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PROJECTS

1. SOLIDARIDAD EAST AFRICA.

SOLIDARIDAD Eastern and Central Africa Expertise Centre, is an international development organisation supporting communities to achieve economic development, through increased production of processed vegetables for the export market, local vegetables for the local market and dairy value chains. The objective is to improve access to good (safe) food, through increased production of processed vegetables for the export market, local vegetables for the local market and dairy value chains.

Background information

The Food for All Project(F4AKP), is a 5-year project, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands under the Dutch Ministry of Foreign affairs, Facility for Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Food security subsidy (FDOV) and is being implemented in five counties in Kenya, namely Makueni, Machakos, Meru, Embu and Tharaka Nithi by Solidaridad, F4AKP -led consortium whose other core partners are Meru Greens Horticulture Limited, Heifer Kenya Project International and Soil Care Foundation while Agriculture and Food Authority, Horticulture Crops Directorate is an associate partner. The program will focus on improving access to good (safe) food, through increased conventionally production of 16.5mt of beans organically produced and processed and marketed per year. 304MT of assorted vegetables – melons, tomatoes, onions, capsicums will have been produced and marketed through supermarkets and local open markets per year, and 1,100MT of fresh bananas (400MT ripened), processed and sold through the supermarkets and local markets.

Food for all Kenya Project (F4AKP) goal is to contribute to increased food security & increased incomes for 48,500 households in the five counties and the development of a dynamic and sustainable horticulture sector in Kenya in 5 years.

The programme will do so by focusing on the following objectives:

- To enhance food security of 48,500 households through access to good and safe food due to increased productivity.

- To increase production and productivity of local vegetables, bananas and beans by 80%.
- To increase household income by 80% through diversification and improved market linkages.
- Increase the number of months farmers have become food secure to 12.
- Certify twenty farmer groups against Global Gap standard to enhance market access.

Global Gap implementation

Food safety is a rising concern in Kenya, especially so in the horticulture sector. Traceability system in food safety is key in reduction of misuse of pesticides by smallholder farmers. Thus a farm to market tracking of the flow of the product from the production process to the customer table is mandatory in order to improve on the safety of the food. Global gap is a voluntary market standard that seeks to establish the operations that are geared towards achieving both environmental sustainability and reduction of misuse of harsh pesticides that will otherwise harm food production. Solidaridad through F4AKP together with the other partners will train 20 farmer groups on GAPs which will be finally certified against the Global gap standard to produce French beans for processing geared towards promoting Kenyan processed beans in Europe and reduce wastage during glut harvest. In this exercise, Solidaridad, F4AKP will seek to certify 20 farmer groups growing beans, in collaboration with AFA –HCD, who will supply Meru Greens Horticulture and any other exporter to access the European market.

Objectives of the Assignment

This assignment has two main objectives:

- (a) Increased awareness among the French beans producers on the importance of Global GAP certification in relation to food safety and market access;
- (b) Preparation and supporting the farmer groups to put in place necessary systems for the success of the certification process based on Global GAP requirements.

The Global gap certification process is ensuring all aspects of food safety are adhered to through an elaborate tracking system that guarantees consumers of their health in the first objective, hence it is imperative that it is well articulated and developed with the participants well trained on how to establish a proper record keeping system as per the Global gap food safety standard version 5 for Fruits and vegetables. In the second objective is to ensure sustainability of the traceability system, the implementer should demonstrate to the farmer the importance of adopting Global gap and set of systems that will guarantee the success of the certification process.

The scope of work will include, but not necessarily limited to, the following activities:

- 1) Development of a proper food traceability system in line with Global Gap version 5 Option 2 for fruits and vegetables.

- 2) Pre-screening and training of up to 20 farmer groups based in Meru, Embu, Machakos, Makueni and Tharaka Nithi counties on Global gap version 5, Option 2, (20 farmer groups finally going through certification).
- 3) Undertake all the key mandatory required trainings as per Global gap version 5 Fruits and vegetables Option 2 for the **20** groups of farmers based in the five counties.
- 4) Build the capacity of the selected farmers to carry on with proper record keeping even after external certification.
- 5) Train the selected farmers on Risk assessments, sampling of water, soil and MRL testing as prerequisite to undertake Global gap certification
- 6) Ensure that the selected farmers have in place structures that meet Global gap food safety standard
- 7) Undertake the role of doing internal audits, and finally external audits supervised by AFA –HCD.
- 8) Close off all Non conformities as may arise from external audits and hand over the final certification report accompanied with certificates from Global gap.

NB: These processes will involve 20 farmers groups who are stationed in Makueni, Machakos, Embu, Meru and Tharaka Nithi, engaged in French beans and fruit production.

Deliverables

The following will be outputs expected in the course of the assignment;

1. Detailed training program
2. Detailed report on the gaps identified during evaluation and screening of the selected farmers
3. Internal audits reports and closure of all non-conformities identified
4. Undertake the external audits and hand over of the final certificate of certification from a selected External auditor and Global gap House.

Assignment requirements

Ideal candidates for the assignment should possess the following attributes;

- A Bachelor's degree in agriculture, Horticulture, Crop Protection, Agriculture Education and Extension, agronomy, environmental science or related and relevant field.
- Relevant professional training in Global gap implementation from a recognized institution is mandatory.
- At least 5 years' working experience in Global gap implementation especially in the small and medium scale farmers' context.
- Good knowledge in undertaking of global gap of processed French beans.
- Demonstrated experience in having undertaken similar exercises elsewhere
- Excellent interpersonal and adult training skills.
- Excellent communication skills, including fluency in English & Kiswahili.

Requirements to the Proposal:

The proposal, to be submitted in English, shall include:

A. A technical proposal incorporating;

- i. A short description of deliverables, clear work plan (days and activities) with the proposed methodology and which shall include full justification for implementation approach to be used;
- ii. Detailed CV or company profile of the team to be involved, including experience relevant to this assignment;
- iii. At least three referees (with telephone numbers) for similar or related work done elsewhere.

B. A financial proposal indicating fees for the consultancy, including all costs to conduct this assignment (this should indicate man-days and fees including taxes).

Application

Interested candidates should send their applications, **by 5pm, 28th September, 2018.** Applications should be sent via email addressed to:

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