

## **CARE INTERNATIONAL IN VANUATU**

### **Food Security Technical Adviser**

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **TC PAM RECOVERY and CARE VANUATU RESILIENCE PROGRAM, VANUATU**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

CARE International in Vanuatu is seeking a qualified advisor with technical skills in food security and livelihoods. The advisor will support the Livelihoods team with background research, technical advice and the implementation of the food security component of CARE Vanuatu's emergency response and recovery efforts. This advisor will co-ordinate with CARE and other relevant agencies to ensure a rapid procurement and distribution of seeds and tools. This includes developing training to support these activities.

Technical advisor geographical focus: Aneitym, Aniwa, Erromango, Futuna and Tanna Islands, Tafea Province, Vanuatu

Time-frame: June – November 2015

Estimated time for the project: 65 working days

#### **BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT (put in background of Cyclone)**

Tropical Cyclone (TC) Pam struck Vanuatu on 13 March, causing widespread damage across all six provinces (Shefa, Tafea, Malampa, Penama, Sanma and Torba) and affecting an estimated 188,000 people, more than half of the country's estimated population of 272,000. Official assessment information consistently mentions that Cyclone Pam has very negatively and heavily affected the livelihoods and food security of people, thus severely limiting their capacities to generate food and income for their household for the next 3-6 months. The damage to individual and community infrastructure was extensive with some being completely destroyed, disrupting daily life and requiring people to prioritise this first before being able to re-establish food and livelihood options. Damages and losses are comparatively more apparent and extensive in Tafea and Shefa provinces. In Tafea an estimated 95% of income sources interrupted by the cyclone.

Data from the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) assessments shows that damage to agriculture has been extensive. As much as 75% of coconut, 80% of coffee, 80% of leaf vegetables, 70% of taro and 65% of was assessed as damaged will not recover in the priority one areas. Agricultural equipment and assets worth over VT 34,500,000 were damaged or destroyed. Pigs (69%), poultry (26%), fishing equipment (and bee hives (5%) were all significantly affected and this has a negative impact on the availability of protein for households.

Women are somewhat more affected than men, given their higher poverty levels and their disproportionate share of family care work in Vanuatu. Women tend to manage and plan for household food consumption and are thus more actively involved in vegetable, fruit and small scale poultry activities than men.

## **PURPOSE**

This role will support CARE International in Vanuatu's resilience team by contributing to Post Cyclone Pam long term recovery efforts with the goal of establishing food security and re-establishing and improving livelihood activities in Tafea Province.

The consultant will use their technical expertise to ensure CARE's cyclone response and recovery programs are delivering the appropriate seed and tool requirements to each community and island to facilitate increased food security and resilient livelihoods in Tafea Province. Working with CARE International in Vanuatu and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) the consultant will develop strategies to inform the Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods (EFSL) program.

The consultant will develop relevant training materials (to be translated into Bislama) to ensure communities are able to utilise seeds and tools effectively for long term sustainability. This includes identifying vulnerable groups within each community and developing a strategy to address their specific needs.

## **SPECIFIC CONSULTANCY OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the consultancy will be as follows:

1. Technical support to the CARE EFSL team in developing emergency seed procurement strategy including recommended crop varieties and distribution plans
2. Redesign of CARE International in Vanuatu's Food Security and Livelihoods Recovery and Resilience training in consultation with the EFSL team.
3. Support DARD to develop Long Term Recovery plans and finalise Recovery Strategy as well as capacity development of new DARD interns through a variety of short trainings (in Bislama), such as Food security and Seed saving.
4. Work with CARE International in Vanuatu team to refine the EFSL recovery strategy including the design, planning and implementation.

## **CONSULTANCY DELIVERABLES**

The output of the consultancy will include (but is not limited to) the following:

1. Emergency seed procurement and distribution strategy alongside the EFSL Coordinator
2. Training materials (to be translated into Bislama) designed to build capacity of DARD interns on Food Security and Seed Saving
3. Minimum of 1 training per area council, simultaneously building the capacity of DARD interns (final number of trainings to be advised by CARE EFSL team)
4. Tafea Agriculture Recovery Strategy finalized, approved and endorsed by government
5. Compile new and improved recipe book for Tafea province with a focus on using locally available ingredients

## ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Consultants must adhere to the following values:

- **Inclusion:** The selection of research participants should be inclusive of marginalised groups and be mindful of barriers such as gender, age and disability. Consultants should also be aware of the different ways in which children and women express themselves.
- **Informed consent:** The purposes and processes of the research must be fully explained to participants in a way that they can understand. Participants must be informed of their right to refuse or to withdraw from the research at any time. Verbal or written consent should be obtained without coercion.
- **Risks:** The risks of involving children and women in the research must be considered. Information that may place participants at risk should be withheld and necessary measures to protect vulnerable people from placing themselves at risk should be taken.
- **Confidentiality:** Conditional confidentiality should be offered to all participants. Throughout the research data should be kept secure. As a general rule, data should be de-identified and reported information should not be attributable to specific respondents.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest should include:

1. A maximum 2 page statement of capability/y introducing the assessor/organisation and how the skills and competencies described above are met, using concrete examples
2. Current CV of the consultant
3. One example of a previous food security and agriculture strategy / agriculture training conducted by the consultant
4. A budget covering major costs for the evaluation and a daily rate including travel costs (to and from Vanuatu only), per diems and daily fee. Reasonable costs for in-country travel, accommodation and all costs of meetings and evaluation workshops, will be covered directly by CARE.

Expressions of interest should be submitted to Trish McEwan, Program Director (acting)

Email: [trish.mcewan@care.org.au](mailto:trish.mcewan@care.org.au). **Closing date 4 June 2015.**

Shortlisted consultants will be contacted and asked to produce a maximum 2-page outline of the proposed evaluation process including proposed evaluation methodology for addressing the evaluation objectives and questions outlined in the terms of reference

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Trish McEwan Program Director (acting)

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