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Job title: Social and behaviour change consultancy:

pesticide risk reduction

Location: Kenya

Duration: August – December 2022



This role is perfect for someone looking to apply their Scientific Skills and Knowledge within an organisation that is focused on helping to deliver 8 of the Sustainable Development Goals: (1) No Poverty; (2) Zero Hunger; (3) Quality Education; (5) Gender Equality; (12) Responsible Consumption and Production; (13) Climate Action; (15) Life on Land; and (17) Partnerships for the Goals.

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Background

CABI - through its PlantwisePlus programme - is seeking to reduce the risk of pesticides to stakeholders in the food value chain. Reducing pesticide risks for these actors will improve the safety of food and protect farmers and environmental health.

Efforts to achieve these goals are multi-faceted and include policy-level discussion and advocacy to provide an enabling environment for risk reduction, covering issues such as pesticide registration, availability of safer alternatives and monitoring of residue levels in food crops for instance.

In addition, the programme aims to support changes at the local level which can result in risk reduction at the individual and farm levels.

This consultancy particularly focuses on the behaviours of farmers, and the factors and organisations which influence their decision-making around this issue.

To bring about social and behaviour change, CABI is planning to develop and implement a communication campaign which focuses on specific risks where there are opportunities to achieve a beneficial impact, recognising the complexity of behaviour and the drivers around pesticide usage (such as cost, habit, the effectiveness of alternatives etc).

CABI has completed a survey on consumer behaviours about food safety in Kenya, completed a situational analysis of pesticide risks in Kenya and in July is conducting formative research in Nakuru County, where the pilot activities will be conducted. From these findings, the campaign will be developed and then implemented from September –December 2022, with the potential to scale the activities out further in 2023.

Location

Nakuru County, Kenya with an extension of the approach used to TransNzoia County, Kenya.

We will accept proposals where the agency can either be on the ground in the country or able to work remotely to assist the implementing team, although the preference is for on-the-ground support.

Duration

August - December 2022

This is not expected to be on a full-time basis and the consultancy proposal should clearly reference the time commitment expected to be needed to deliver the brief.

Requirements

We are looking for a Social and Behaviour Change agency to lead the ideation and strategizing of this pesticide risk reduction campaign, and oversee the implementation of the pilot activities in Nakuru County.

CABI has a small team of development communication and other professionals who will support the implementation of the campaign whom the successful agency will work alongside to build their capacity and mentor them through the campaign development.

We require an agency to lead on and implement the following:

1. Identifying the risks that can be addressed through a communication campaign, in the context of Nakuru County and based on the formative research

- 2. Identifying the audiences, the desired change and the metrics of success for the campaign
- 3. Development of behaviour change solutions which can address the risks identified above. This will include messaging, format, channels and approaches
- 4. Oversight of testing processes and revision to improve the behaviour change solutions developed
- 5. Lead and execute the campaign, while incorporating input from CABI into the design and implementation, including oversight of the campaign process

This will require the Social and Behaviour Change agency to lead the CABI team and facilitate campaign team meetings to create the outputs outlined above. This will also necessitate continuous support throughout the consultancy period with the agency becoming part of a virtual CABI team.

The campaign development will be linked to a platform of relevant local stakeholders who give insights on barriers, messaging and appropriate channels of communication as well as supporting with campaign implementation as needed. The Social and Behaviour Change agency will need to work with this group of actors with CABI.

Capabilities:

- Experienced Social and Behaviour Change agency
- Sectoral experience from agriculture or related development sectors is essential
- The demonstrable, proven effectiveness of past interventions
- Experience of working in Sub-Saharan Africa

Key deliverables

- Planning, implementation and monitoring to report the impact of the Campaign
- Written campaign strategy identifying audiences, changes sought, metrics of success and approach
- Production of design and messaging options for behaviour change solutions (e.g. posters, radio programmes, packaging etc)
- Development of testing protocol and process for campaign messaging
- Training of Development Communication team of 5 in social and behaviour change methodologies and approaches (workshop or series of workshops)

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Interested firms should submit technical and financial bids detailing an overview of the approach to the work and a breakdown of the associated costs to procurement-africa@cabi by 6th August 2022.

Staff Comments



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