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Terms of Reference

Assessment of county development plans to empower livestock herders to prevent violent conflict in the border areas of Samburu and Turkana

Background

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) is a German Political Foundation working in Kenya since 1974. KAS is implementing a food security project in Kenya to help change the mind-set of county governments and local communities especially in Baringo, West Pokot, Samburu and Turkana to equip them with the capacity to make sustainable contributions in the management of drought episodes and prevention of famine. The 4 counties are increasingly vulnerable to disasters such as drought (which is more aggressive in the agro-pastoralist and pastoralist zones), inter-communal and natural resource based conflict; seasonal flush-floods as well as landslides. The impact of these disasters no matter where they happen within these counties, usually affect the ability of other parts of the county to guarantee food security for themselves and therefore slowing down general efforts on poverty reduction and crisis prevention. To achieve this, KAS is working with the state and non-state actors to promote and strengthen participatory political environment and subsequently sound public policy frameworks in the target counties in respect to improving food security.

Context

Socio-political empowerment of local communities especially the pastoralist/ livestock herders in the border region of Samburu and Turkana is one of the key intervention areas of this project. It is a normal practice for public opinion to be taken into consideration during the development and implementation of County Integrated Development Plan; however this process is never conclusive in most of the pastoralist zones of the target counties. Progressive development of CIDP, which is the county's implementation blue print, is crucial in ensuring that matters socio-economic and political developments are well addressed. Both CIDPs of Samburu and Turkana clearly outline that inter-clan conflict along their borders is one of the factors derailing development, service provision hence creating a vicious circle of food insecurity. The areas along the borders are particularly most affected compared to other areas. Samburu North is known for pastoral clashes which in turn affects livelihoods and food security.

While implementing the county CIDPs, it is imperative to take care of this challenge of conflict among herders so that they can sustain their livelihoods hence remaining food secured..

In light of the above, undertaking assessment of the 2018 -2022 CIDPs of the two counties will shade more light on gaps in relation to pastoralists, especially livestock herders, the causes and routes of conflicts and possible solutions. The assessment report will summarize what is relevant to herders/pastoralists (nomadic and agro pastoralists) and the best way they can be included in the planning and implementation phases. The above context consequently forms the basis for engaging a consultant or a consultancy firm to primarily undertake the above mentioned tasks in the counties of Samburu and Turkana and develop a report that identifies and addresses the gaps in the CIDPs.

Objective

The main objective of this task is to undertake an assessment of CIDPs of Samburu and Turkana Counties so as to identify gaps in relation to violent conflicts among herders and how these gaps can be sealed.

Outcomes

The undertaking will help to strengthen the capacities of local stakeholders and the targeted community groups in the two counties as well as producing a policy brief that can be used to share possible alternatives to the problem.

Groups targeted by the assessment report

The assessment report will be consumed by both state and non-state actors including agencies of the National Government working in the two counties. State actors will include Departments of the County Government like lands, agriculture and livestock development, water and natural resources, peace-building and disaster management among others while for the National government, the following agencies will be targeted by outcome; Ministry of interior and coordination, National Disaster Management Unit, National Drought Management Authority, Security agencies such as the Administration Police, among others. Also to be targeted will be departmental/clerk offices within the two County Assemblies. Some non-state actors will be community based organizations and non-governmental organizations working in the area and are participants in the County Steering Group (CSG) and the local media. Others will be representatives of the herders and key community resource persons active in peace building.

Study questions:

1. How is local politics contributing to conflicts among herders along the border regions of Samburu, Turkana and Samburu?
2. What are the issues facing headers/pastoralists including nomadic pastoralists in the border regions of Samburu, Turkana and Baringo that lead to conflicts?
3. To what extent have the two CIDPs included these issues for redress in the CIDP?
4. Are the county, non-state actors, representatives of herders /pastoralist communities aware of how the CIDP addresses their issues?
5. What mechanisms can provide for local politicians and local communities to work together in planning and implementation of crises prevention solutions

Approach

While undertaking the assessment, the consultant(s) should point out the gaps existing in the CIDPs for the two counties in areas of peace building, management of conservancies and livestock development as well as outlining the role of local politicians in peace keeping among herders. The assessment should also outline the recommendations addressing the gaps.

