

## Technical Consultancy – Agriculture Risk Management and Food Security in the Sahel

### Open Questions and Answers

Question	Response
Is it acceptable for the Centre that the Technical Consultant team is composed of persons from different institutes? If so, is there a limit on the number of institutions and will the institutions be contracted separately or should one lead institution manage the funds and subgrant the other(s)?	Yes, the technical team can be composed from different institutes and there is no limit on the number of institutes. There should, however, be one institution to lead the work and a breakdown of the work and level of effort per partner. There should be only one counter signatory, so the contract will be with a single entity or organisation.
Besides a general estimate at the bidding phase, will it be required to justify the precise hours each team member makes, or will the funding be offered as a lump sum and based on the outputs? I.e. what does “time and materials basis” mean exactly?	The proposed budget should outline the level of effort (number of days) for each team member and their cost rate. The budget should also outline the expenses that will be required for delivery. This is what is meant by time and materials. The contract will not be offered as a lumpsum.
Do we correctly interpret that the assignment should merely focus on crop-related agriculture (i.e. social protection for crop farmers), rather than including also grazing lands (i.e., pastoralists)?	Yes, the focus of this initial assignment is on crop related agriculture and adaptive social protection for impacted farmers.
Given that in our experience accurate yield data are difficult to obtain for (West) African countries (and may not always exist), what support can be expected from the Centre’s Sahel Project Team and/or partners in WB in this?	The Sahel project team and WB will be able to support this work through structured feedback. Where feasible, the teams can make representations to data providers / national authorities to obtain data. Where needed, the consultants can request purchase of data as an additional cost.
Are we allowed to extract (open) scientific publications related to the work of this consultancy?	Yes.
How will the review and approval process of the output be conducted? Will the Consultants and the Centre agree in advance	Each input will be submitted within an a mutually agreed deadline. Specifics and timelines on review procedures will be agreed, with the

on the review procedures according to clear timelines?	intention of keeping the delivery deadlines specified in the TOR. The Centre staff involved in this project will be the peer reviewers of the deliverables of the Consultants.
Are we correctly assuming that outputs should be produced in English only? If not, who will be responsible for the translation?	Yes, this is correct. Any translation of the outputs will be completed by the Centre. If you anticipate outputs can only be produced in another language (including French), please indicate this in your proposal.
The assignment mentions “drought and floods” but also “drought and/or floods” (p2). While for the review both should be relatively straightforward to cover, based on existing evidence in the countries, do we correctly understand from the timeline that the evaluation and country studies are focused purely on drought triggers, and not floods?	This is correct. For this initial assignment, drought risk is the main focus of the trigger assessment in each country.
We realize that this is a scoping study, intended also to provide a way forward. In that regard, our thoughts would be to predominantly use open geospatial datasets for assessing drought triggers (rather than proprietary products that may be used by companies offering insurance products in the region), unless proprietary products can be delivered freely, e.g. through the Centre country teams.	We agree and support the prioritization of open source, publicly available data as much as possible throughout the study
While indicated that this will be a desktop study, travel is mentioned under expenses. Are there any travels (either to region, or Centre) that we should budget for?	Based on the tender, a methodology and any related expenses should be outlined by the bidder. Should it be seen that travel to the centre or region is required, this should be detailed in the methodology and budget expenses.