

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

UGANDA

IRRIGATION FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECT (ICRP)

LOAN NUMBER - P163836

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR EXTENSION SERVICES AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO AND USE OF QUALITY AGRO-INPUTS IN :

LOT 1: OLWENY IRRIGATION SCHEME IN LIRA DISTRICT,

LOT 2: AGORO IRRIGATION SCHEME IN LAMWO DISTRICT PROC.REF:MWE/CONS/20-21/00045

The Government of Uganda (GoU) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Irrigation for Climate Resilience Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for **Consultancy Services Extension Services and Improving Access to and Use of Quality Agro-Inputs for; Lot 1: Olweny Irrigation Scheme in Lira District and Lot 2: Agoro Irrigation Scheme in Lamwo District.**

The consulting services (“the Services”) include (i) Provide the needed assistance to the existing extension agencies in the irrigation scheme to establish and implement an intensive and effective extension support to assist the targeted farmer groups in making optimal use of the irrigation facilities. (ii) Train District Local Government field extension workers to technically backstop and provide needed (extension) support to lead farmers, representing the different farmer groups in the irrigation scheme, in providing supplementary irrigation, on-farm water management, soil (fertility) management, additional knowledge and skills in good agricultural practices for increased production and productivity; improved food and nutrition security and sustainable land management practices. (iii) Train and support one or two lead-farmers per farmer group to facilitate extension support to their group members through Farmer Field Schools (FFS) on different potential crops that will benefit from supplementary irrigation in combination with on-farm demonstrations and exchange visits. (iv) Improve farmers’ access to and utilisation of quality improved agricultural inputs.

The implementation period of the assignment is twenty-four month for each lot and is expected to commence in November 2022.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be accessed at <https://www.mwe.go.ug/library/tendersprocurement>.

The Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide sufficient information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria for the firm’s capability and experience are:

1. Minimum of five (5) years' experience in consultancy assignments for management, agricultural development, and building capacity of communities/farmers with specific knowledge and experience in irrigated crop agronomy; food and nutrition security; Sustainable land management;
2. Submit the firm’s organogram to demonstrate the firm’s technical and managerial capability

3. The firm must demonstrate experience of at least two(2) similar assignments in the following areas:
 - (i) Stakeholder Engagements and community capacity development especially for commercialized agriculture programs.
 - (ii) Agricultural development
 - (iii) Irrigation crop agronomy
 - (iv) Food and nutrition security and
 - (v) Sustainable land management

The experience in these different areas could have been obtained from the one assignment or from different assignments provided the Consultant can demonstrate two similar assignments in each of them.

4. Experience in similar conditions with at least one project in sub-Saharan Africa or other countries in the world at similar level of development as Sub Saharan Africa
5. Presence of appropriate skills among staff in the areas of agriculture, agronomy, irrigation, food security and nutrition, Sustainable land management, social development (Please do not submit CVs and bio data of experts.)

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers' July 2016 revised November 2020 [Procurement in investment Project Financing; Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services], setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications in the form of a joint venture and/or lead/ sub-consultancy. Consultants shall indicate clearly whether the association is a joint venture and/or sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

Consultants submitting Expression of interest (EoI) for more than one (1) lot must demonstrate capacity to undertake/execute the multiple assignments (multiple lots) concurrently.

A separate EoI shall be submitted for each lot.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the World Bank procurement regulation.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (Monday to Friday, 08:30 – 17:00 hours, except on public holidays).

Expressions of interest (**One original plus two copies**) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by courier) by **2nd March 2022**.

The packages must be clearly marked as;

Expression of Interest for Provision of Extension Services and Improving Access to and Use of Quality Agro-Inputs for Lot 1: Olweny Irrigation Scheme.

OR

Expression of interest for Provision of Extension Services and Improving Access to and Use of Quality Agro-Inputs for Lot 2: Agoro Irrigation Scheme.

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