



TERMS OF REFERENCE (TORs)

TO DOCUMENT EXISTING INFORMATION ON THE NEXUS OF FOOD, HEALTH AND HUMAN SECURITY IN UGANDA

About Food Rights Alliance (FRA)

Food Rights Alliance is a coalition with over 40 members spread out in all regions of Uganda. It's driven by a vision of a world free from hunger and malnutrition and promotes a mission; to promote the realization of the right to food in Uganda through strengthening sustainable farming systems and improving food and nutrition Justice.

FRA achieves her mission through a number of strategies, including; building a formidable, strong in numbers and competence and diversity network of members and stakeholders that influences policy and practice at different levels: developing and profiling champions on critical issues of the agenda of realizing the right to adequate food, equipped with knowledge and information and credible to flag the agenda in policy and practice.

FRA is implementing a 6 months project Funded by the Open society initiative for eastern Africa (OSIEA). The project seeks to enhance the resilience of the food system to shocks of pandemics and emergencies in Uganda”.

Under this project, there's need to enhance access to information and knowledge on the nexus of food, health and human security. This will partially be done by documenting existing information on the nexus to build a case for advancing food and nutrition security and its integration in the response plans within the context of human security.

Background

Over the years, Uganda has suffered from frequent food insecurity despite the enormous natural resource base and ability to produce adequate food. 10.4m people were found to be under severe food insecurity and some region such as Karamoja remain stressed under IPC II. The rains associated with flooding cause greater than usual water logging of fields and



results into loss of agricultural produce. Staple food prices however keep increasing as demand rises during the unimodal and bimodal rain seasons.

The protracted food insecurity in the country, is caused by both natural and policy related factors. The country has developed a cobweb of policy frameworks on food and nutrition and investment plans among others. However, national and household food security has never attracted the full attention of the political leadership in terms of duty and obligation. Therefore, the status of agriculture, Food and nutrition at the higher levels of planning have been with more assumption than outcome designed orientation. The multidimensional crises such as; COVID 19, Dessert locusts and climate emergencies manifested in floods is rapidly exacerbating an ongoing food security and nutrition crisis in Uganda. In a matter of weeks, COVID-19 has revealed the fragilities, and inequities in national food systems. Food systems in Uganda have been on cliff edges for decades millions have been living in acute food insecurity; unemployed youth have been one street snack away from hunger;

Employed populations – one food trade disruption away from food shortages, farmers – one single restriction in public transport away from critical farm inputs and produce markets. As countries struggle to figure out the total management of the emergencies especially COVID19 mainly from a security perspective, there's need to bring to their greater attention the interconnectedness of all the dimensions of human security (economics, food, health, environment, personnel, community, politics). The complexities associated with food that have challenged governments in the management and response to COVID19 need to be further explored and handled with specific focus on how food interfaces with security, and politics highlighting the role of the State in ensuring sustainable food and nutrition security. The outcomes of such an approach brings dividends to the people in terms of human dignity and to the state in terms of stability and poverty reduction.

Objective of the Assignment

The main objective of the assignment is to document existing factual data on the nexus between food, nutrition and food security so as to build a case for advancing the integration



of food and nutrition security in the pandemic response plans within the context of human security.

Specifically, the assignment seeks to;

- Document existing data on the importance of food and nutrition to human security.
- Document existing data on how food and nutrition has been included in planning frameworks.

Expected Outputs

- A report clearly tracing out existing data on the food, nutrition and how it has been included in the existing planning frameworks.
- A Policy brief on the importance of Food and nutrition security and its integration to human security.

Role and responsibilities of lead consultant

- Produce a clear outline of the work plan for carrying out the assessment;
- Produce the first draft and amended draft (incorporating comments from relevant reviewers) of the draft report;
- Produce the final draft of the report and policy Brief according to the agreed timeframe;

Responsibilities of the Contracting Organisation

- FRA will be responsible for commissioning and managing the consultant/s and contract and finalizing details of the work schedule
- FRA will provide supervisory support to the consultant/s

Contact person

The contact person for the consultancy shall be FRA's Project Officer.

Duration

The consultancy will be for a maximum period of 21 working days that must be strictly adhered to.



Time Frame

1. Submission of EOI – 15th/07/2020
2. Review of EOI by FRA 16th/07/2020
3. Signing of contract with Consultant by - 17th/07/2020

Qualifications for a lead consultant

A suitable consultant shall have the following qualifications;

1. Minimum of a Masters' degree of Laws, social sciences or any other relevant field of study;
2. Demonstrable experience in assignments of similar nature, including understanding the current trends in the food, nutrition and human security sectors;
3. Professional experience in conducting research (both desk and field);
4. Good analytical skills;
5. Excellent documentation and writing skills, attested by past written papers;
6. Capacity to meet deadlines.

Contents of the bid

Information that is needed while submitting expression of interest include;

1. Letter of interest.
2. Inception report (clearly showing the methodology, plan of action and interpretation of Terms of Reference).
3. Any comments/suggestions in relation to this consultancy
4. Financial implication of the undertaking of the assignments of the bid.
5. Detailed profile of the applicant, indicative of previous relevant experience.

Statement of Safeguarding

According to Food Rights Alliance organizational value of accountability, it is our policy to safeguard all individuals involved in Food Rights Alliance work against risks of exploitation and abuse. Food Rights Alliance will not tolerate exploitative or abusive behaviors by anyone associated with the implementation of Food Rights Alliance work.



Submission of proposal

Interested consultants (individuals and firms) with experience in executing similar assignments are invited to submit their expression of interest / bids by close of business on 15th Jul, 2020 with the subject field “Expression of Interest - **Data collection on the nexus between food, health and human security**” addressed to; Executive Director Email: frauganda@gmail.com, agneskirabo@frauganda.org and copied to: fntwatwa@frauganda.org. **Only complete bids submitted by mail will be considered.**