

Risk Analysis on livelihoods in Niger: producing a better understanding of drought risk to inform early action and social protection mechanisms

Background

The objective of this work is to support the Government of Niger and the World Bank in the development of a scalable early action system linked to social protection. The work will be carried out by the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (Climate Centre) in the framework of the partnership with World Bank under the Adaptive Social Protection Programme and in collaboration with ASPIRE. The Climate Centre is a specialized reference centre of the International Federation of the Red Cross Red Crescent (IFRC) that supports humanitarian and development actors in policy analysis, research and operationalization of climate risk management solutions.

Overview of technical analysis

The analysis will focus on understanding the relationship between drought and impacts on people's lives and livelihoods in Niger and the role a scalable social protection system can have in managing such impacts. One component of the research is the production of risk profiles to better understand the impacts of climate events on different groups (such as pastoralists, crop farmers, day laborers, etc.). It will take an intersectional approach to consider how the population experiences climate shocks and variability, their relative sensitivity to these stresses and how these populations interface with social protection systems, as well as the development and humanitarian sectors. Based on this analysis and other components of the research program, the study will produce a synthesis of how existing or future scalable SP programs could play a role in managing the impacts of such shocks through early action and other relevant activities.

Detailed description: *Risk profiles*

The analysis aims to identify how the impacts of drought are managed by different groups/households/individuals and what type of support they might need. It will assess to what extent different groups are impacted by drought and what is the nature of those impacts; and, what the coping mechanisms and formal/informal safety nets the different groups rely on. The analysis will look at the following groups: agro-pastoralist, pastoralist and crop farmers, urban and rural day laborers, remittances recipients, displaced/migrants, and, categories that cut across, especially, elderly, children and people with disabilities.

Dialogue and Validation process

The analysis will be conducted in close consultation with national actors, especially with relevant government departments, as well as others such as the World Bank and other partners. It will be supported by an iterative process of dialogue and validation of the findings in a workshop in July, 2019.

Deliverables for Consultant Social Scientist

1. Co-write the shortlisting of livelihood/risk profiles to be considered (selection of which sub-populations to prioritize) (2 days)
1. Complete a literature review of livelihoods and risk profiles (sub populations prioritized and how these populations experience shocks and variability, how they intersect with the SP, humanitarian and development system (6 days)
2. Co-develop participatory research techniques to be used during July validation exercise (4 days)
3. Co-facilitate the participatory research methods during the July workshop (1 day prep + workshop + 2 days documentation of workshop outputs = 4 days)
4. Conduct follow up interviews, as needed, for any profile that needs additional content with subject specialists (3 days)
5. Produce the first draft of the livelihood/risk profiles based on the literature review, participatory exercises and interviews (8 days)
6. Co-write the analysis of the livelihood/risk profiles (what this means for the SP system, producing a framework for understanding the shock sensitivity of these populations and their relationship to SP systems) (3 days)

Total: 30 days of work

Candidate requirements

The successful candidate will have the following characteristics:

- be a social scientist at PhD or Masters level with a background in development, rural planning, sociology, anthropology or a related field with a strong research background.
- be an expert on livelihoods in Niger with a strong network within the country.
- be available to work part time or full time beginning in early June 2019 for approximately 30 days of work (remunerated based on agreed deliverables).
- Demonstrated experience in literature reviews, interviewing and participatory research methods.
- Ability to speak and write in English is desirable but not essential. Written work can be completed in French. French proficiency (reading, speaking, writing) is essential.

To apply, please send a CV and cover letter (either French or English is fine) to application@climatecentre.org , with on cc: Meghan Bailey, Technical Advisor of the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (bailey@climatecentre.org). Deadline to apply: June 5, 2019.