



## CALL for PROPOSALS

### **Consultant for a (Self) Employment & Livelihood assessment and feasibility study for the integration of Multi-Purpose Cash Transfers within V/YSLAs**

#### **Introduction**

CARE Uganda is seeking an experienced consultant to conduct a (Self) Employment and Livelihood assessment and a feasibility study for the integration of Multi-Purpose Cash Transfers (MPCT) within Village / Youth Savings and Loans Associations (V/YSLAs), in refugee and urban contexts in Northern Uganda.

These studies are two of several formative research studies<sup>1</sup>, which are being carried out during the current inception phase of the 5-year Women and Youth Resilience Project (WAYREP). WAYREP aims to **increase the self-reliance of Ugandan and refugee community members** in the West Nile and Northern Uganda regions, particularly women and (female) youth.

This project is supported by the Austrian Development Agency, and implemented by CARE Uganda and CARE Austria in urban, refugee and host communities in the West Nile and Northern Uganda.

#### **Objective:**

The main objective of the consultancy is to provide recommendations for programme design, implementation and monitoring for WAYREP, based on assessment findings, and on other formative research findings, should these be relevant to employment and livelihoods.

Specifically, the consultant is required to:

- Document dignified employment and/ or livelihood opportunities in targeted geographies and to which WAYREP beneficiaries can be enrolled / linked in the employment and livelihoods assessment. This assessment should include, inter alia, a market assessment, a mapping of vocational, formal and informal livelihood opportunities and a mapping of business incubation centres and private sector actors, a beneficiary capacity and competency assessment, etc.
- Study the feasibility and best modality for incorporating MPCT to V/YSLAs (including mixed refugee/host VSLAs) including standard operating procedures (SOP).

Both studies should provide **recommendations** for programming based on best practice and lessons learned from similar interventions and research, as well as a **risk assessment and mitigation plans**.

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<sup>1</sup> Other inception phase studies are: a gender and GBV assessment, a social accountability scoping study, a meta study on Meta-Analysis of CARE models in addressing Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) and Gender Based Violence(GBV) in Uganda and a stakeholder analysis,

Each report should not exceed 20 pages, excluding annexes.

**Start date and duration:**

The consultancy is expected to start as soon as possible and be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Data collection in Uganda is included and will be defined with the CARE country office.

**Deliverables:**

- **Desk review** of relevant documentation including but not limited to existing market assessments for the project area and financial inclusion and women's economic empowerment literature (by CARE and others)
- Referral, input in and integration of relevant findings from concurrent WAYREP inception studies.
- Preliminary **stakeholder consultations** with CARE Austria, CARE Uganda and other key stakeholders.
- **Inception report** outlining preliminary findings and hypotheses drawn from the desk review and the research methodology for field visit(s) and the final reports.
- **Field visit(s)** to conduct primary data collection in the West Nile and Gulu.
- **Draft final reports** in August 2019
- **Final reports** in September 2019
- **Presentation of final reports** in September 2019 to CARE staff and other WAYREP stakeholders

**Responsibilities**

- Participate in an inception meeting upon award of contract to finalise research methodology, schedule, deliverables and expectations.
- Identify additional relevant documentation for desk review and stakeholders for consultations.
- Maintain regular communication and coordinate with CARE staff and other research consultants working on the inception phase studies.
- Submit draft inception report, draft final report and final report as per agreed timeline
- Present key findings and recommendations of final report to CARE staff

**Key qualifications:**

- At least 5 years providing senior level technical advisory to a range of clients (INGO sector preferred) in the field of market assessments, livelihood assessments, cash transfer programming and access to financial services in Uganda; A track record of assessments conducted in the past 5 years with the title of the research / assessment, a summary of the scope, the date when it was conducted and the name and details of the client (including contacts of the person who can be contacted for reference checks) must be attached with the application;
- Strong experience in cash transfer programming for highly vulnerable communities required;
- Experience with cash transfer programs, VSLAs and livelihood programs with refugees preferred;
- Proven capacity to integrate a strong gender lens in economic assessments;
- Familiarity with key policies and frameworks will be a plus (e.g. Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework, relevant Refugee Response Plans, MEB guidelines of national TWG)

- Strong facilitation skills allowing to illicit candid feedback;
- Availability during mentioned period;
- Financial capacity and willingness to pre-fund the work as CARE is not able to pay advances; A payment plan will be drawn based on above deliveries;

If you are interested to apply and would like to receive the detailed Terms of Reference, please contact at CARE Uganda: [UGACAREUGanda@care.org](mailto:UGACAREUGanda@care.org) with copy to [Flavia.Kitop@care.org](mailto:Flavia.Kitop@care.org) or at CARE Austria: [Karen.Knipp-Rentrop@care.at](mailto:Karen.Knipp-Rentrop@care.at).

We look forward to receiving your service offer by **23h59 on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. It should include the company, organization or consultant's profile, experience, writing samples and references as well as a suggestion of the methodology, time and action plan, a proposed budget and if necessary, suggestions and recommendations to the Terms of References. The service offer should be in EURO, showing all taxes (Mwst/VAT). Please indicate how you learned about this opportunity with CARE Austria when sending the bid to [bewerbung@care.at](mailto:bewerbung@care.at).

To learn more about CARE Uganda, go to <https://careuganda.org/> ; to learn more about CARE Austria, go to [www.care.at](http://www.care.at), or <https://www.care.at/ueber-care/programmatische-ansatz/>

To learn more about the Program "WAYREP", go to <https://www.care.at/projects/women-and-youth-resilience-project-wayrep-aut920/>

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