

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT



Resilient Rural Belize Programme

Assignment title: Rural Organization Development Officer

Reference no. RRB.CS.73

The Government of Belize has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of the Resilient Rural Belize Programme, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consulting services provided by an individual consultant as part of the post of **Rural Organization Development Officer**.

The Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites eligible Individual consultants (“consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the individual consultant selection (ICS) method set out in IFAD’s Project Procurement Handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. Interviews will be conducted as part of the selection process.

The Rural Organization Development Officer (RODO) will be responsible for the successful strengthening of rural producers’ organizations. She/He will supervise and receive support from a consulting firm that has been contracted to help carry out the capacity building programme. The RODO and consultants will work closely together with officers from the Department of Co-operatives in order to strengthen the officers’ capacities and create synergy with other activities being carried out by the department. The RODO will lead the implementation of the programme’s strategy for Social Inclusion and Gender Equality, including identifying and implementing affirmative actions designed to address gender inequalities and help members of disadvantaged or more vulnerable groups to overcome obstacles to equal access to development opportunities.

Qualification and Experience:

- At least three years’ experience in community and rural development, strategic planning for small organizations, participatory methodologies and applied and practical training method;
- At least three years’ experience working with gender equality and inclusion of rural youth in rural organizations;
- At least three years’ experience working with rural organizations (producers’ groups, associations, cooperatives, women’s groups) in the agriculture sector, specific to the Belize context.
- Excellent command of the English language, spoken and written. Spanish language proficiency is required.

Individual Consultants interested in receiving the completed **Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)** document for this consultancy should register their interest by sending an e-mail (with subject: **Request for REOI – Rural Organization Development Officer** to the Procurement Officer at nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz giving full contact details of the Consultant. This will ensure that the Consultants receive updates regarding this consultancy.

Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via e-mail to the address below, no later than June 16, 2023. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by June 26, 2023.

The REOI must be delivered/submitted to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by July 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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