



Smallholder Agriculture Development for Food and Nutrition Security (SADFONS)

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)- INDIVIDUAL SELECTION CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT (ESPA)

Name of Project: **Smallholder Agriculture Development for Food and Nutrition Security (SADFONS)**

Sector: **Agriculture**

Project ID No.: **P-LR-AA0-010**

Grant Number: **5570155001001**

Reference No.: **MoA/SADFONS/ICS/C2/25**

Issue Date: **February 3, 2026**

End Date: **February 17, 2026**

1. Background

The Government of Liberia, through the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) has received grants from the Global Agriculture Food Security Program (GAFSP) of the World Bank Group and the African Development Fund of the African Development Bank (AfDB) to finance the Smallholder Agriculture Development for Food and Nutrition Security (SADFONS) Project. The Project intends to apply part of the proceeds toward the contracting of an individual Consultant to conduct an Environmental & Social Performance audit (ESPA) for the project.

2. Main Objective of the Assignment

This Request for Proposal (RFP) seeks applications from experienced and knowledgeable EPA-certified consultants to prepare an Annual Environmental and Social Compliance Audit Report for the Smallholder Agriculture Development on Food and Nutrition Security (SADFONS) Project. The primary objective of this audit is to assess the project's level of compliance with the applicable environmental and social (E&S) requirements. The audit will focus specifically on assessing the extent of compliance with the financial agreement provisions, including national legislations, regulations and procedures, the Bank's environmental and social requirements and international industrial best practices (IIBP) of the project's sector. The audit will identify non-compliance, good practices and deficiencies, and recommend corrective actions. It shall be an independent evaluation of both the Borrower's and the Bank's performances through the overall project E&S performance

3. Duration of the Assignment

The duration of the contract is estimated to be thirty (35) days.

The MoA/SADFONS Project now invites eligible Interested consultants to prepare an Annual Environmental and Social Compliance Audit Report for the SADFONS project. The individual consultant must demonstrate that he/she has the relevant skills, experience, and qualifications to perform the services.

4. Deliverables

The main deliverable from this exercise will be an annual E&S performance audit report, including a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The audit report should provide information that will enable the National Coordinating Office and the African Development Bank (AfDB) to identify and prevent environmental and social risks that are not sufficiently considered, with a view to their correction and the prevention of reputational risk. Clear recommendations (executable, measurable, cost, timelines, responsibilities) should be formulated to prioritize and develop the action plan for its efficient implementation.

5. Consultant Qualifications

The selected Consultant should meet the following minimum requirements:

- At least a master's degree in environmental and social management disciplines, with additional training or solid experience in environmental and social assessment.
- A minimum of five (5) years of relevant professional experience in project environmental and social assessment.
- Experience in the broad areas of project environmental and social assessment and, in environmental management and monitoring.
- Experience in preparing and/or managing the implementation of ESIAs, RAPs of AfDB-funded or by other DFIs.
- Experience in the project host country would be an added advantage.
- Additional advantages include (i) Academic training in E&S performance audit or ESMS; (ii) Good experience in environmental and social assessment in the host country of the project.

6. Selection Criteria

The consultant shall be shortlisted based on the following criteria: **(a)** General experience of the consultant in conducting a performance audit over the past five (5) years; **(b)** Specific experience (Agriculture sector) in conducting an E&S performance audit within the past 5 years; **(c)** Experience in donor-funded (African Development Bank, World Bank etc.) E&S performance audit; **(d)** the proposed methodology/approach; **(e)** the consultant capacity to develop reports and all other relevant documents. Eligibility criteria, the establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be per the African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group funded Operations" (BPM), dated 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

7. How to apply

Expressions of Interest must be submitted electronically to: Attn: MOA/SADFONS Project Mr. Jlopleh Dennis Wiagbe, Jr dwiagbe@moa.gov.lr with a copy to: mkamara@moa.gov.lr and bfasssah@moa.gov.lr. Note that submissions received no later than Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 5:00 PM. The submission must be titled: **“Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the Consultancy Services- E&S Performance audit for SADFONS PROJECT.**

Interested Consultant can obtain further information at the e-mail addresses mentioned below during working hours: **9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Liberian Time, Mondays through Fridays (except public holidays):** dwiagbe@moa.gov.lr with copy to: mkamara@moa.gov.lr and bfasssah@moa.gov.lr