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RESEARCH CONSULTANCY – DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE NOTE AND TOOLS FOR ENHANCING CAPACITY FOR SMALLHOLDER FARMERS AND NON STATE ACTORS TO MONITOR AND TRACK IMPLEMENTATION OF MALABO DECLARATION COMMITMENT WITHIN THE CAADP RESULT FRAMEWORK

Duration: 65 working days over February to November 2017.

Location: Home-based and some possible travels for training and select data collection supervision.

Purpose:

Closing the gender gap and increasing socio-economic opportunities for smallholder women farmers are key to the fight against gender inequality. Far too many African women are trapped at the lower end of the spectrum of economic opportunities, which often perpetuates the same socio-economic status for their own families (AHDR 2016). Effective agricultural policies can address gender inequality - eliminating the significant socio-economic disparities and guaranteeing access to economic assets, participation in the workplace, entrepreneurship opportunities, and control of and benefits from natural resources and the environment.

The CAADP implementation strategy 2015-2025 alongside the CAADP Results Framework, agreed in Malabo in 2014, is a useful tool / instrument that farmers and citizens' alike can engage with and used as a tool for achieving Goals 1 & 2 of the SDGs as well as achieve gender equality and equity.

It is anticipated that the CAADP Results Framework enables Africa to have "on the table" tangible parameters to benchmark advancements in agricultural performance. It provides a solid presentation of the agriculture development agenda in terms of how strategic actions are translated into tangible outcomes. It presents a political and technical pillar to foster alignment in collaboration with partners. It responds to (i) the why; (ii) the what; (iii) the how of consolidating on and deepening the implementation of CAADP within the African Continent. The Framework is designed logically to connect and link three different levels Level 1 summarizes and defines top-level results (impact) aimed at achieving real social and economic transformation of the continent while promoting inclusive growth; Level 2 defines outcome results around agricultural sector change & performance (production, productivity, competitiveness and regional integration). Level 3 results involve a measure of systematic capacities and priority necessary for effective CAADP implementation.

While the CAADP Results Framework is amazing in its vision, it also has challenges in that the implementation and monitoring of indicators at the country level has not built-in adequate mechanism and measures to integrate smallholder women farmers and civil society organisations in the monitoring and tracking of results.

In the light of this, there is a dire need to strengthen the knowledge, analytical skills, monitoring and tracking capacity of smallholder women farmers, Farmers organisations, CAADP Non-State Actors Coalition (CNC) and other citizens group to engage in the implementation of the Malabo declaration and hence it's monitoring. It is anticipated that through this capacity strengthening, farmers, non-state actors and other citizens groups will be able to develop and deploy participatory tools to monitor and track how well the CAADP Result Framework and Malabo Declaration captures women's rights to food and women's resilience at the national level tracking levels two (whether there has been improvements in agricultural outcome a local and national level) and three (whether more women are included in agricultural processes) of the result framework. We will also look at women's participation in systems and processes while we anticipate collating the reports from the respective participating Countries to produce a common score card and shadow document on countries' abilities to achieve women's resilience and rights, and the systems women farmers are engaged with to the AUC biennial reports to the Heads of States in January 2018.

Specific objectives

- i. To develop and strengthen capacity for smallholder farmers (women especially), non-state actors and farmers organisations to engage more effectively in monitoring the implementation of the Malabo Commitments
- ii. To develop guidance note, tools and weighting score for scoring key implementation indicators and tracking the Malabo Commitment as captured in the CAADP Result Framework
- iii. To increase the understanding, awareness and consciousness amongst smallholder women farmers, Farmers Organisations and citizens groups to monitor level 2 and 3 results of the CAADP Result Framework at local levels (national)
- iv. To strengthen CAADP Non State Actors Coalition Capacity to facilitate and produce a shadow report in line with the biennial reporting to the Heads of State in January 2018
- v. To enhance evidence based advocacy for increased investments in smallholder agriculture and especially on women and resilience.
- vi. To promote a more participatory and gender responsive formulation, design of policies, programmes, and investments plans;

Main task, output and timeline of the consultancy:

Step 1: Development of guidance note, monitoring and data collection toolkit;

The consultant will be expected to develop a guidance note and monitoring tool for data collection which will help define and clarify some issues around the rationale for selecting indicators and provide description for collection of data along levels 2 and 3. This process will be carried out and finalized through a participatory workshop session with key stakeholders and ActionAid programme staff with colleagues in Impact Assessment and Shared Learning (IASL) to support country documentation.

The toolkit will consist of:

1. A guidance note and monitoring checklist redefining and simplifying the indicators across level 2 and 3 with guide on how to analyse the weighting for the score card.
2. A score card template to identify key indicators to be scored using the weighting score from the monitoring checklist
3. Guidance note on the methodology to be employed including content guide, roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders, possibly secondary data sources and template for data entry, ranking (weighting options) and how to calculate scores.

Completed by: End February 2017

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Step 2: Participatory learning and Data collection training

Once all the materials have been developed as outlined in step 1, there will be a participatory learning and data collection workshop creating opportunity for validation and pre-testing of the tools with smallholders, CSOs, media and farmers organisations. The training will provide opportunity for familiarisation of the toolkit; identify processes for data collection, analysis and their sources.

Outputs:

1. Completed monitoring checklist and scorecard template validated and tested all information is referenced correctly
2. Report on the participatory learning and data collection workshops produced
3. Monitoring tool kit produced

Completed by: End March 2017

Step 3: Data collection and analysis

After the training workshop on the monitoring checklist, scorecard, the guidance note and update to the indicators selected for monitoring from the workshop, ActionAid, ESAFF and CNC with its partners including the media will commence collection, collation and analysis of the selected indicators in Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique. We will explore each partnership and countries undertaking its own analysis, with guidance of the IASL colleagues and consultant while the consultant proceeds with final consolidation.

Completed by: November 2017

How to apply

We invite interested institutions and individuals to submit their application documents:

- A. Expression of interest (maximum 3 sides of A4) a) detailing how the Consultant(s) meets the selection criteria and b) their understanding of the TOR
- B. Submit a proposal detailing methodology to be employed in undertaking the work
- C. Copy of CV of the consultant(s) who will undertake the development of tools, capacity building, monitoring and reporting (maximum 3 sides of A4 each);
- D. Financial proposal detailing consultant(s) itemized fees.
- E. One recent example of similar work done by the applicant (if joint authored to include a description of the role of the named consultant);
- F. Contact details of two independent referees

The application documents should be sent no later than the 31 January 2017 to David.Adama@actionaid.org and Francesca.demidio@ActionAid.org