



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
NATIONAL OIL PALM PROJECT

NATIONAL REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

For the recruitment of

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HIV/AIDS AWARENESS AND ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH RESPONSIVE BEHAVIOUR CHANGE MESSAGES THROUGH SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES UNDER THE NATIONAL OIL PALM PROJECT IN BUVUMA AND MAYUGE HUBS

MAAIF/NOPP/SRVCS/20-21/00017

1. Background

The Government of Uganda (GoU) received a loan from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to finance a ten-year National Oil Palm Project (NOPP). The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), and other partners including other Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Local Governments, farmers and private sector players, are implementing the project. The project has strong public and private sector partnerships. NOPP is being implemented in five hubs namely Kalangala, Buvuma, Mayuge, Mukono and Greater Masaka.

The overall goal of the NOPP is inclusive rural transformation through oil palm investment. The development objective is to sustainably increase rural incomes through opportunities generated by the establishment of an efficient oil palm industry that complies with modern environmental and social standards. NOPP implementation is via three components: 1) Scaling-up smallholder oil Palm development; 2) Livelihoods diversification and resilience, and; 3) Oil Palm Sector Development Framework.

The project under sub component 2.2 will assist households and communities in the project areas to effectively manage these risks at District, Community and Household levels through implementing community level interventions on **HIV/AIDS awareness, and engagement of young people through Sports and Cultural** activities. Activities will focus on; supporting on-going efforts in expanding information, awareness and behaviour change promotion, economic empowerment and youth engagement. These interventions will complement the ongoing Household Mentoring interventions, geared towards tackling barriers limiting households' economic development.

Objective of the consultancy

The consultancy is aimed at facilitating wide spread dissemination of accurate and comprehensive information to communities, households and individuals about behavior change in relation to HIV/AIDS. The interventions will be implemented in all oil palm communities targeted under NOPP. The consultancy will address the following specific objectives in line with the project design and the gender and youth strategy.

- i. Provide information, education and communication targeted towards;
 - (a) HIV/AIDS awareness in project area including among adolescent girls and young women especially on internal and external HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination, (b) educate males, females and youth on positive life style and to avoid high risk sexual behaviour that leads to exposure to HIV/AIDS, (c) education on sexual and gender based violence affecting all gender groups (e) increasing information on availability and location HIV/AIDS care and treatment services, (f) disseminate messages of living positive especially targeting the young people and the affected and infected families and vulnerable populations, and link them to engage in income generating activity opportunities in project area
- ii. Deliver gender responsive HIV/AIDS interventions on prevention, counselling and testing, care and treatment (nutrition care, palliative care, and STI prevention & management) for males, females and in oil palm the communities.

- iii. Develop Sports and Cultural activities/ programs to engage young people with responsive behaviour change information, education and communication that empowers them to demand for HIV/AIDs information and services.

2. Time Schedule

The assignment will be for an initial duration of 2 years subject to extension based on the performance and availability of funds

The selected CBO/NGO should possess the following:

1. Legal status recognized by the Government of Uganda enabling the firm to conduct an Environmental Audit evidenced by;
 - a) legally registered/ recognized independent organisation and if in a consortium, should be registered consortium to conduct these activities in the respective district.
 - b) An income tax clearance for 2019/2020 financial year or a transactional tax clearance addressed to Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
 - c) Registered Powers of Attorney
2. Demonstrated financial capacity evidenced by;
 - a) 3 Year audited accounts of 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019-2020
3. Relevant experience and proven record of accomplishment in implementing the identified thematic areas (HIV/AIDs, & working with young people on behaviour change). This should be evidenced by previous related assignments handled by the organization. The NGO/CBO should have good knowledge of mobilizing communities in fishing area and development and dissemination of information (IECs) and have physical presence in the project area at time of expressing interest in the assignment

Prospective NGOs/CBOs are requested to submit Expression of interest proposals in accordance to above criteria upon which 3-6 firms will be shortlisted and issued with a request for proposal (RFP) to submit a combined technical and financial proposal. Submission of Expression of Interest and Closing of Expression of Interest is on 2nd June 2021 at 11.00am

The address for submission of written expression of interest proposals is:

The Project Manager NOPP: JOCASA House 1st Floor Plot 14 Nakasero Road, P.O Box 12041 Kampala, Tel: 0414-230690

Planned Schedule for Evaluation of EOI

Publication of Expression of Interest	7th May 2021
Submission of Expression of Interest and Closing of Expression of Interest	2nd June 2021
Shortlisting of Consultants	8th June 2021
Notification of Successful Consultants	25th June 2021