



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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**Expressions of interest are being requested for a consultant – to develop a multisectoral nutrition policy framework in Africa.**

1. The African Development Bank hereby invites interested individual consultants to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: **Short-term consultant to develop a multisectoral nutrition policy framework in Africa.**
2. APPENDIX I contains the Terms of Reference (TOR) indicating the scope of the assignment and the services required from the selected consultants.
3. The Agriculture, Human, and Social Development Complex (AHVP) invite consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested Consultants shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to undertake this assignment by sending their letters of interest, detailed resumes, and detailed elaboration of relevant experience as outlined in section 6 of TOR in the appendix to **Mrs. Faiza Ben Salah** [f.bensalah@afdb.org](mailto:f.bensalah@afdb.org) and copy **Mr. George Ouma** [g.ouma@afdb.org](mailto:g.ouma@afdb.org) no later than **27<sup>th</sup> June 2023** and specifically mentioning the subject “**REOI for consultant to develop multisectoral nutrition policy framework**”
4. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a shortlist, and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank’s **Procurement Policy and Procedure for Corporate Consultants Recruitment**. Please, note that interest expressed by a consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include him/her in the shortlist.

5. The estimated duration of services is to be undertaken over 80 days spread across 6 months and completed no later than **31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**, and the estimated starting date is **10<sup>th</sup> July 2023**.
6. Interested Consultants may obtain further information by sending requests to **Mr. George Ouma** at [g.ouma@afdb.org](mailto:g.ouma@afdb.org) and **Mrs. Faiza Ben Salah** at [f.bensalah@afdb.org](mailto:f.bensalah@afdb.org) during the Bank's working hours.

## 7. Establishment of the shortlist

A shortlist of three to six individual consultants will be established at the end of the request of expressions of interest. The consultants on the shortlist will be judged on the following criteria on the basis of their updated resumes.

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
General Qualifications and adequacy for the assignment to be undertaken.	30%
Experience in the specific technical assignment described in terms of reference (ToRs).	30%
Samples of a portfolio of work is available for review that demonstrates public policy analysis, formulation evaluation experience, nutrition financing, and expertise in investment.	20%
Experience with international development organizations and undertaking similar work in Africa.	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 %</b>

## **APPENDIX I**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Consultant to develop a Multisectoral Nutrition Policy Framework in Africa**

##### **A. Background**

###### **1. The Bank**

Established in 1964, the African Development Bank is the premier pan-African development institution, promoting economic growth and social progress across the continent. There are 80 member states, including 54 in Africa (Regional Member Countries). The Bank's development agenda is delivering financial and technical support for transformative projects that will significantly reduce poverty through inclusive and sustainable economic growth. In order to sharply focus the objectives of the Ten-Year Strategy (2013 – 2022) and ensure greater developmental impact, five major areas, all of which will accelerate our delivery for Africa. Have been identified for scaling up, namely, energy, agro-business, industrialization, integration, and improving the quality of life for the people of Africa. The Bank is seeking to build a management team that will lead the successful implementation of this vision.

###### **2. The Complex**

The Vice Presidency for 'Agriculture, Human, and Social Development' (AHVP) is a Sector Complex charged with the implementation of two of the Bank's High 5 priorities of "Feed Africa" and "Improve Quality of Life for the People of Africa". The complex objectives are fourfold: to develop, policy and strategy; to provide deep sector expertise to the Regions by gathering pools of experienced individuals who can be consulted to provide sector expertise on complex transactions and to develop new financing instruments. The Vice President acts as the spokesperson to represent the Bank with external stakeholders on aspects of "Feed Africa" and Improve Quality of Life for the People of Africa".

The complex has departments which implement its operational and strategic programs. They include Agriculture and Agro-Industry; Agricultural Finance and Rural Development; Gender, Women and Civil Society; Water Development and Sanitation; and Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development. Each department is led by a Director who supervises a number of Division Managers and Program Coordinators. The Complex will drive the Bank' bold vision and focus on "Feed Africa" and "Improve Quality of Life in Africa".

### **3. Approach to program implementation**

The Bank is currently operating under a Development and Business Delivery Model (DBDM) through which it has created 5 regional Business Development Hubs, each led by a Director General – Tunis for North Africa, Nairobi for Eastern Africa, Pretoria for Southern Africa, Yaoundé for Central Africa and Abidjan for West Africa. The Bank also has a presence in 41 countries, each led by a Country Manager or a Bank representative. The Director General and Country Managers are responsible for leading country-level dialogue and working closely with the AHVP complex to determine the operational lending program.

