

Call for Expression of Interest CARE International in Myanmar



Date: 10th December 2014

Terms of Reference: Consultancy to Develop Rural Livelihoods Project Proposal

Location of assignment:	Rakhine State, Myanmar
Duration of assignment:	Estimated 15 working days
Responsible to:	Assistant Country Director- Program
Main counterparts:	Program Director – Vulnerable Rural Women Program

Background

CARE has worked in Myanmar since 1995 and in Rakhine State since 1997, with the aim to improve the livelihoods of rural communities. CARE's Vulnerable Rural Women's Program focuses on rural women who experience multiple disadvantages associated with poverty, gender, exclusion, and adverse effects of long-standing economic challenges, changing local economies, and conflict dynamics. The program seeks to support equitable participation in economic development; responsive governance; and supporting more enabling relationships based on gender and ethnicity. Key program areas include equitable participation in the economy and in society, particularly for women; reduced gender based violence; improved maternal health and nutrition; equitable access to markets, productive land and services; resilience to shocks; improved governance; and civil society development.

The rural livelihoods systems in Rakhine are based on agriculture and fishing as the primary and secondary aspects of the livelihoods systems. Within the agriculture sector, key livelihoods activities include reliance on the production of paddy (during the rainy season); and to a lesser extent vegetables crop production during the winter and summer seasons, in areas where irrigation water is accessible. Landless households are primarily dependent on providing seasonal labour for paddy and other crops production, and small scale farming (vegetables, summer paddy) on rented land during the summer season. Other rural livelihoods opportunities, particularly for landless households, include fishing, collection and sale of forest products, and petty trade.

Purpose of the consultancy

CARE plans to expand the geographic coverage of its projects in Rakhine State. As such, CARE intends to develop a proposal with a focus on improving the food and livelihood security of the rural poor in Rakhine State that takes into account the conflict dynamics in the region. The consultant will gain an understanding of CARE's existing activities, and those of our partners and other organizations in the region, and propose a coherent set of activities to be implemented over a four year period. The proposed activities should explicitly address the livelihood concerns of women both as members of households and as individuals with their own rights and control over the fruits of their productive labour.

Objective

The consultant is responsible for writing a high quality, credible, and winnable project narrative and log frame for the proposal presented in an agreed upon format. The consultant is expected to understand and respond fully to the donor's requirements and priorities.

Key Activities

1. Review secondary data on livelihood needs/challenges in Rakhine State
2. Review CARE's and its partners' existing projects in Rakhine and incorporate any lessons learnt
3. Meet with key stakeholders to ensure that the project design integrates expertise from all relevant actors/sectors, including private sector, institutes, Government departments, and others as needed.
4. Undertake a field visit, and based on the visit and meetings with key stakeholders, propose specific village tracts to be targeted
5. Work with relevant CARE staff to identify the staffing needs/structure for the project
6. Draft project proposal using an agreed format

Timeframe

15 days in January and/or February 2015

Profile of Consultant

- Qualifications in the field of agriculture, rural development or similar
- Minimum 5 years of experience in the design, proposal writing, and/or management of livelihood projects
- Strong project design skills, including capacity to prepare logical, coherent, and consistent documents including logframes
- Sound analytical and technical competences in the subject of livelihoods
- Fluent English writing skills
- Work experience in Myanmar an asset

Interested applicants are requested to submit a CV and cover letter outlining relevant experience and a daily rate that is inclusive of per diems. Applications should be titled 'Rakhine Project' and submitted to the following address by December 31, 2014.

Human Resources Manager
CARE International in Myanmar
No.17A, Pyi Htaung Su Street,
Sayarsan Road, Sayarsan North West Ward,
Bahan Township, Yangon
Email: MMR.Recruitment@careint.org

CARE is an equal opportunity employer committed to a diverse workforce. Women, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

CARE is committed to protecting the right of children. CARE reserves the right to conduct screening procedures to ensure a child safe environment.