

LIFESAVING AND LIVELIHOODS RESTORATION PROJECT- IV (LLRP-IV): AWARD AGREEMENT NO. 720FDA19GR00276

Terms of Reference: Final Evaluation of Lifesaving and Livelihood Restoration Project-IV (LLRP-IV) 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, 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 depend on livestock and agriculture with the aim of improving food sovereignty, nutrition security and resilience. VSF-Suisse is implementing a USAID/OFDA -funded (now USAID/BHA) LLRP-IV project in Gedo Region, Jubbaland State, Somalia. LLRP-IV aims at improving immediate access to food and providing emergency support to restore livelihoods for the vulnerable populations affected by multiple shocks, including droughts and floods.

VSF-Suisse is seeking to engage a reputable consultant(s) to undertake a Final Evaluation of LLRP-IV 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 partners, local authorities, communities as well as livestock health/production and WASH actors.

B. Project Summary

Project Period: 01 October 2019 to 31 December 2020.

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

Project Location: Bullahawa, Dollow, Luuq and Elwak Districts of Gedo Region , Jubbaland State, 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, Hygiene promotion and WASH NFIs Sub-Sectors)*

Implementing Partners: VSF-Suisse (Grantee) and Nasib Relief and Development Organization –NARDO (Sub-grantee)

Donor: USAID/BHA

The project has two objectives.

- To alleviate suffering, protect and restore the livelihoods of population in distress from the effect of drought and to address the impact of floods and locust infestation. This is achieved by implementing activities in the AFS Sector.
- To rehabilitate community assets and reduce vulnerability of communities to droughts and to address the impact of floods. This is achieved by implementing activities in the WASH Sector.

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

- Support is provided to 1,100 agro-pastoralists (600 existing & 500 new fodder farmers) to produce and conserve fodder.
- Training of 44 lead farmers as ToTs
- 6 strategic fodder demonstration units established to be used as a training facility for beneficiaries
- One study conducted on the assessment of the demand and impact of fodder intervention (VSF-Suisse supported) on feed and food security in Gedo (from 2015-2020).
- One study conducted on the assessment of the performance of community-based animal health services delivery (CBAHSD) in Beled Xaawo, Dollow, Luuq, Elwak, Garbaharey and Bardere Districts.
- Training is provided to 120 Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs); Community Health Workers (CHWs), Veterinary pharmacy store attendants and Government staff on the link between environmental, animal and human health (ONE Health Concept).
- Conducting 12 community dialogue sessions on One Health.
- Training is provided to 8 Veterinary pharmacies/ store attendants on veterinary medical commodity supply chain management and business skills.
- Agro-pastoralist communities are supported to rehabilitate 20 Kms of communal Irrigation canals through Cash for Work Approach to enhance agricultural activities.
- Training provided to 20 Lead and 200 farmers on basic agronomic practices, basic use of irrigation equipment, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Early Warning systems (EWS) to optimize on productivity.
- Rehabilitation of 5 shallow wells to increase durable access to safe water for 10,560 vulnerable pastoralists/agro-pastoralists and the core breeding/milking stock as well as disinfection of 4 shallow wells contaminated by storm water.
- Training provided to 75 Water Management Committee (WMC) members on water quality and hygiene, water treatment, prevention of water-borne diseases and routine maintenance of the 5 rehabilitated shallow wells.
- 4 shallow wells contaminated by storm water in Elwak district disinfected
- Procurement and distribution of 9 pcs of 25kgs containers of chlorine for water treatment of the 5 rehabilitated and 4 contaminated shallow wells as well as distribution of assorted household water treatment chemicals.
- Hygiene promotion for 18,600 pastoralists and agro-pastoralists utilizing the 5 shallow wells in Bullahawa and Elwak districts as well as those worst affected by floods
- A ToT training is provided to 100 CAHWs, CHWs and Hygiene Promoters (HPs) to enhance hygiene promotion in rural pastoral and agro-pastoral communities.
- Procurement and distribution of 6,700 Jerricans (20-litres size) with lids for 3,100 2HHs and assorted pieces of bar soap to 5,700 households for domestic use.

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 learned 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 acres under fodder production?-from direct and indirect beneficiaries.
- What is the estimated number of months of fodder beneficiaries HHs livestock feeds self-sufficiency? and HHs food security? as a result of fodder activities.
- What is the estimated number of livestock owned (per livestock species) by most of the Agro-pastoralists HHs.
- What is the estimated number of people that directly or indirectly benefited from the rehabilitated Irrigation canals?
- What is the estimated number of acres under food crops and fodder production?- from the rehabilitated Irrigation canals?
- What is the estimated number of months that households benefiting from the rehabilitated Irrigation canals had food self sufficiency?
- What are the community perceptions on the One Health dialogues sessions conducted?
- What is the estimated number of animal disease outbreaks during LLRP-IV project period?
- Which organizations carried out livestock treatments or vaccinations during LLRP-IV project period? What is the estimated number of livestock that were treated or vaccinated from these intervention(s)?
- What is the estimated number of people that directly utilized improved water services? From *Shallow wells* -(provided through USAID/BHA 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 percent of people targeted 'who knew at least three (3) of the five (5) critical times to wash hands'?
- What is the percentage of households storing water in clean containers?
- What is the percentage of households reporting satisfaction in the quantity and quality of the distributed WASH NFIs?
- What were the main positive impact(s), successes, challenges and lessons learned from LLRP-IV interventions under the following sub-sectors?-(*Fodder/Livestock, Veterinary Pharmaceuticals and Medical Commodities (VPMC), Irrigation, Water supply, Hygiene promotion and WASH NFIs*).
- What are the recommendations for similar future 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-IV 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 LLRP-IV Evaluation will be 22 days as described below. The evaluation is expected to be completed in December 2020.

Proposed activity		
Result		Days
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
	TOTAL	22

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 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-IV Project Lead will ensure the overall coordination of the consultancy.

M. Evaluator(s) profile:

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

- Demonstrate solid background in food security, livestock-based livelihoods and WASH.
- Experience in carrying out similar consultancies and a proven track record of delivering excellent results.
- Experience in use of participatory skills and approaches among the pastoral and agro-pastoral communities.
- Excellent communication skills in both written and oral, demonstrated in ability to write comprehensive reports with in-depth analysis.
- Working experience in Somalia, especially South-Central, is desirable.

N. Application Process.

Interested consultants should prepare and submit to VSF-Suisse a Technical Proposal (including a Detailed Description of Approaches and Methodology) and a Financial proposal for the Evaluation. The proposal should indicate qualifications and experience of the consultant (s) with a detailed Execution plan and Budget (in USD). The methodology should clearly indicate how the work will be executed in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposals, CVs and letter of motivation as well as three (3) referees should be sent electronically to Office.Nairobi@vsf-suisse.org by 22nd November 2020; 5:00 PM EAT.