#### **African Leaders for Nutrition**

The African Leaders for Nutrition (ALN) secretariat is hosted by the African Development Bank, a within its Agriculture, Human, and Social Development Complex, at the front Office. The mandate of ALN is to engage high-level political leadership to advocate and increase investment in nutrition. Core to this advocacy is ensuring nutrition is considered a national development imperative with sufficient budgetary resources to support nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific programs and interventions. This advocacy serves to complement efforts by other initiatives on nutrition, including NEPAD's Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program, the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, the African Regional Nutrition Strategy; the Pan African Nutrition Initiative, the Framework for African Food Security; the Africa Ten Year Strategy for the Reduction of Vitamin and Mineral Deficiencies. At the global level, other initiatives also complement this effort and include the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement; Feed the Future (FTF); the 1,000 Days Partnership; the World Health Organizations' Nutrition-friendly Schools Initiative (NFSI); and Nutrition for Growth (N4G).

#### **Background of the Assignment**

The double burden of malnutrition, including undernutrition and an epidemic of overweight and obesity, remains one of the major obstacles to human well-being and economic prosperity in Africa. The developmental, economic, social, mental, and medical impacts of malnutrition affect individuals, families, communities, and nations at large.

In order to address the many nutrition challenges facing the African region, in 2015, the African Union Commission (AUC) developed the 10-year strategic document, the African Regional Nutrition Strategy (ARNS) 2016 – 2025 (**EX.CL/Dec.876 (XXVII)**). The ARNS aims to guide Member States on nutrition policies and programs and provide strategic directions for achieving AUC's long-term goals, in line with the Agenda 2063: Africa We Want and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Whilst AUC has recorded some remarkable achievements, difficulties, and constraints remain. As of 2021, stunting had declined in Africa; however, 1 in 3 children were still affected. Approximately 12 million children were affected by wasting – the deadliest form of malnutrition. Overweight is on the rise in Africa: the number of children affected increased by 30 percent over the last two decades. Additionally, poor diet quality is leading to different forms of malnutrition, including undernutrition and micronutrient

deficiencies, as well as overweight and obesity. In 2020, the average cost of healthy diets in Africa was USD 3.46 per person per day, an increase of 2.5 percent from its 2019 level. Around 1.03 billion people in Africa could not afford a healthy diet in 2020 – an increase of 25.4 million more people than in 2019, reflecting the high costs of a healthy diet due to increased food prices following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Furthermore, Africa is grappling with a myriad of natural disasters, such as droughts, floods, locust invasions, cyclones, and conflict, resulting in increased displacements and food insecurity. For instance, in 2021, an estimated 795 million people were food insecure, out of which 322 million were severely food insecure in Africa, and about 278 million people were undernourished, an increase of 50 million people just in two years. These multiple shocks threaten the gains made towards the achievement of the SDGs and the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063, “the Africa we want.”

Similarly, inadequate investment in nutrition continues to be a key challenge to tackling malnutrition in Africa. Evidence shows that investing in nutrition is one of the most cost-effective means to accelerate and sustain socioeconomic development, prosperity, and human capital. Every USD invested in high-impact nutrition interventions can generate 16 USD in returns, while child undernutrition in Africa, for example, is causing countries in the continent an economic loss estimated between 1.9 to 16.5 percent of Gross Development Product (GDP). Developing nutrition-smart interventions (nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive) that are costed across a range of sectors, including health, education, agriculture, social protection, water, and sanitation, has the potential to unlock additional financial resources for nutrition.

## **B. Scope of Work and Rationale**

The Assembly decision [(Assembly/AU/Dec. 813(XXXV)] adopted in 2022, declared 2022 “the Year of Nutrition and Food Security” and the Abidjan Declaration “Accelerate investment, implementation and coordination to improve nutrition and food security in Africa.” The objective of the 2022 theme of the year was to take stock of previous efforts to promote high-level political support for addressing malnutrition in all its forms and reposition nutrition in the development discourse toward building back better following the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, in July 2022, the AU, through Decision number EX.CL/Dec.1178 (XLI) called on Member States to prioritize increased domestic financial investment in food and nutrition security while promoting investments in multisectoral programming. This decision further called for the AUC and key stakeholders to adopt and develop a Multisectoral Nutrition Policy Framework and a Funding Target for Nutrition Investment that will guarantee domestic resource allocation for nutrition programming. Increasing this funding begins with a clear understanding of the importance of these investments in the country’s leadership, followed keenly by increased appropriation and, finally, timely release and utilization of funds.

