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TOR for conducting a Socio-economic baseline survey on community groups around Bugoma, Kalinzu and Bwindi Protected Areas

1. Background

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the global conservation organization, has a mission to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by:

- Conserving the world's biological diversity;
- Ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable; and
- Reducing pollution and wasteful consumption.

Pursuant to its global mission, WWF Uganda Country Office (WWF UCO) works with central and local government agencies, private sector, civil society organizations (CSOs) and the local communities to implement its various conservation programmes on energy and climate, forestry and biodiversity and freshwater in Uganda.

2. Project description

WWF Uganda is implementing a project that focuses on “Strengthening the role of Civil Society in delivering sustainable natural resources management and markets transformation”. The project is being implemented in the Albertine Graben covering the districts of Hoima, Kagadi, Kabarole, Kyenjonjo, Kasese, Rubirizi, Mitooma, Bushenyi, Kabale, Kanungu and Kisoro. The Albertine Graben is an area rich in biodiversity, has high level of endemism and over 70 percent of Uganda’s protected areas. However, it is facing increased degradation and loss of forests, wildlife, and water resources particularly within and outside high value conservation areas. The main causes of forest loss and degradation of freshwater catchment areas include among others; conversion of forest land to other land use types such as agriculture and infrastructure development, widespread cutting of trees for firewood and charcoal burning, and illegal harvesting and trade in forest products (MWE, 2015). The drivers to these threats include; poor natural resources governance, weak civil society with limited capacity to advocate for better policies and hold duty bearers accountable, limited civil society participation and influence in decision making processes, community over dependence on forests for firewood, unregulated trade of forest products, and unsecured forest tenure and tenure rights. Unsustainable production and market practices in the forestry and energy sectors are having devastating effects on high conservation value forests as well as the livelihoods of the dependent communities particularly women and youth. The production of biomass fuels (charcoal and firewood) to meet the energy demand is undertaken without proper regulation. The current heavy dependency on charcoal and firewood for energy is attributed to limited access to improved energy technologies, as well as weak policy and legislative framework for renewable energy development in the country (BEST, 2013). Other barriers known to be limiting energy access are limited distribution centres, high costs of some of the available energy alternatives, and limited awareness on available alternatives.

WWF-UCO believes that good governance of natural resources can best be attained through building capacity of civil society organizations to effectively engage in policy dialogue, advocate to government and private sector on improved natural resource governance, ensure that rights of society are respected and benefits are equitably shared with communities. The programme is thus building strategic partnerships with key civil society organizations, coalitions and platforms and has adopted the approach of working through CSO hubs at landscape level with the purpose of building a strong civil society advocacy voice with other CSOs in the landscape on sustainable development and utilization of natural resources but also scaling up interventions and consolidating impact. WWF-UCO is also targeting the private sector and government agencies to regulate trade and transform markets. The programme is building capacity of timber traders associations to engage in legal timber trade and to adopt efficient timber production technologies, supporting local governments to develop district forest business plans and is popularising the national forest stewardship standard for responsible forest management in Uganda. Community organizations are also to be supported to meaningfully engage in advocacy, collaborative management and monitoring of forest and natural resources. The programme seeks to empower vulnerable groups particularly women and youth through capacity building and social learning, active participation in green business enterprises to ensure sustainable livelihood, secure food production and maintenance of ecosystem services. These will help to build community resilience to adverse climate change effects as well as provide them with an asset base for sustainable livelihoods and development. As the programme gears up for full-scale implementation, it has planned to collect community baseline data around Bugoma, Kalinzu-Queen Elizabeth and Bwindi conservation areas.

3. Objectives of the assignment

The main objective of the socio-economic baseline survey is to understand and document the prevailing conditions of communities living adjacent to Bugoma, Kalinzu-Queen Elizabeth and Bwindi conservation areas.

