



## **Terms of Reference for Consultancy to supply Rice traceability technology and train EAC Boarder Certification Officials on the use of the technology**

### **1.0 Introduction**

In partnership with the EAC Secretariat, Kilimo Trust is implementing a three-year project (2019 - 2022) commissioned by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). The central aim of CARI project is to enable locally produced rice in East Africa to competitively substitute the current over 300 million US\$ worth of rice imports to the East Africa Common Market. The overall goal of the project is to contribute to inclusive transformation of the rice sector in East Africa for sustainable increase in incomes of 220,000 women, men and young people employed in the value chain of locally produced rice in the East Africa Community.

The Project has three specific objectives:

- a) Increase productivity, commercialization, profitability and resilience for enterprises of smallholder producers of rice.
- b) Strengthen and expand access and competitiveness in the national and regional markets for the locally produced rice.
- c) Strengthen local, national and regional enabling policy and institutional environment for optimal commercialization of the rice sector.

### **2.0 Background**

The EAC Secretariat with the support of the Kilimo Trust and the Alliance of a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) under the framework of CARI EA project, has made progress in promoting rice sub sector in the region. Specifically, the Secretariat would like to undertake training of boarder certification officials on the use of rice traceability technologies to boost intraregional trade in rice.

#### **The Assignment:**

The consultant will be required to supply the most feasible technologies for rice traceability and conduct the training to EAC border certification officials from the selected one stop border posts (OSBPs) on the use and application of the supplied technologies.

#### **The Consultant will be expected to:**

- a) Supply to the EAC Secretariat the most feasible technologies for rice traceability.
- b) Develop a training plan in consultation with EAC secretariat and KT
- c) Conduct training of border certification officials on the rice traceability technologies
- d) Develop a follow-up plan in consultation with the border certification officials to ensure they utilize the rice traceability technologies.
- e) Make recommendations to the EAC Secretariat on how to scale out the use of the technologies throughout the EAC border points.





### **Deliverables:**

- 1) Supplied/available technology piloted at selected OSBPs
- 2) Agreed training plan for the border certification officials; including COVID 19 SoPs to be observed during the training.
- 3) Report of the training conducted
- 4) Agreed follow-up plan with milestones to ensure border certification officials actually utilize rice traceability technologies to promote intraregional trade in locally produced rice.

### **Duration:**

30 working days starting from 08<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### **Degree of Expertise and Qualifications of the Consultant:**

- a) Preferably post graduate degree (Masters or PhD) in Agricultural Policy, Agricultural Sciences, Plant Sciences, Biotechnology, Plant Pathology, Molecular biology, Food Standards and processing or Agricultural Economics
- b) Experience in Agricultural policy implementation and SPS Protocols for agricultural produce
- c) Experience in working closely with border certification officials in the East African Community
- d) Networks enabling you to interest and influence border certification officials
- e) Excellent Research, Analytical, Presentation and Communication skills.

### **Mode of Application**

Qualified Consultant (s) should submit the following;

- a) A Technical and Financial Proposal plus cover letter stating why you consider your self suitable for the assignment,
- b) CV of the consultant (s) proposed for this assignment highlighting qualifications and experience in similar projects; and
- c) Work references - contact details (e-mail addresses) of referees (firms for whom you have produced similar assignments).

By **1700hrs on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021** to:

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