



Terms of Reference
For
“Building Climate Resilience among Rural Communities in
Afghanistan” End line Survey

Project introduction

The 12 month project responded to both the immediate, short, and longer term challenges faced by rural families in Lal Was Sarjangal district of Ghor province. By cleaning and repairing blocked and damaged irrigation systems, the project restored farmers' access to irrigation. The most vulnerable households also have been supported to establish home-gardens for vegetable cultivation, to increase their food security. To ensure that the improvements to irrigation canals are sustainable, the project build the communities" capacity to monitor and maintain this infrastructure. To address the longer-term challenges facing agricultural livelihoods in these rural communities, the project promoted improved watershed management and sustainable land use practices, as well as increased vegetation cover through the planting of orchards and fodder crops. Through this multi-faceted approach which targets the immediate, short, and long term needs of rural afghan households, the project supported vulnerable rural communities to increase their resilience and strengthen the sustainability of agricultural livelihoods. The project has been reaching around 1,500 rural Afghan households – approximately 8,000 people – across five remote communities in Lal Wa Sarjangal district of Ghor province, who will benefit from strengthened agricultural livelihoods due to restored irrigation and improved water and land management.

Furthermore, when the COVID -19 cases has been confirmed in the country Afghanaid requested cost extension from the donor to our existing Rural Climate Resilience grant to deliver COVID-19 emergency assistance to the target rural communities in Ghor province.

Overall, the project seeks to improve the livelihoods and incomes of poor farming families, thus contributing to poverty reduction in Afghanistan.

The project **outcome** is to improve agricultural production for rural communities and increase food security of vulnerable households.

The following are the project **outputs**:

Output 1- Water Management Committees (WMCs) trained in natural resource management

Output 2 - Irrigation operation and maintenance plans developed

Output 3 - Irrigation canals restored

Output 4 - Vegetation cover increased

Output 5 – Home-gardening established for vulnerable households

Purpose of Evaluation:

Afghanaid is seeking a highly experienced and competent consultant to conduct the End line Survey of the “Building Climate Resilience among Rural Communities in Afghanistan” project. The principal

purpose of the End line survey is to compare the end line data against the baseline to determine the outputs, outcome and impact of the project activities and to determine the relevance and level of achievement of project development objectives considering the OECD/DAC criteria. In addition the consultant will assess how the COVID-19 responses through the project have impacted on the people's life in the targeted areas.

The End line will focus on 5 communities with 150 households in Lal district. The consultant should develop easily replicable and usable tools for data collection at different levels, such as individual, household, community, institutions, and relevant stakeholders.

Scope of the Consultancy

The End line will be conducted in 5 communities covering the project activities, target beneficiaries, and other stakeholders. The consultant will lead the End line, which is anticipated to begin on 1st Nov 2020 the final report should be presented on first week of Dec 2020.

Evaluation design

- The evaluation service provider should consider a mixed methods approach that uses qualitative and quantitative methods, including case studies.
- The evaluation service provider should consider a systematic approach to find out whether the project met the needs of its beneficiaries and assess the value of the project from different aspects.
- The evaluation service provider is expected to spend sufficient time in all five implementing villages for field work and the collection of primary data.
- The evaluation service provider should be willing to respect and work with the security, programmatic approaches and COVID-19 SOP of Afghanistan and the communities it works in and with.
- The end line should cover approximately 10% of the project beneficiaries.

The consultant(s) will receive project documents, including the log frame, once selected, to facilitate the design of the evaluation.

Deliverables

- The expert(s) should produce a short inception report by the first week of Nov 2020, which should:
 - o Set out the approach to the assessment and any data needs, in particular any data needs which will require processes to be put in place by the project.
 - o An outline of primary data needs and robust plan of how primary data will be collected.
 - o Include the refining of evaluation questions against OECD/DAC evaluation criteria
 - o Include stakeholder mapping to identify which stakeholders should be interviewed.
 - o Should address risks associated with the evaluation including those related to data collection.
- The first draft of the evaluation report should be submitted by the end of Nov 2020, while the final report should be submitted by 10th Dec 2020.
- The findings of the survey should be presented to Afghanistan's management by the mid of Dec 2020

Financial process:

- The payment will be done once the assignment has been fully completed.

Commissioning Manager / Reporting Line

The consultant will be working closely with the M&E Manager and Project Manager of Afghanaid and report to:

Monitoring and Evaluation Manager

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- Senior Programme Manager DRR & Humanitarian Assistance
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Skills and qualifications

It is expected that the successful consultancy firm or individual will have the following experience and qualifications:

- Post-graduate degree in development or related field
- Track-able strong quantitative and qualitative research experience
- Hands on experience of at least 5 years of conducting baseline and end line assessments, mid-term review, impact assessments and evaluations of large projects
- Highly developed analytical experience and skills of conducting analytical (statistical software preferably SPSS) and qualitative analysis and coherent presentation of the two
- Familiarity with natural resource management, agriculture and food security projects.
- Experience in conducting gender-sensitive analysis and report writing
- Good knowledge and experience of conducting surveys and statistical data analysis
- Familiarity with institutional donor's requirements for assessments/evaluations

Submission of Expression of Interest

National Firm/individuals that meet the above requirements should submit their application to jobs@afghanaid.org.uk by 15th Oct 2020. The application should include the following:

- Cover letter and CV, including complete contact details, previous relevant experience and references
- Detailed work plan
- Financial proposal