The assessment will be conducted in two ways. 1. Desk review; 2. One on one and phone interview with the respondents. Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) will provide a forum for validation in one of her own activities where the consultant(s) will have a platform to present their draft findings and recommendation for further inputting. The assessment should give a clear framework on how the findings can inform the revision or implementation of the CIDP as well as the gains for the pastoralists (herders) and their representatives. The assessment will take approximately 20 working days; from 17th June to 12th July 2019. Successful consultant(s) will spread out their work and deliver within this time frame.

The consultant(s) may request where necessary to schedule meetings with key government and non-governmental representatives in the two counties for purposes of collecting extra ideas on how best to include missing opportunities, relating to the subject matter, in the CIDPs. In addition, after handing over the first draft of the assessment report to KAS, a round table discussion will be held to for further insights. After which the consultant(s) will be required to incorporate the new information in effort to produce the final draft.

Geographic Frame

The assessment will be conducted for Samburu and Turkana Counties. Focus will be in the borderlines of Samburu, Turkana and Baringo; and around ranches/ conservancies that are more prone to violent conflicts. The successful individual consultant will work from their respective areas of operation during the desk review and during the phone interviews but will be allowed field visits during the validation to the two counties.

Key deliverables

The evaluation team (Consultants) will provide:

- ✓ A 2 paged inception draft detailing how she/he will carry out the assessment in the respective county, work plan and detailing the planned methodology. The inception draft will be reviewed by the KAS project team.
- ✓ Consultant (s) debriefing to the KAS project technical team and key project stakeholders (determined by KAS) at the end of the mission to discuss the findings, conclusions and recommendations.
- ✓ An assessment report within one week return from the field visit. The draft will be shared with KAS project team and other relevant stakeholders for comments. The comments will be forwarded to the consultant (s) within one week after receiving the draft.
- ✓ A final evaluation report to be submitted to KAS within one week of receiving the comments. Report format will be provided by KAS and will have a maximum length of 20 pages, excluding annexes.
- ✓ A presentation of the evaluation findings at the KAS if possible or any other place deemed fit by KAS.

Key evaluation quality and ethical standards

The consultant (s) should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the evaluation is designed and conducted to respect and protect the rights of respondents, and to ensure that the evaluation is technically accurate, reliable, and legitimate, conducted in a transparent and impartial manner, and contributes to organizational learning and accountability. In this light, the assessors shall ensure the final product is:

Useful and easily used in empowering herders to prevent violent conflicts; assessment conducted in an ethical and legal manner; the process is comprehensive and unbiased taking into account of views of all necessary stakeholders; technically accurate, providing sufficient information about the data collection, analysis, and interpretation methods so that its worth or merit can be firm.

Supervision

The consultant(s) or consultancy firm will be required to make a presentation of the findings to KAS staff before handing over the copies of the final draft.

Duration of the assignment

This task or work will be conducted for a maximum of 20 working days including presentation of the final draft report to KAS.

Payment terms for the consultancy

The consultant's fee will be paid in two instalments of 40% at the inception stage and the balance after submission of the final draft ONLY IF it meets KAS' expectations as stipulated in the contract of agreement and Terms of Reference.

Qualifications

- ✓ The candidate(s) should possess University Degree with bias in either of the following: political science, policy development, Peace Building and Disaster Risk Reduction. Advanced Degree will be an added advantage.
- ✓ Sufficient experience in conducting research.
- ✓ Good knowledge of the areas (Samburu and Turkana) will be an added advantage).
- ✓ Experience in participatory research methods.
- ✓ Be able to work independently within stipulated time.
- ✓ For consultancy firm, one should have a legal status, a company profile, and tax information.
- ✓ The team leader should have extensive experience in conducting evaluations writing, and presentation.
- ✓ Working in the public or private sector.
- ✓ Command of spoken and written English

Call for expression of interest/ proposal submission

The consultants or consultancy firms interested in this assignment expected to submit proposals (both technical and financial) with CVs of the proposed team.

The technical proposal from any applicants must specify the following:

a. Technical Proposal – Maximum 3 pages outlining the following:

- 1) Objectives of the assignment
- 2) Expected outputs and product
- 3) Specific working approach and work plan
- 4) Tentative timeline and deadlines
- 5) Consultant CV or consultant team list (name/position within the team/qualification/task for each member/number of working days) and CVs for each one of them which covers his/her experience and track records in similar undertakings.

a. Financial Proposal

- 1) A financial (budget) estimates to deliver the deliverables submitted with an itemised breakdown of professional fees and activity expenses.

Please send your expression of interest to: Jeanette.Nyanjom@kas.de

Before 7th June 2019