



Consultancy Tender

Agricultural & Livelihood Specialist

Structure of employment: Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF)

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Background:

The Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF) is an international NGO established in several countries such as Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Liberia. WCF has been in operation since 2000 for the conservation of chimpanzees and other biodiversity in West Africa. One of WCF's main target areas is the Tai-Grebo-Krahn-Sapo Forest Complex, the largest remaining relatively intact forest block that spans across the Ivorian and Liberian border, encompassing various protected areas (Tai National Park and Cavally Classified Forest in Côte d'Ivoire; and Sapo National Park and the Grebo-Krahn National Park in Liberia) and identified conservation landscape corridors. Furthermore, WCF is active in the Krahn-Bassa Proposed Protected Area and is leading on various national initiatives with numerous partners.

USAID, through the West Africa Biodiversity and Climate Change (WA BiCC) program, is one of WCF's major donors in Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire. Awareness-raising, research, law enforcement, capacity-building, ecotourism as well as livelihoods projects are among the activities funded through the WA BiCC program. The livelihood projects are very diverse and include: bee-keeping and honey production, cassava and inland valley swamp rice farming, chicken and pig farms, cocoa, as well as market-gardening.

Objective of the mission:

WCF aims at keeping the environmental impact of its activities to a minimum, while aiming at maximum compliance with forest and biodiversity conservation and long-term sustainability of projects. Hence, it was decided to keep cultures and farms as organic and conservation-friendly as possible. The mission of the Agricultural & Livelihood Specialist will thus be to find locally fit ways and production processes to ensure the best efficiency of agricultural projects while avoiding chemicals as much as possible through the use of permacultures and organic, conservation-friendly techniques for instance. The experts might also have to help beneficiaries to select better-producing types of plants, and to support the long-term sustainability of projects. Therefore, after a project assessment and evaluation visit to the field in Liberia and in Côte d'Ivoire, which will enable the expert to identify the strong points and potential issues faced by each of WCF's livelihood projects, the expert is expected to present recommendations based on past experience, best practices and bibliographic research, and then to present an

implementation plan for the suggested amendments of each project. The consultancy will cover a period of 3 to 4 months.

Profile of the candidate:

The expert is required to:

- Have a master-level degree in agriculture, agronomy, or any other relevant area;
- At least 10 years of experience in tropical food-producing agriculture, as well as in commonly farmed animals and plants (especially in Africa);
- At least 5 years of experience in farmers' training in rural areas;
- A good knowledge of organic and conservation-friendly certifications, procedures and techniques;
- A good knowledge of community-based development project as well as individual income-generating activities in rural areas;
- A good knowledge of NGO processes and ways of working.

As the field mission will be both in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia, the expert must have a mother-tongue level in English as well as very good skills of written and spoken French.

Methodology:

Applicants have to propose an adequate methodology to fulfill the objectives of the mission. The chosen approach will necessarily have to integrate the thorough analysis and review of the different projects, as well as a series of recommendations with bibliographic references and a training support.

Expected results and deliverables:

At the end of each phase of the mission, the expert will have to submit a report. The final draft report must be sent within a month after the end of the field visit. The draft final report will have to be submitted 15 days after the end of the final training program.

Reports have to be written in English.

At the end of the consultancy:

- Recommendations are implemented with the beneficiaries;
- Beneficiaries of the project must be trained and capable enough to implement the recommendations of the expert;
- WCF's supporting staff will also have to follow the training program and be capable of ensuring the follow-up after the end of the consultancy.

Content of the proposal:

Proposals must include:

- A consultancy fee;
- A proposed methodology;
- A provisional chronogram;
- The consultant's CV;
- Two references from past experiences.

The application must be emailed to the following addresses until August, 25th 2019:

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