

Terms of Reference (ToR)

PROJECT: Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture Project (NSAP)

PN: 14.0968.9-006

TASK/ASSIGNMENT: Assessment of the activities of EOTC project in Tigray and implementation of the EOTC project in Amhara

1) GENERAL BACKGROUND

Fasting periods in Ethiopia amount to almost seven months a year and have been shown to be harmful to pregnant and breastfeeding women as well as children. Previously USAID's *Empowering New Generations to Improve Nutrition and Economic opportunities* (ENGINE) program has worked with the *Ethiopian Orthodox Tewhedo Church* (EOTC) to agree on exemptions from fasting for pregnant and lactating women and children under seven years, which resulted in a sermon guide and a declaration. GIZ's *Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture Project* is currently working closely with the EOTC, providing support to conduct sensitization workshops, to strengthen the capacity of theological colleges and clergy training centers for integrating the agreed sermon guidelines and the declaration into the curriculum related to adequate nutrition of pregnant and breastfeeding women and children on the Church's print media.

So far the project is being implemented in three woredas in Tigray - Kola Tembien, Laelay Adiyabo and Ganta Afeshum. In total 150 parish churches (50 from each woreda), one theological college and three clergy training centers have been selected for communication and social mobilization measures. By small group discussions, home-to-home mobilization, information during church services and annual events 27,706 people have been informed on how to improve the nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women and children with a special focus on fasting exemptions. The completion and distribution of training material, further small group discussions, and supervision are planned/ongoing.

In 2018 the NSA project will expand to the Amhara region. It is foreseen to duplicate cooperation efforts to Amhara and expand the EOTC Project to the respective new woredas. Lessons learnt from the so far implementation in Tigray shall be included in the potential future implementation strategy for Amhara.

2) OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The assignment encompasses three major objectives and can be specified as follows:

(1) Assessment of the activities of the EOTC project in Tigray

- Conduct qualitative interviews with national and regional EOTC staff to identify facilitators and barriers to the successful implementation of the EOTC project.
- Conduct qualitative interviews with regional staff of GIZ's Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture Project to identify facilitators and barriers to the successful implementation of the EOTC project.
- Conduct 20 to 25 house visits and interviews in areas where trainings were provided in

order to qualitatively assess the level of knowledge transfer among the community and to identify gaps between knowledge and actual behavior according to the official declaration.

- Evaluate the performance of EOTC in the project implementation based on interviews and house visits to monitor impacts, successes, gaps, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the partner's activity implementation.
- Document lessons learnt from the partnership and summarize those in a set of recommended actions to capacitate the EOTC project activities in Tigray.

(2) Implementation in Amhara

- Conduct a situational analysis in Amhara in the form of house visits and questionnaire-based interviews with 60 households to assess the baseline level of knowledge on appropriate nutrition for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children and the actual adherence to that according to the official declaration.
- Plan and conduct a launching workshop for the EOTC project in Amhara.
- Develop an implementation guide containing guidelines and recommendations for the EOTC project implementation in Amhara, based on the assessment (see objective 1) with its encountered gaps and improvement potentials.

(3) Follow-up assessment of EOTC project in Tigray

- Conduct a follow-up assessment of the EOTC project progress in Tigray (preferably with the same households as in the previous assessment) after the recommended actions as in objective 1 have been applied.
- Conduct qualitative interviews with regional EOTC and GIZ staff to assess the actual implementation and effectiveness of recommended actions.
- Conduct 20 to 25 house visits and qualitative interviews in areas where trainings were provided in order to assess the progress as compared to the previous findings.

3) SCOPE OF WORK

The consultant is expected to travel to the field (Tigray and Amhara) to observe work on the ground and to meet various stakeholders and beneficiary communities. At the beginning of the consultancy he/she will develop a detailed work plan in consultation with the NSA project manager. The NSA team will help the consultant to facilitate interviews and house visits. The NSA team will provide access to relevant project documents. The consultant is expected to submit reports latest 2 weeks after finishing the respective pre-requisite task (initial assessment in Tigray, situational analysis in Amhara, follow-up assessment in Tigray).

4) ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SETTING

The consultant will be working under the supervision of the international project manager and report accordingly. Flights and other travel costs are covered by GIZ. Remuneration, accommodation including per diem will be paid according to GIZ standards. Accommodation and per diem will be paid in a lump sum.

5) DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT, DUTY STATION AND EXPECTED PLACES OF TRAVEL

Contract duration: 8 months / starting from as soon as possible
Maximum working days: 42 days (spread over the contract period)

Duty Station: Project sites in Tigray and Amhara

Timescale

Activity	days required (up to)
<i>Assessment in Tigray</i>	
Travel to Mekelle and interviews with regional GIZ NSA staff	1
Interviews with EOTC staff in Mekelle	1
Preparation and conduct of house visits and interviews in 3 woredas in Tigray (including travelling)	7
Information gathering	1
Document lessons learnt and set up action plan	3
<i>Implementation in Amhara</i>	
Conduct situational analysis in Amhara (including travelling)	7
Writing baseline assessment report	2
Plan and conduct launching workshop in Amhara	3
Development of implementation guide for Amhara	3
<i>Follow-up assessment in Tigray</i>	
Interviews with EOTC staff in Mekelle	1
Interviews with regional GIZ NSA staff in Mekelle	1
House visits and interviews in 3 woredas in Tigray (including travelling)	7
Writing follow-up assessment report	2
Additional days for preparation	3
total	42

6) DELIVERABLES

- (1) Assessment report Tigray including lessons learnt from assessment and set of recommended actions (up to 15 pages)
- (2) Situational analysis report for Amhara (up to 7 pages)

- (3) Implementation guide for Amhara (up to 10 pages)
- (4) Follow-up assessment report for Tigray (up to 7 pages)

7) DEGREE OF EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Required Qualifications

Education	University degree and extensive experience in social sciences and <i>Social Behavior Change Communication</i> (SBCC)
Necessary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 years of professional experience and involvement in project evaluation/assessment • Profound experience of <i>Knowledge Attitudes Practice</i> (KAP) survey methods • Substantial knowledge and practical experience with SBCC • In-depth knowledge and practical experience with the structures and work of EOTC-DICAC in Ethiopia • Extensive knowledge on EOTC's regulations potentially affecting women's and children's nutritional status
Preferable experiences/skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderation skills, experience with conducting workshops • Practical knowledge on the development of (training) manuals
Language requirements	Excellent English and Amharic skills, both oral and written

