

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

ENHANCED ECONOMIC GENERATION THROUGH WOMEN COOPERATIVES/FAMILIES IN FARMING PRODUCTION AND GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICE (GAP) TRAINING & BUSINESS SKILLS BACKGROUND

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ORGANIZATION SUMMARY

NIS first established its presence in Somalia in late 2011 with the implementation of a pilot solar street lighting project in Mogadishu designed to increase the legitimacy of the local administration by increasing its capacity to deliver public services. The success of the pilot project attracted donor interest in NIS' approach to stabilisation and NIS was able to develop and diversify its project portfolio to include a variety of infrastructure delivery and Public Financial Management Projects, as well as providing logistical help to donors. In the ensuing four years, NIS has ramped up its presence in Somalia to include three regional offices from which it has implemented 45 projects.

The overall objective of NIS' Somalia Programme is to support political stabilisation and reconciliation in the country by enhancing the legitimacy of the authorities in the eyes of the communities they serve.

Buloburde Stabilization Project's specific objective is to enhance the legitimacy of the authorities by increasing their capacity to deliver tangible public services and effectively engage with the communities they serve. To that end, NIS has conceptualised a stabilisation package for newly recovered areas, in which the authorities are supported in addressing four key priorities immediately following liberation:

- Enhanced economic generation through women cooperatives/families in farming production, good agricultural practice (GAP) training & business skills and Increased women participation in the economy through the renovation of women meat and vegetable market.
- Improved security and operating environment (e.g. solar street lighting, government buildings);
- Support to responsive better functioning government institutions through the construction of district office and community meeting hall;
- Strengthened social cohesion and youth engagement through the renovation of sport stadium and organization of sports activities; and

In the stabilisation package, these four priorities are addressed through the staggered delivery of targeted public services by the local authorities. Community engagement is an integral part of the stabilisation package as maximising a project's political and

social impact requires robust community engagement that ensures the participation of all stakeholders at all stages of an intervention. From the identification of prioritised needs to final evaluations, stakeholders from civil society, the local administration and residential neighbourhoods in targeted areas are actively involved in the intervention, thus strengthening social cohesion and fostering linkages between local authorities and the communities in their jurisdictions.

PROJECT SUMMARY

One of the project components of Buloburde Stabilization Project is to support one hundred women (100) women cooperatives/families in farming production, good agricultural practice (GAP) training & business skills.

The investment is expected to improve the food security and incomes of smaller-scale female farmers in Bulo-Burde district, an innovative agriculture fund to provide small investments that improve the food security and incomes of small-scale food producers.

A group of selected vulnerable 100 Bulo-Burde female farmers from cooperatives/families will be given, farming production and Good Agriculture Practice GAP training and Business skills in 6 weeks' time, the farmers will be divided into three groups, each group will be trained 14 working days. The training will help farmers either to reinforce their current food practices or help establish a set of practices in their farming daily operations. The NIS expects to provide basic training and inputs for maintenance of livelihoods.

ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY

NIS is seeking for qualified local NGO with specialized skills on agricultural farming management and basic business skills to undertake good agricultural practice (GAP) farming production and business skills trainings to 100 female farmers. The qualified local NGO will train female farmers in six weeks' time, dividing the farmers into three groups, the local NGO should have extensive knowledge of the Somalia environment and practical experience of training farmers in crop management practices, post-harvest storage, integrated pest management, environment and agro-forestry, water resource management and basic business skills.

Further the local NGO should have broad knowledge in farming inputs with high prevalence in the target area and community mobilization, in addition, the NGO is expected to demonstrate good skills on basic canal and water Berkad rehabilitations and related good practices as well as the business training skills. The project location is Buloburde District, Hiiraan Region in Hirshabelle State.

Training and related Activities

- Train 100 female farmers on the GAP scheme for crops, fruits and vegetables
- Train 100 female farmers on proper crop husbandry; land preparation, planting, soil conservation application of manure harvesting and storage.

- Train crop cultivation of different parts
- Develop a group of “Champion Farmers” to cascade the knowledge acquired to their fellow community members.

Business skills development and support through

- Basic business skills in best practices, savings and accounting process and stock management.

Distribution of farming tools and generators

- Distribute various farming hand tools to female farmers
- Distribute 4 irrigation generators with 400M plastic flexible pipes

Rehabilitation of waterways and water Berkeds

- Rehabilitate 4 water berkeds in different waterways/canals
- Monitor tractor hourly rented activities on daily bases

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The NIS-Foundation seeks local NGOs to conduct Good Agriculture Practice and Business skill training in line with the above-mentioned activities in four months between January - April 2019. Therefore, Somalia based local NGOs are hereby asked to send an Expression of Interest with the following elements:

1. Capability statement which includes and not limited to:
 - Organizational profile on technical and management capacity to conduct planned trainings and farming activities.
 - Experience managing similar activities/trainings with UN or other INGOs
 - **Internal accounting, logistics and procurement procedures the due diligence approved by Somali Stability Fund (SSF) – evidence to be shared**
 - Obvious interest and proven track record in working agriculture sector with different donors preferably Somali Stability Fund (SSF)
 - Ability to carry out contextual analyses to inform programming options
 - Willingness and ability to work in a conflict zones and remote areas
 - Risk mitigation measures in place.
2. Budget: State a tentative budget that includes all costs related to implementing the proposed training/activities. NIS will discuss final costs with the selected local NGOs based on proposed activities.
3. Provide CV’s Director or Executive Officer, at least two agriculture engineers, including NGO’s lead agriculture trainer
4. NGO Profile: send a duly filled NGO profile with necessary supporting evidences
5. Well detailed activity and training workplan
6. Valid registrations from Ministries of Interior and Agriculture of Hirshabelle State and Buloburde District Administration.
7. All Expressions of Interest should be submitted on or before **12 Feb 2019** via the following email addresses: procurement.somalia@nis-foundation.org copied to ptd.somalia@nis-foundation.org and ho.somalia@nis-foundation.org
8. Only shortlisted potential NOGs will be contacted.