected 2 days after VSF Suisse's comments.

The contents of the report shall be as follows:

- Executive summary
- Background
- Description of the objectives of the mission and execution methodology.
- Findings including lessons learned
- Discussion
- Conclusion and Recommendations
- Annexes covering Terms of Reference, abbreviations, field locations visited, references, graphs, tables etc.

## **L. Responsibilities**

VSF Suisse Country Director and the VSF Suisse LLRP-III Team Leader will ensure the overall coordination of the consultancy.

## **M. Evaluator(s) profile:**

The Evaluator/consultant(s) are expected to have the following qualifications:

- Livestock expert with at least seven years experience in livestock development.
- Experience in carrying out similar consultancies and a proven track record of excellent results delivery.
- Excellent report writing skills.
- Working experience in Somalia, especially South-Central, is desirable.

## **N. Contact information**

Interested expert(s) and organizations (s) should prepare and submit to VSF Suisse a technical and financial proposal for the assignment by 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The proposal should indicate qualifications and experience with a detailed execution plan and budget. The proposals, CV and letter of motivation as well as three (3) referees should be sent electronically to [Office.Nairobi@vsf-suisse.org](mailto:Office.Nairobi@vsf-suisse.org).