3.1 Specific tasks

1. Provide up to date baseline data on the social indicator score card that will be basis for programme impact monitoring. Data on the following areas shall be collected;
 - a) Institutional capacity of CFM groups and CBOs in resource governance,
 - b) Access to, and use of, forest and park resources,
 - c) Conflict over natural resource use,
 - d) Community livelihood options and annual incomes from suggested options
 - e) Human well-being,
 - f) Knowledge and practices on climate change adaptation and sustainable land management
 - g) Gender equality
2. Identify restoration opportunities, strategies and map potential for forest landscape restoration around Bugoma, Rwenzori, Kalinzu-QE and Bwindi Conservation Areas.
3. Analyse and interpret the collected data and provide recommendations on livelihood options, value chains and restoration areas the programme should focus on per conservation area

4. Scope

Under the direct supervision of the WWF M & E Specialist the Consultant will conduct the socio-economic survey targeting households in community groups (CFM groups and CBOs)

adjacent to Kalinzu-QE, Bugoma and Bwindi protected areas that WWF is already working with and those that WWF plans to work with under this programme.

5. The Team

The Consultant will lead the entire exercise which will involve training and supervising the survey team that will provide filled questionnaires to the consultant who will manage data entry analysis and report findings. The Consultant will be assisted by a co-consultant who will work together to manage the data and write the full report at the end of the field work.

5.1. Qualifications of the facilitator

The position is suitable for an individual with qualifications in providing analytical research in the field of forest and natural resource management.

The following specific qualifications must be met:

- A Masters or higher degree in a discipline that is relevant to economics, forest or natural resource management or governance issues;
- Knowledge, understanding, and practical implementation of survey methodology that demonstrates clear cognizance of technical, social, and economic focal points associated with forest resources management;
- Knowledge and understanding of the current forest management and governance issues in Uganda;
- Experience in providing quality technical reports;
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and use discretion when dealing with sensitive political issues;
- Knowledge of WWF's work globally and regionally is an asset;
- Fluency in oral and particularly written English;
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity to gender issues.

6. Deliverables

The Consultant is expected to produce the following key outputs

- An inception report
- Datasets with data captured from fieldwork
- Make a presentation on the findings during a validation workshop to a reference group of members
- Three copies of perfectly bound final report. The report should not be more than 45 pages (excluding appendices).
- Soft copies on an external drive

7. Duration of the assignment

The socio-economic assessment is expected to take place starting in May 2018 and requires about 20 man days. The draft report is expected 1st week of June 2018 after which comments will be provided and final report is expected on end of June 2018. The consultant will be responsible for the overall management of the assignment and the production of the final report.

8. Reporting

The Consultant will report to the M & E Specialist, project manager and Conservation Program Manager. Every two weeks, brief updates on progress must be emailed to project manager and M & E Specialist. The F&B Coordinator will have responsibility for approval of submitted reports.

9. Submission Procedure

Consultants who wish to express interest in undertaking the prescribed assignment are requested to send hard-copies of the following:

- i. A technical proposal **not exceeding 10 pages** (in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Technical Proposal”) containing:
 - a. An understanding and interpretation of the TOR.
 - b. Methodology to be used in undertaking the assignment.
 - c. Time and activity schedule.
 - d. Evidence of relevant experience and samples of products related to the assignment.
 - Curriculum vitae of the lead consultants to undertake the assignment
- i) A financial proposal **not exceeding 2 pages** (sealed in a separate envelope clearly marked “Financial Proposal”) including:
 - Consultant’s daily rates/ professional fees in Uganda Shillings.
 - Any other related costs to be incurred by the consultant while undertaking the assignment.

The two envelopes will then be sealed in a third one clearly marked: **“Proposal for Socio-economic baseline study for sustainable forestry management in Uganda.”** Kindly include a return address on all envelopes.

10. Send the specified documents above to;

Chairperson,
Procurement Committee,
WWF Uganda Country Office,
Plot 2 Sturrock Road, Kololo
P.O. Box 8758, Kampala.

11. Deadlines:

Bids are expected to be submitted by **18th May 2018 by 14.00Hrs.**

12. Conditions:

1. WWF reserves the right to accept any proposal or reject all proposals.
2. Technical evaluation will precede financial considerations.
3. Any forms of canvassing will lead to automatic cancellation of the bid in question.
4. Only shortlisted consultants will be contacted for further consideration.