Several partners committed to supporting the implementation of the AU Theme of the Year 2022 recommendations and the Abidjan Declaration Plan of Action. The African Development Bank (AfDB) will support the AUC through the Department of Health,

Humanitarian Affairs, and Social Development (HHS) in the development of a multisectoral nutrition policy framework.

The Multisectoral Nutrition Policy Framework aims to present a unified approach to mainstreaming nutrition investments across sectors to ultimately scale up the proportion of smart nutrition investments, especially in the five sectors that serve as underlying drivers of nutrition. The framework's scope will be limited to the AU Member States, including the organs and structures established to implement the AU decisions.

The services of a consultant are required to develop the policy framework in close consultation with an advisory Technical Group comprised of regional representatives from the AUC departments, United Nations (UN) agencies, AfDB, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and International Organizations with expertise in various sectors.

## **1. Purpose of the consultancy**

This consultancy aims to develop a Multisectoral Nutrition Policy Framework that countries can deploy to guide the planning and execution of investments in nutrition at the national level and accelerate the achievement of the continental and global targets on nutrition.

## **2. Expected Deliverables**

The following are the key deliverables for this assignment:

- Inception report describing the methodology to be used in undertaking the assignment, detailed outline of the policy framework, delivery timelines and risk assumptions, and a detailed plan of stakeholders to be consulted, including a schedule for the consultation with the RECs.
- A synthesis report on nutrition financing in Africa, with case studies from selected AU member countries.
- Draft multisectoral nutrition policy framework for comment and input by the advisory technical group
- A final draft of the multisectoral policy frameworks incorporating comments from the advisory technical group and the regional economic communities.
- Slide deck with a PowerPoint presentation of the process used and key highlights of the policy framework.

## **3. Methodology**

Prospective consultants are invited to propose elements of methodology, data sources, and approaches to be used in undertaking the activities described in section three. The proposed methodology should include but not be limited to:

- Documents to be reviewed and the stakeholders to be consulted.

- Analytical approach and a detailed plan for consultations with critical stakeholders such as regional economic communities (RECs), technical partners, and relevant international organizations.
- suggested timelines for undertaking the exercise to completion.

#### **4. Consultant Qualifications**

Interested consultants should meet the following qualifications:

- Minimum of a master's degree in economics, Social Development, Health Economics, Nutrition, Financing, Health Planning, Public Policy, or a closely related development field.
- A minimum of 10 years of work experience, of which 5 must have been in the public finance sector or a development institution.
- Extensive experience and knowledge of the nutrition financing landscape in Africa and the policy and strategy landscape of multisectoral nutrition programming.
- In-depth understanding of the planning and budget processes in Low- and Middle-income countries.
- Demonstrated experience in budget analysis and tracking, forecasting, and modeling.
- Ability to operate independently with limited supervision and to lead results-driven project teams and workgroups.
- Experience in developing technical policy documents and reports.
- Experience in leading teams of diverse cultural and professional backgrounds in a multilateral and multicultural setting.
- Good communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Strong attention to detail.
- Competence in using standard Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint).
- Fluency (written and spoken) in French or English. A good working knowledge of the other language will be an added advantage.

#### **5. Place of assignment:**

The consultant will be based at the Bank Headquarters in Abidjan. However, given the current restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, optional locational arrangements will be considered.

The consultant will be based in the Agriculture, Human, and Social Development (AHVP) complex of the African Development Bank and will work under the direct supervision of the African Leaders for Nutrition (ALN) Coordinator while maintaining close consultation with the Technical Advisory Committee.

## 6. Time Schedule for Deliverables and Reporting Requirements

This activity will be undertaken over 80 days spread over 5 months (July to December 2023), and the estimated starting date is 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and completed no later than **31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**.

Task	Date
Commencement of assignment	10 July 2023

### Required:

- Please attach a consultancy profile related to the assignment.
- Please also submit a portfolio of work available for review that demonstrates policy analysis experience, policy evaluation and formulation, and expertise in nutrition investment. Applications without samples or working links to content will not be considered involved in the work.
- Submit a letter of expression of interest, including a financial proposal.
- Prospective consultants are invited to suggest the methodology and approach to be used in undertaking the activities.