



ENHANCED SMALLHOLDER LIVESTOCK
INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
CONSULTING FIRMS

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING AN
ENDLINE SURVEY ON THE ENHANCED SMALLHOLDER LIVESTOCK INVESTMENT
PROGRAMME (ESLIP)

1. PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

The Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) jointly designed and established the Enhanced Smallholder Livestock Investment Programme (E-SLIP) that is managed by the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MFL). The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, through the Policy, Planning and Information Department (PPID), is the lead agency for E-SLIP implementation with its Departments of Veterinary Services (DVS) and Livestock Development (DLD) being the technical departments responsible for Programme implementation.

The Financing Agreement for E-SLIP was signed on 11th May 2015, which was also the effective date of Entry into Force. The Programme was scheduled to run for 7 years till 2022. In 2022, the Programme was extended for 2 years, the amended Financing Agreement was signed in November 2024 and declared effective in January 2025.

The Programme has a purpose of scaling-up control of key cattle diseases; introduction of improved grazing and drought resilient leguminous and grass forage species in smallholder individual and communal grazing lands; and supporting Government's livestock stocking and restocking capacity for sustainable livestock health and productivity. In the extension phase of E-SLIP, an aspect of agribusiness and marketing has been introduced to enhance and facilitate market access for programme beneficiaries.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The objective for this Endline study is to establish and measure the project's final outcomes and impacts on its target population and measure the effectiveness of the project in achieving its objectives. Specifically, the study will:

- Provide a clearer understanding of how E-SLIP interventions have contributed to improved animal health, increased livestock productivity, enhanced incomes, and better livelihoods among smallholder households.
- Offer critical information for future livestock sector planning by identifying successes, gaps, and areas for improvement. Ultimately, the end-line will ensure accountability to stakeholders and support learning for scaling up or replication.
- Evaluate programme achievements against its Development Goal and Programme Development Objective (PDO) targets.
- Measure attributable changes along logical frame outcome and impact level indicators using treatment and control groups.
- Assess the sustainability of outcomes, particularly in relation to institutional capacity, private sector engagement (e.g. cost-recovery for ECF treatment), and behavioural change among beneficiaries.
- Support the Project Completion Report (PCR) by providing the necessary quantitative and qualitative evidence required to complete IFAD's results reporting framework.

3. SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The Programme intends to undertake an End-line study to obtain both quantitative and qualitative data that will enable to monitor and evaluate the Programme's results. The scope of the services required under this Terms of Reference include the collection of data for the Study at the appropriate level of analysis, namely, the individual, household and community level. The set of indicators to be collected will be based on the Programme's log-frame outcome and impact indicators (the precise list of indicators will be further defined in discussion with the Programme team at a later stage).

The study should follow a quasi-experimental approach with both a treatment and control group. It will adopt and use the IFAD Core Outcome Indicator (COI) survey methodology on conducting outcome assessments. A sample size of 1,500 households (750 treatment and 750 control group) should be drawn, and selected in line with the programme's geographic scope and targeting criteria. Both the treatment and control group samples should be of similar characteristics. The sampling strategy must be carefully structured to ensure that the control group remains uncontaminated by programme interventions or indirect exposure. The

contracted party must maintain an accurate register of households sampled in both the treatment and comparison groups for future reference. The sample should be stratified in order to reflect the different geographical regions and target sub-groups (women, youth, etc.) described above. The Study should combine the use of secondary and primary data collection methods, and use both quantitative and qualitative methods. The process should be as participatory as possible involving rural farmers and all relevant stakeholders. For qualitative data collection, the use of participatory approaches such as focus group discussions, semi-structured interviews and other Participatory Rural Appraisal tools shall be applied.

4. DELIVERABLES

The assignment will run for three (3No.) months with the following deliverables:

- Inception Report.
- Final Survey Instruments (Questionnaires for household survey; checklists for Focus Group Discussions; sampling framework and methodology and final list of households included in the sample)
- Training of Enumerators
- Draft Report and raw data sets (both hard & softcopies)
- Final Report (both hard & softcopies) after incorporating comments

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock now invite legally constituted consulting firms (not individual consultants) to submit **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING AN ENDLINE SURVEY ON THE ENHANCED SMALLHOLDER LIVESTOCK INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (ESLIP)**.

Before preparing the EOI, Consultants are advised to review the TORs, which outlines the assignment requirements and evaluation criteria. EOI forms and terms of reference (TOR's) can be collected from the address below.

The shortlisting criteria are as follows:

- Information detailing the company's existence and area of expertise
Company information should include: Valid TAX Clearance Certificate, Valid Social Security Compliance Certificate (NAPSA Compliance Certificate or Workers Compensation Certificate) and Certificate of Incorporation, PACRA document showing beneficial ownership.
- General experience in conducting consultancy services and data analysis similar to those required in this assignment.
- Adequacy for the assignment
- Similar nature of assignments and experiences
- Evidence of past performance
- Evidence of Financial Capacity
- List of overall permanent and temporary staff in fields related to the assignment, demonstrating appropriate skills among staff.
- Any other information

Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualifications. The JV agreement, or letter of intent to enter in a JV including an Agreement, indicating at least the parts of the works to be executed by the respective partners.

6. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS)*, as set out in the Zambia Public Procurement Act No. 8 of 2020 and its accompanying Regulations of 2022, to which it is consistent with the IFAD Procurement Handbook, which are available on <http://www.zppa.org.zm> and www.ifad.org/project-procurement respectively. In case of any conflict, the provisions of the IFAD Procurement Handbook will prevail.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to IFAD's Anti-Money laundering and countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy and the Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption its activities and operations. The latter sets forth IFAD's provisions on prohibited practices. IFAD further strives to ensure a safe working environment free of harassment, including sexual harassment, and free of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in its activities and operations as detailed in its IFAD Policy to Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

7. REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS

Clarifications should be requested during the official hours from 08.00 to 17.00 hours (Monday to Friday), no later than **14:00 hours on 26th December, 2025**. Requests can be directed to:

The Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
Attention: Head, Procurement and Supplies Unit
Mulungushi House, Independence Avenue
Third Floor, Room 310
Lusaka, Zambia
Email: Mutala.Kampamba@mfl.gov.zm (copy to Abigail.Kaoma@mfl.gov.zm and Mulia.Chongwa@mfl.gov.zm)

8. SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Expression of Interest (EOI) will be submitted using the forms provided. The EOI must be clearly marked **"EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING AN ENDLINE SURVEY ON THE ENHANCED SMALLHOLDER LIVESTOCK INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (ESLIP)"**. Submissions must be addressed to:

The Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
Attention: Head – Procurement and Supplies Unit
Street Address: Mulungushi House, Independence Avenue
Floor/Room Number: Third Floor, Room 310
City: Lusaka
Country: Zambia

The closing date for the receipt of EOIs is **30th December, 2025 at 15:00 hours local time**. EOIs will be opened immediately thereafter in the Procurement and Supplies Unit Pool Office, Third Floor, Room 306, in the presence of consultants or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE SUBMISSIONS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Max M. Choombe (Dr.)
Permanent Secretary,
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK