

Terms of Reference

International Short-Term Consultant

Innovation Grant: "Strengthening Social Protection Systems through Forecast-Based Financing in the Sahel"

Project Scoping and Kick-off: Regional and Niger

Project Background

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre will support the World Bank and Sahelian Governments on the implementation of the Adaptive Social Protection Program through policy dialogue, technical assistance and knowledge activities.

Activities under this project will focus primarily at a regional level with targeted support at country level. At the country level, support will be tailored to the current levels of ASP implementation in priority countries such Niger and others to be determined.

An important area of work will include support to the the improvement of early warning early action systems, their downscaling at country level and the linkages for social protection. Areas of work under this project will fall along three key workstreams 1) support to regional and country policy dialogues, 2) technical support and 3) knowledge management.

Background for these TORs

After a project scoping and design phase, a series of relevant activities and timelines will be scoped and defined for the regional work program. In addition to the regional level, the project will provide technical assistance to the development of a scalable social protection system that supports improved actions to deal with recurrent shocks in Niger. These Terms of Reference are to support the kick-off of activities both at regional level and in Niger, starting with work at country level and expanding to regional work once plans are agreed between project partners.

Consultant Tasks and Responsibilities

The main tasks under these TORs will focus in supporting the initial detailed scoping, design, inception and kick-off of the technical assistance and policy dialogue work under the project in Niger. The activities will be based on the plan of work agreed with the World Bank under this project and will include:

Phase 1: Technical Assistance

- Conduct rapid institutional mapping, as per proposed areas of work document.
- Initial development of info user/producer interface, as per proposed areas of work document including, recommendations on how to establish continued engagement (groups, etc), linked to institutional mapping.
- Identify and collect existing studies and documents relevant to the areas of work of the project.
- Support Climate Centre team in identifying a regional advisor and specific activities for the delivery of the subsequent phases of the project
- To be confirmed: Support Indicator Coherence and trend assessment (in collaboration with partners on the ground).
- Contribute to Phase 1 Assessment Summary report if possible/needed

Stakeholder Coordination: Niger

- As part of the kick off activities, establish and continue engagement with relevant actors in Government and country-based agencies.
- Liaise with relevant World Bank teams, especially teams working in social protection, disaster risk financing and DRM in Niger, ensuring they are informed and engaged in the inception process.
- Liaise with relevant Red Cross stakeholders, ensuring that they informed and engaged, as needed, and linkages are made with other ongoing RC projects in the country
- Liaise with the ASPIRE (UKMO-led consortium) country-lead and others, and identify further activities for collaboration

In addition to the Niger-focused activities, the consultant will provide initial support on stakeholder coordination at regional, as per activities plans to be agreed between Climate Centre and World Bank. Activities will include:

- Loop back and maintain close communication with regional and global World Bank teams
- Ensure ASPIRE/UKMO project activities and Climate Centre activities are aligned and are mutually benefitting and collaborative through coordination with the Climate Centre's Senior Risk Advisor and other team members.
- Through coordination with the regional focal point ensure relevant Red Cross counterparts are informed and engaged, as needed, and linkages are made with other ongoing RC projects in the region
- Participate on any relevant activities (FbF Dialogue Platform, other workshops and missions)
- Support the Climate Centre in refining workplan for regional activities, in coordination with World Bank.

Deliverables

- Institutional mapping (table or brief)
- Recommendations on continued user-producer engagement interface (groups, etc)
- Inputs to refining workplan including task/technical activities of regional consultant
- BTORs and handover notes, to be agreed.
- Brief final consultancy report including recommendations on refined project deliverables, activities and timelines as well as partnerships. Specific format and content to be agreed during consultancy.

Travel

The consultant is expected to travel to Niger (and possibly elsewhere in the region), as well as potential trips to Washington DC and Netherlands. Total expected travel days are max. 18 days.

Team Arrangements

The consultant is expected to work independently and establish the necessary relationships to ensure a successful kick off of the activities. An important part of this assignment will involve liaising internally with Climate Centre teams working on FbF and/or the Sahel.

Total days

This contract is for 30 days between March 20th and November 30th 2018

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