



INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SERVICE PROCUREMENT NOTICE

SUBJECT

Assessing opportunities and perspectives for the role of cooperatives in socio-economic development of Bedouins' and herders communities in West Bank (Palestinian Territories)

Reference: CISP/FAI/8.1.2012/4

CISP Office in Jerusalem is seeking proposals from individual consultants for the provision of the Individual Consultancy Services described in the abovementioned subject.

The study about

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is expected to serve as a guide to help the Palestinian local authorities and institutions, UN agencies, local and International NGOs, Donors gain better understanding of the Cooperative instrument as key factor to improve living conditions and socio-economic development of Bedouins' and Herders' communities in West Bank (WB), Palestinian Territories. The study is expected as well to provide relevant stakeholders with recommendations and advices on how to reinforce and strengthening existing livestock Cooperatives and to promote new Cooperatives among Bedouins and herders communities.

Period of assignment/services: Maximum three months from contract signature and in any case not later than October 31, 2014

Proposals must be submitted to the e-mail addresses:

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no later than 25 June 2014 on or before 3:00 pm. Jerusalem Local Time

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1. TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) OF THE CONSULTANCY: STUDY OBJECTIVES, CONTENT AND DELIVERABLE

The **main objective** of the proposed study is:

To assess the role of (existing and potential) agro-pastoral cooperatives for the enhancement of living conditions and socio-economic development of Bedouins' and herders' communities in West Bank (WB), Palestinian Territories.

The study shall include recommendations for the improvement of the Cooperative instrument, highlighting actual and potential benefits for agro-pastoral communities in WB, giving advices for overcoming current constraints and limits and providing orientations for further support programs either from National authorities and institutions or from International Aid stakeholders (UN Agencies, INGOs, etc.)

Component 1: Mapping of existing agro-pastoral Cooperatives in West Bank and current policies

- To coordinate with relevant Palestinian Authorities such as Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Agriculture, Municipalities, etc.; Local and International NGOs ; UN Agencies such as FAO, UNRWA, UNDP etc.; major donors such as EC, bilateral cooperations, consulates, etc. in order to
 - identify, collect and list relevant data about (at least most relevant) existing agro-pastoral (Livestock) Cooperatives in West Bank: numbers, characteristics, locations, activities' sectors, volume of activities, kind and number of direct (members) and indirect (communities) beneficiaries;
 - describe current main national policies and international programs in support of Cooperatives in WB

Component 2: Socio-economic /SWOT Analysis

- To provide an aggregate macro socio-economic (SWOT) analysis of the impact/role of Cooperatives within the local social and economic fabric, in terms of livelihood of marginalized communities, economic development, improvement of socio-economic conditions, resilience of agro-pastoral communities in West Bank.

Component 3: Case Study

- To describe as a Case Study, the experience of the Bedouin Cooperative "Association for Development of Livestock of Bedouins Community, Aqbat Jaber Camp, Jericho", set up in May 2011 with the support of CISP and within the context of the ongoing CISP/FAI project " Support to Bedouin and Herders communities in West Bank", started in July 2010.

The Case Study shall include:

- an in-depth description of the CISP/FAI project " Support to Bedouin and Herders communities in West Bank", depicting implemented activities and achieved results, as well as resources employed;
- evaluation of the said project to assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of the intervention;
- a description of the socio-economic situation of Bedouin communities in Jericho/Ramallah areas and neighborhoods, with basis on data collected through a socio-economic survey conducted by CISP and MoA in 2013; the above description will include a specific focus on the water scarcity and water supply situations of the same communities, and will recall the report already elaborated by CISP and PHG about the subject; data processing / elaboration of the information collected should be completed & a comprehensive survey report prepared with highlighted main results & conclusions;

Component 4: Recommendations

- To formulate recommended actions on macro and micro levels that can be taken to enhance and increase the role of the cooperative sector, especially in the field of livestock, for the socio-economic development of Bedouins and herders communities in West Bank. Recommendations should come after a consultation process with main stakeholders as UN agencies, INGOs, donors, PNA, communities' representatives, Unions of Cooperatives, etc. in order to formulate recommendations agreed to a maximum extent with all interested stakeholders.

Deliverable / Output

For each of the above components the Consultant shall deliver "ad hoc" reports which will be part (chapters) of a comprehensive final volume to be published by CISP and diffused among interested stakeholders (Palestinian Authorities and Institutions, local and international NGOs, UN agencies, donors, Bedouins' representatives, Cooperatives, etc.)

The said volume shall be presented to and discussed with major stakeholders in a workshop to be held in West Bank maximum early December 2014.

2. CONSULTANT PROFILE

I. Academic Qualifications:

- Graduate Degree MA in Agriculture, Rural Development or Economics, or other related fields. PHD is a plus.

II. Experience Requirements to be proved in the CV:

The profile, qualifications and experience of the consultant should specifically include:

- Proven good record (experience/knowledge) of cooperatives and rural development in general and specifically in the field of livestock and rural cooperatives in Palestine.
- Experience in socio economic research in rural context and data analysis
- Experience in writing reports
- Excellent English language skills, spoken and written
- Proficiency in English Reporting
- Excellent knowledge of the Palestinian context (cooperative and rural development) and at least 3 years of relevant experience
- Previous experiences within international organizations/cooperation
- Previous experiences of field work
- Awareness of cultural sensitivities and local context
- Awareness of the Palestinian tribal system
- Knowledge of Arabic Language is an assets

3. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS.

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL:

- (i) Personal **CV** including past experience in **similar activities and projects, lists of published studies and papers mostly in the field of agropastoralism, livestock and rural development**, and at least **3 references**, mentioning the references' e-mails addresses.
- (ii) A brief description **explaining why** you are the most suitable for the work, **confirming your capacity** to manage and deliver the work in the time period specified, and to the standards detailed the Terms of Reference.
- (iii) Provide a brief **methodology** on how you will approach and conduct the work, and a **detailed plan of work** detailing the **activities, key information sources** to be used, and **organizations to be consulted** in undertaking the task should be provided.

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL:

The financial proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount all included (VAT if applicable, travels, per diem, etc.) and payment terms around specific and measurable (qualitative and quantitative) deliverables. Payments are based upon output, i.e. upon successfully delivery of delivery of the approved reports specified in the above TOR (point 1)