



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA – MINISTRY OF FINANCE

MARKET ACCESS AND RURAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (MAREP)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING Impact Survey for the Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development Programme (MAREP) and Baseline Survey for the Climate-Smart Agriculture and Rural Enterprise Programme (SAEP)

BACKGROUND

The Government of Grenada (GOG), through financing agreement with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) embarked-on a US\$8.5 million a six-year Programme (2011-2017), the **Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development Programme (MAREP¹)**. MAREP is currently in the final stage of implementation, with a final date for field operations envisaged by March 31st, 2018. MAREP's objective is to improve the income of rural unemployed or self-employed men, women and vulnerable groups by contributing to the reduction of rural poverty and vulnerability of the rural population in 50 rural communities and households in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique (**goal**).

Upon completion of MAREP, the **Climate-Smart Agriculture and Rural Enterprise Programme (SAEP)** a six-year Programme (2018-2024) has been embarked on by the Government of Grenada (GOG) through financing agreement between the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) at an estimated cost of US\$12 million. The **goal** of the SAEP is to contribute to the reduction of poverty and vulnerability of men and women in rural communities in the tri-island state of Grenada. The programme will seek to achieve this by improving the livelihoods of beneficiaries through access to new jobs, start-up businesses or consolidating of new businesses and adopting CSA practices (**objective**).

In order to achieve both programme goal of contributing to the reduction of poverty and vulnerability of men and women in the tri-island state of Grenada, a number of strategies have been developed. To evaluate the progress of the expected impacts and outcomes of MAREP and to set the baseline to measure the impact of SAEP in the future, two (2) studies in parallel have to be conducted. (i) An Impact Survey of MAREP to measuring the impact in the identified 50 rural communities, and (ii) a Baseline Survey to set the stage baseline for SAEP in 75 randomly selected rural communities all over the tri-island state (Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique).

The Government of Grenada, MAREP is hereby inviting **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** from eligible qualified individual consultants / consultancy firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services to both studies. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are: (1) Level of experience in designing and conducting quantitative surveys; (2) Level of experiencing in analyzing large information set/data; and (3) Level of experience in writing impact and baseline reports for international organizations.

¹ The Programme received a one (1) year postponement; thus, the extension period ends 31 March, 2018

A Consulting Firm/Organization/Group will be selected under the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) and procedures described in the Request for Proposal (RFP) in accordance with the policies of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) detailed in the Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by IFAD and the Government of Grenada (GOG).

Details of the assignments are contained in the TOR, soft copies are available on the GOG and MAREP's website: (www.marep.me, www.gov.gd) respectively. Hard copies can be retrieved from MAREP's office (*see address below*) and/or Ministry of Finance, Permanent Secretary's Office, Level 3 (Carenage, St George) between the hours of **09 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday**.

The contract agreement to be signed shall be a Lump Sum Contract.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The objective is to have a single consultancy to carry out two (2) surveys in parallel in the poor rural communities of Grenada: (i) one to measure the impact of MAREP in the identified 50 rural communities, and (ii) one to set the stage/baseline for SAEP in 75 randomly selected rural communities all over the tri-island state (Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique).

The questionnaire should be household based and include two sets of questions, one (1) for each programme. This should allow for the identification of the **main/direct beneficiaries** of the programmes, as well as, those people who are **indirect beneficiaries** and those who **are not beneficiaries**.

It is expected that the impact analysis of MAREP will assist the Government of Grenada in measuring progress, impact and highlighting results and lessons learned to feed into several National Policy Frameworks on social, environmental and economic development aspects related to poverty reduction (such as *Agriculture, Food Security & Nutrition, Climate Change & CSA practices, Tourism, Youth, Unemployment and Market access/opportunities*), and to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expression of Interest response (an indication of participation) must be delivered in a written format: in person or by mail to address below or by email: marepgrenada@gmail.com

No later than **Wednesday, January 24th, 2017 at 4:00PM (GMT -06:00)**

The subject line of should include the name of the consultant and clearly marked: **“Expression of Interest - Consultancy Services for MAREP Impact Survey and SAEP Baseline Survey”**.

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Subsequent to the EOI evaluation, the short-listed consultants would be required to submit technical and financial proposals separately in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) with specific submission deadline. The final evaluation process will be carried out based on proposals submitted.