

CHRISTIAN AID BURUNDI - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Consultancy for Baseline study for the Project 'Inclusive Coffee Supply Chain Development in Burundi'

Christian Aid is the official overseas development agency of the Anglican Church in UK & Ireland. To address poverty in Burundi, Christian Aid implements the Pro-Poor Market Development Programme supporting the development of Coffee, Maize and Sunflower value chains. To address the socio economic, technical, environmental and institutional challenges encountered by small holder coffee growers, Christian Aid with funding from ITL, has recently launched the project entitled "**Inclusive Smallholder Coffee Supply Chain Development in Burundi**" to tackle the obstacles and blockages standing in the way of farmers accessing high value market sectors (Specialty, Fair trade certified etc.) in a rewarding, inclusive and sustainable manner. Targeting 5,892 small holder farmers in 4 Provinces (Ngozi, Kayanza, Kirundo and Muyinga) of Burundi, the project goal is to sustainably raise income of small holder farmers through increased volumes and quality of production, improved marketing and effective producers organizations.

- To sustainably increase at least 30% and 60% of production and quality of fully washed coffee by end of 2016 and 2018 respectively;
- To empower farmers cooperatives enterprises into competitive viable business entities with strong member participation, participatory governance systems, greater value proposition to farmers and greater value propositions to market through their strong cooperative Union;
- To facilitate the access to more fair and remunerative markets that can reward higher quality and ensure more incentives and equitable returns to farmers;
- To strengthen stakeholders' engagement in coffee sector development through improved learning sharing mechanisms, farmer centered policy advocacy and inclusive value chain governance

Christian Aid Burundi would like to conduct a Baseline study in order to better understand the situation of the Coffee sector as a source of livelihood of Burundians, the level of household income and the specific vulnerability conditions and the accurate status of coffee supply chain in the targeted geographical areas specifically and at the country level in general – to understand the performance of the targeted cooperatives/regions at both production and market access.

Objectives of the baseline

The main objective of this project's baseline is to provide benchmark data and accurate or complementary information on situation of both the coffee sector and the coffee farming communities at the beginning of the current 5 year Project cycle, to inform the process of development of monitoring/evaluation mechanisms and tools to further demonstrate evidences of change using accurate and realistic indicators.

The baseline is planned for the period from 6th October 2014 and the final report is expected on 10th November 2014 at latest.

A consultant with relevant and demonstrable experience in the following areas will be selected:

- Strong background and experience of working in the agricultural sector in the region and preferably in Commodity markets;
- Hold advanced degree at Master's level in agricultural economics or rural development or development studies; a PhD is being a plus;
- Strong analytical skills especially in the field of agricultural trade;
- Good Knowledge of Commodity markets especially Coffee;
- Good Knowledge and hands on experience in Result based management;
- Demonstrable experience undertaking baselines of value chain development project;
- A thorough understanding on access to market issues and marketing factors in Rwanda;
- Good knowledge of and proven experience in international development framework including cross cutting issues of gender and climate change;
- Ability to produce high quality reports;
- Ability to work to demanding deadlines;
- Fluent in English and French and basic command of Kirundi.

A full Terms of Reference describing the scope of work, expected output and content of the proposal is available upon request from the Christian Aid Bujumbura Office or by contacting ohabimana@christian-aid.org

The offers should be submitted not later than 20/09/2014 at 5:00 PM via electronic mail to jrobinson@christian-aid.org with a copy to OHabimana@christian-aid.org and ebashirahishize@christian-aid.org.