PROJECT COORDINATOR CONSULTANT: DEVELOPMENT OF RISK FINANCING TOOL FOR ANGOLA

The Organization
The Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) delivers research-based solutions that harness agricultural biodiversity and sustainably transform food systems to improve people’s lives. Alliance solutions address the global crises of malnutrition, climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation.

With novel partnerships, the Alliance generates evidence and mainstreams innovations to transform food systems and landscapes so that they sustain the planet, drive prosperity, and nourish people in a climate crisis.

The Alliance is part of CGIAR, a global research partnership for a food-secure future.

Project Overview & Consultancy Profile
The Alliance is seeking for Project Coordinator Consultant: Development of Risk Financing Tool for Angola, to support the Angola Commercial Agriculture Development Project (CADP), the Alliance is developing a Risk Financing Tool (RFT) to support decision making by public sector for agriculture and food security. The RFT will contribute to improving productivity of commercial farmers and resilience of vulnerable rural households by increasing their capacity to absorb and adapt to risks.

This RFT will use technical research and development support from seasonal climate predictions, crop yield forecasting and vulnerability assessment (see Figure 1 below). The World Bank supported Agriculture Observatory in Angola will be a key partner for the development and sustainability of the RFT. This will be used by key government and partner stakeholders to inform decisions on finance and agri-business support in the face of emerging potential disasters.

The outputs of the RFT will be targeted advisories to support budget allocation, fiscal management and financial service deployment (e.g. insurance, credit). Ultimately, this could include supporting private sector insurance companies to develop products based on the models, and thereafter use their capital to offer said insurance products to farmers and Agric-SMEs, aligning with the Maximizing Finance for Development approach.

As an evidence-based platform, this RFT will build on existing initiatives and knowledge, in particular, the World Bank “Agricultural Sector Risk Assessment” in several countries, the FAO food security initiatives, the World Food Program (WFP) resilience programs, as well as many Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the private sector interventions.
The project will engage stakeholders and provide information across levels. This project will focus on the macro and meso levels, but will be developed with the potential to extend down to the micro level with future work. At the macro level the project will engage with key ministries and other national level high-level stakeholders (see Figure 2 below). At the meso-level the project will engage with specialized institutions such as the meteorological agency, and other relevant agencies and institutions. The project will work to understand the finance decision needs of these institutions and stakeholders at these different levels, and then will develop the RFT to support risk financing decision making relevant to support agribusiness (e.g. farmers coops and unions, input providers, processors, traders, etc.) and financial services (asset owners and managers, intermediaries, banks, insurance providers, etc.). Other types of beneficiaries could also be supported through the RFT. Moreover, the approach will utilize information from the micro level to inform the RFT.

The RFT will be developed in an extensible way, such that future work can address micro-level institutional decisions, additional stakeholders at the macro and meso level, and other potential beneficiaries can be targeted. This will be possible because the RFT will be set up with a general approach which could be refined with higher resolution and more targeted forecasting, and the decision-support it provides could be tailored to address issues of other potential beneficiaries.
Figure 2: The RFT will support decision making across macro, meso and micro levels institutions that will ultimately support risk financing to benefit agribusiness, financial service providers and other potential beneficiaries.

In addition, a risk transfer feasibility study for the improvement of the financing of contingent Government liabilities related to agriculture and food security shocks (as indicated in the ToRs). This will assess suitable financial instruments (e.g. insurance products, climate bonds, etc.) based on the potential needs identified from stakeholders in Angola, and present guidelines on how to further develop them.

Consultancy Main Objective:
1. Informing on the main risk factors and their likelihood at national and sub-national level;
2. Analyzing their fiscal, economic, food security, poverty and agricultural impacts at national and subnational level;
3. Contribute to the identification and assessment of the suitability and value for money of existing or new risk transfer tools and policy instruments;
4. Identify the main gaps and needs necessary to operationalize an RFT for decision making among public sector institutions;
5. Provide guidance for a prioritization of investment and mitigation measures of agriculture risks and RFT tools to be implemented;
6. Develop a RFT to be used by public sector to systematically assess agriculture risks (fiscal, economic, food security) and provide recommendations for decision making.

Responsibilities
- Provide overall project coordination with key project partners and stakeholders (particularly the Angola PDAC project as the donor)
- Support stakeholder engagement activities of the project including organizing virtual workshops and meetings with partners
- Support project staff translate end-user needs into project objectives for the risk financing tool and to facilitate feedback from the end-users to the project research teams
• Provide coordination of project research teams working on the project and their progress toward deliverables through for example organizing regular team meetings, and hence ensure that products developed by the research team are delivered on time to PDAC
• Support project management with insights from project coordination, e.g. tracking progress on activities
• Support writing and Portuguese translation of key reports for the donor
• Support project monitoring and reporting to donor based on input from the technical team
• Support on project external communications, such as blogs (lower priority, as time allows)

Requirements
• MA/MSc in international development, international relations, or other related field, with a focus and/or proven interest in value chains, agri-business, rural development, and food security topics.
• Experience (at least 2 years) and interest in climate change, agricultural risk management, finance and project coordination.
• Excellent Microsoft Office skills, including Word, Power Point and Excel.
• Very written and oral Portuguese and English languages skills.

Applications
Applicants are invited to visit http://ciat.cgiar.org/ciat-jobs to get full details of the position and to submit their applications. Applications MUST include reference number Consultancy Ref: CON-KE-LC-2021-123 as the position applied. Applications should be saved as one document using the candidate’s last name, first name for ease of sorting.

The Alliance does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing or training). The Alliance also does not concern itself with information on applicants' bank accounts.

Closing date for applications: 6th November 2021

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