



**African Forum
for Agricultural
Advisory Services**
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CALL FOR EOI FOR PROCUREMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT - AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND ADVISORY SERVICES LEAD FOR AFAAS SECRETARIAT

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1. BACKGROUND:

The African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) is the continental umbrella organization that aims at strengthening national Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (AEAS) in Africa. Its mission is to promote lesson learning and add value to initiatives in AEAS through policy advocacy and lobbying, sharing of knowledge and information through increased professional interaction among AEAS providers. Each member country is ultimately expected to establish a Country Forum (CF) through which its activities shall be implemented.

Currently AFAAS is spearheading the AEAS initiatives for sustaining the momentum of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) of the African Union. In this regard it works in close collaboration with other continental and sub-regional bodies contributing to CAADP - most notably those in the areas of agricultural research, organizing farmers and fostering private sector involvement. In addition, AFAAS is implementing the AGRA Project entitled: "Scaling and Operationalization of Pluralistic Last Mile Delivery, Extension and Advisory Services in Africa". In order to strengthen the Extension arm at the secretariat; AFAAS is soliciting a consultant to handle engagement with the Country For a (CFs), initiate and strengthen partnerships, in addition to supporting AEAS projects.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY:

The objectives of the assignment are:

- a) Project Support: Provide strategic, technical and operational support to AFAAS projects to ensure they meet their goals, deliverables and outputs and reporting requirements
- b) Engagement with and strengthen Country Fora and stakeholders: Facilitate interactions and engagements for; strengthening CFs in service delivery, innovativeness, knowledge management functions, lesson learning and partnership building to ensure effective implementation of AEAS initiatives.
- c) Partnership Development: Identify, build, and strengthen strategic and operational partnerships at all levels to support AEAS projects and objectives for collective impact.

- d) Policy development and Advocacy: Participate/Facilitate policy development and advocacy in AEAS and in associated areas for better delivery

3. DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The contract duration is eleven (11) months and will commence on 15th February, 2025 and conclude on 15th January, 2026, renewable based on performance and availability of funding. Specific milestones and deadlines will be agreed upon during the inception phase.

4. QUALIFICATION, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCES

The following set of qualifications and competencies will form the basis for selection of the AEAS Consultant.

4.1 Qualification and Experience:

- a) Advanced degree (Minimum Master of Science) in agriculture, rural development, extension services, or a related field.
- b) Proven experience in agricultural extension and advisory services, including project management and partnership building.
- c) Strong understanding of the agricultural sector in Africa and the role of Country Fora.
- d) Excellent communication, facilitation, interpersonal. and coaching skills
- e) Ability to work independently and collaboratively with diverse stakeholders.

4.2 Competencies

- a) Strategic Leadership and Program Development
- b) Technical Expertise in Agricultural Extension and Innovation
- c) Stakeholder Engagement and Partnership Building
- d) Knowledge Management and Learning and Communication and Facilitation
- e) Policy Development and Advocacy
- f) Capacity Building and Training
- g) Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting

Interested individual consultants must provide information verifying that they are qualified to perform the assignment and meet the minimum required experience criteria above. Submitted information shall include: (i) Cover Letter for EOI; (ii) Technical and Financial Proposal (iii) CV in English; and (iv) References (Recommendation Letters). Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below not later than **26th February, 2025, at 10.00 a.m.** at the address below or electronically on email: secretariat@afaas-africa.org.

The Consultant will be selected based on the “Consultants Qualification Selection (CQS)” procurement method by IFAD Procurement Handbook (approved in September, 2010). Interested individuals may obtain detailed information on the assignment at the address below from 08:00 – 17:00 (local time) latest **February, 17, 2025**.

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