



Republic of Liberia
Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project
(STAR-P)

Ministry of Agriculture
Credit No: 16045



Consulting Services: RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT GENDER STUDY/ANALYSIS FOR THE SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION AND AGRIBUSINESS REVITALIZATION PROJECT IN LOFA, BOMI, CAPE MOUNT, NIMBA AND MARGIBI COUNTIES.

Request for Expression of Interest

1. The Government of Liberia has applied for financing to the World Bank toward the cost of the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Rehabilitation Project (STAR-P) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for **Recruiting the Services of a Consultant to conduct Gender Study/Analysis for the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project in Bomi, Cape Mount, Margibi, Nimba and Lofa Counties.**

2. The scope of assignment includes, but not limited to the identification and analyzing existing gender issues as they manifest in the agricultural sector in Liberia, and in particular the targeted counties-Lofa, Bomi, Nimba, Cape Mount and Margibi Counties.

At the minimum, the study is expected to map out existing gender realities across the target value chains, specify causes of such inequalities and how they manifest in the productive lives of men and women, and analyze the gender dimensions of access and control of productive resources and development benefits.

The study will also profile the current programs and donor resources for supporting governments' commitment and capacity to work on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment issues in the sector.

3. The Ministry of Agriculture now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and at least five years relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: **description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, proof of appropriate skills for the assignment, proposed methodology in achieving the desire objectives of the assignment, specific experience relevant to the assignment and experience in the region.**

4. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers January 2011 and revised July 1, 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: relationship with Borrower's staff: Consultants (including their experts and other personnel, and sub-consultants) that have close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower (or of the project implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the loan) who are directly or indirectly involved in any part of: (i) the preparation of the TOR for the assignment (ii) the selection process for the contract, or (iii) the supervision of such contract may not be awarded a contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the contract.

5. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual **Consultant Selection (ICS)** Method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

6. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **9:00 to 17:00** hours, Mondays through Fridays.

7. Expressions of interest must be delivered in person or by email to the address below by **September 21, 2017**

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