



**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR LIVESTOCK FOR LIVELIHOODS
(UK AID DIRECT) PROJECT**

**REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF TOOLS FOR
FORAGE INVENTORY ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING MATERIALS ON FORAGE
MANAGEMENT IN SOUTH OMO, ETHIOPIA.**

1.0. BACKGROUND

About Farm Africa

Farm Africa is an innovative charity that reduces poverty in rural eastern Africa by helping farmers grow more, sell more and sell for more: we help farmers to not only boost yields, but also gain access to markets, and add value to their produce. We place a high priority on environmental sustainability and develop approaches that help farmers to improve their yields and incomes without degrading their natural resources. Our programmes vary hugely, ranging from helping crops farmers to boost harvests, livestock keepers to improve animal health, and forest coffee growers to reach export markets, but core to all of them is a focus on the financial sustainability of the farmers' businesses and environmental sustainability.

About the project

Farm Africa's Livestock for Livelihoods (L4L) project, funded by DFID is currently being implemented in pastoral areas of Uganda and Ethiopia (2018 – 2022). Pastoralist and agro-pastoralist in these areas suffer from high rates of poverty and malnutrition. Women are particularly badly affected due to their low status and associated lack of decision making power and access to resources. A major component of this project is to increase women access to livestock assets through a revolving goat fund and strengthen natural resource management capacity of the communities. Livestock for Livelihoods project (L4L) will build on community based natural resource and fodder management interventions by providing technical assistance to local government and community associations' on rangeland and natural resource rehabilitation and management. Achievement of the objectives requires local action with interventions that are tailored to different social and ecological contexts. The L4L project is being implemented in Hamer and Benatsemay Woredas of South Omo.

2.0. PURPOSE OF THE TOR

Farm Africa wishes to engage the services of a forage / rangeland consultant. This consultant will deliver a forage assessment in South Omo, Ethiopia and curate a subsequent training package for forage management. Both activities will support in delivering the goals of the L4L program and shall be implemented according to the donor and implementer requirements.

3.0. OBJECTIVE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE

We are looking for a consultant for 20 working days between 18th February to 27th March 2019 to work in collaboration with the local government actors to plan and conduct a full forage

inventory (e.g. forage production, seasonality, condition of land) of target locations. The role includes technical enrichment, setting methodology and development of tools for the assessment. Following the assessment findings there is a requirement to consider fodder/land use management negotiation and planning leading to training in fodder management on areas such as regeneration, cut and carry, storage etc.

4.0. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINES

	Deliverable	Timeline
1	Remote support in collaboration with the local government to develop tools for the field forage assessment	Completed by 20/2/2019
2	In-country support to the local government to undertake assessments.	Within period 25/2/2019 – 10/3/2019
3	Assessment of findings of the forage assessments. Support to government actors in report writing.	Within period 10/3/2019 – 20/3/2019
4	Preparation of Training of Trainer (ToT) materials for field training. Training materials need to be simplified for local community members on forage and rangeland management.	Within period 11/3/2019 – 20/3/2019
5	Delivery of ToT	Within period 18/3/2019 – 27/3/2019
6	ToT training report.	Completed by 27/3/2019

5.0. MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES

The consultant will be responsible for:

- Advising on and creating tools for assessment and specifications.
- Training assessors in the use of the assessment materials
- Ensuring full functionality of all training
- Training ToTs in the use of the training materials
- Integrating Farm Africa's feedback at all stages

Farm Africa will be responsible for:

- Advising the consultant on required specifications from both Farm Africa and donor
- Providing feedback at all stages
- Cascading the training down to the users
- Providing travel logistics and security briefings for field travel
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6.0. CONSULTANT REQUIREMENTS

- Experience in planning / conducting / assessing forage inventories

- Significant experience in preparation and delivery of training materials
- Proven achievements implementing training of trainers
- Evidence of working in partnerships with either other NGOs, public or private sector.
- Ability to travel to remote field locations during required timeframe

7.0. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Consultant CV
- A summary of the experience of the consultant with forage assessments and development of training materials, highlighting why this experience puts the service provider in the best position to provide the required service
- Cost breakdown for completion of work (not to include travel costs)
- References
- Commitment to required working period and willingness to travel

8.0. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All documents must be submitted by email to our 'sealed' email address tenders@farmafrica.org by **12th February 2019 at 5.00pm GMT**. The email subject line should clearly indicate **"Application for Technical Support for Forage inventory on L4L"**. Failure to include any of the above documents may, at Farm Africa's discretion, result in disqualification from the selection process.

9.0. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The technical score will be assessed against the three following criteria:

- a) Capacity of the consultant to fulfil requirements
- b) Relevant experience of the consultant
- c) Availability over the required period
- d) Value for money

The successful applicant will be notified by 15 February 2019.

Details on Farm Africa's privacy notice for consultants and service providers can be found there: <https://www.farmafrica.org/tenders/consultants-privacy-notice>