

Welthungerhilfe (www.welthungerhilfe.de) is one of the large and respected private organisations in the field of development cooperation and humanitarian aid in Germany. It carries out projects in 39 countries and campaigns for fairer cooperation with developing countries. If you are prepared to dedicate yourself to carrying out projects under sometimes difficult conditions and you match the requirements set out below, we look forward to receiving your application for the position of

Strengthening Livelihoods Expert Consultant (m/f)

This posting concerns an assignment of about 20 days working for Welthungerhilfe in a freelance capacity.

1. CONTEXT OF THE STUDY

For more than 10 years, armed violence in North Kivu, eastern DR Congo has increasingly affected people's livelihoods in rural and urban areas. Population movements caused by recurrent clashes between armed factions and their exactions on civilian populations increase the vulnerability of local communities which has led to a breach of trust between the communities and the State representatives. It is in this context of precariousness, fragility, insecurity, population mobility, mistrust, and poverty that a new epidemic of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) was declared in August 2018 in the region. This epidemic originated in Mangina in the Mabalako Health Zone and has rapidly spread throughout North Kivu and Ituri. As of December 4, 2019, the total number of cases have amounted to 3,313 (including 3,195 confirmed and 118 probable). Since March 2019, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) has been playing an active role in the response by implementing community-based monitoring and engagement activities in health zones near the city of Goma. In addition, WHH has been working in the Beni region since the beginning of its activities in the DRC, including in affected health areas such as Mabalako and Oicha.

The Ebola virus emerged in a context of insecurity, in areas where there were people living in precarious conditions. In order to prevent contamination and save lives, the actors in the response first focused on the curative aspect of the response and the prevention of contamination. In this emergency situation, few actors were interested in the socio-economic impacts of such an epidemic on the populations of the affected areas. In addition, the mistrust of some communities towards the actors of the response has already led to unrest and open conflicts. When the epidemic is contained, it is very likely that the sudden departure of these actors will further increase the distrust and sense of abandonment of local communities. Many NGOs are thus beginning to consider the post-Ebola strategy in these areas, and the economic and social crisis that could follow. WHH aims to develop interventions to support affected communities, first by assessing the impact of the epidemic on lifestyles and livelihoods, but also by providing concrete responses to identified needs.

2. OBJECTIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The objective of this consultancy is to produce a feasibility study that will provide relevant information to WHH DRC to assist in the development of a project aimed at supporting the livelihood of communities affected by the EVD epidemic in North Kivu. The strategy proposed by this study should lead to the drafting of a proposal that will put in place early recovery (livelihood) measures for affected communities to improve their resilience to shocks in a sustainable manner. This project will be proposed to USAID/OFDA.

3. RESULTS OF THE CONSULTANCY

The consultant will provide two documents that will present the following data:

- a) **A detailed analysis** report on the context and needs observed;
- b) **A project proposal** that specifies the objectives, results, programme activities and their indicators, and also includes the necessary resources, the institutional structure required for its implementation, the

project logframe, and a cost estimate. The proposal should be based on OFDA sectors and indicators and on the feasibility study that will be prepared.

4. ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

The main issues to be considered are listed below. **(These questions are not exhaustive).**

The Consultant is required to use his or her experience to study and report all factors they consider relevant.

1. How has the EVD epidemic negatively affected the livelihoods of local communities?
2. Which categories of people are most affected? How are they affected?
3. What are the coping strategies adopted by those infected, healed, and loved ones of affected people?
4. What is the impact of the epidemic on access to and delivery of basic services?
5. What is being done locally to address this issue? What are the approaches taken by local communities?
6. Are there any answers from other actors in the response?
7. What measures need to be put in place to strengthen the livelihoods of people infected or affected by the EVD?
8. What are the characteristics of the local context and potential target groups to be taken into account in planning measures?

The Consultant will write a detailed **recommendation** for each component of the project, structured as follows:

- **General objectives:** Why is the action important for the beneficiaries, the region and the government? What is the desired economic and social development?
- **Specific objective:** Why do beneficiaries need this action?
- **Programme results:** What services will the action provide to beneficiaries? What measures external to the project (considered as **hypotheses**) are required to ensure the success of the project?
- **Project activities to be undertaken:** What needs to be done to achieve the project results? What activities external to the programme (considered as **hypotheses**) must be carried out to ensure the results of the project?

Programme results and activities should be developed based on identified needs and USAID/OFDA guidelines. The indicators and targets formulated should be chosen from the USAID/OFDA list of mandatory indicators, and others may be added as needed. All activities must be developed and presented on the basis of USAID/OFDA technical guidelines.

5. WORK PLAN

The Consultant shall establish a detailed work programme for the study/proposal and include it in his offer. The time limit for the mission should not exceed **20 days**. The work programme should clearly describe how and when the Consultant will address the following activities: field visits, drafting work and deliverables.

6. REQUIRED SKILLS

To be considered for this position you must submit the following documents or give evidence of the following criteria:

- A bachelor's degree in one of the following fields: economics, development, public health, agriculture, value chain development or a related field (CV)
- 3-5 experience in the field of livelihood strengthening (CV)
- 2 years' experience with USAID/OFDA is required (CV)
- At least 1-year experience in the DRC, in particular in North Kivu, is highly desirable (CV)

- At least 3 years' experience with elaborating feasibility studies on different contexts.
- Knowledge of Swahili or French is an asset (CV)
- Proof of professional registration and taxation (if applicable)

7. DELIVERABLES

All reports will be submitted with two copies to the WHH DRC Country Office in Goma and sent by email. The Consultant shall submit a Feasibility Study Report (10-15 pages) within twenty-five days of the start of the mission. This report will describe the problems identified, the people affected, the needs related to the context in sufficient detail to allow a decision to be taken on the relevance of submitting a proposal to OFDA. The Preliminary Draft Project Proposal that will take into account the comments on the Feasibility Study will be submitted within 10 days of receipt of the Feasibility Study to the WHH DRC Country Office.

8. TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION

The consultant must take this implementation schedule into consideration when submitting their offer.

Designations	Duration	Number of copies	Destination
Start of the mission	T0		
Feasibility Study Report	T0 + 20 days	2	WHH Country Office, Goma
Preliminary draft of the Project Proposal	T0 + 30 days	2	WHH Country Office, Goma
Validation of the file (study + project proposal report)	T0 + 45 days		

9. CONTENT OF THE OFFER

Offers should provide the following information:

- Financial offer, budget incl. fees/honorarium per working day, travel costs, accommodation, per diems all as a lump-sum
- Financial offer in Euros detailing costs for the assignment, broken down into reimbursable and miscellaneous costs for a maximum of 20 days with budget of no more than 10.000 euros.
- Technical offer detailing a brief methodology for performing the services based on TOR; workplan, and a summary of your experience in similar assignments. The methodology shall be evaluated and weighted based on its clarity, completeness, fulfillment of the TOR requirements, methods proposed and workplan of not more 20 days for the assignment (max. 1-page ½).

Tenders should be sent before 15 December 2019 to the following email address: Marie.dArgentre@welthungerhilfe.de with mandatory copies to the following addresses: Secil.Kuyucak@welthungerhilfe.de and Prudence.Marango@welthungerhilfe.de. The title of the email must clearly indicate '**OFDA study consultancy offer**'

Telephone calls are not allowed. Due to the urgent need of the consultant, only pre-selected consultants will be contacted.

Done at Goma, 9 December 2019