



## Terms of Reference for Consultancy Services

### Comprehensive Evaluation of the *Bustani ya Tushikamane*- Program from July 2009 to December 2016

#### 1 Background

##### Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT)

###### SAT Vision

To be a credible and innovative Not for Profit Organization in sustainable agriculture in Tanzania.

###### SAT Mission

To be a vibrant organization in networking, promoting, advocating, undertaking and facilitating sustainable agriculture through research, dissemination and application.

###### SAT Goal

To contribute to improved food security and poverty reduction through offering a complete package of technology, guidance and partnership for farmers to transit to sustainable agriculture to increase their yields in an environmentally friendly way.

###### SAT's objectives are:

###### Dissemination

To build the capacity of value chain participants through information sharing, awareness creation, lobbying and advocacy and trainings on Sustainable Agriculture.

###### Application & Market

To establish a platform for knowledge incubation by practicing and demonstrating Sustainable Agriculture.

###### Research

To conduct socio-economical, ecological and technical research on inputs and technologies suitable for Sustainable Agriculture, innovative practices on-farm and off-farm, market research and value addition.

###### Networking

To collaborate with stakeholders in agriculture and link participants of the value chain.

Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT) is an organisation which was registered in June 2011. The idea to have an organisation which deals with sustainable agriculture was born during the successful work of Bustani ya Tushikamane (ByT). ByT has made several positive experiences by involving farmers in the planning stage to work together on challenging agricultural issues. Thus, it can be highlighted that SAT's foundation was established on farmers' needs. Additionally, SAT implements other stakeholders like universities, companies and governmental extension officers to be involved in activities that are carried out by SAT. This holistic approach establishes an Innovation Platform, where dissemination, research, application and networking build the main pillars. This platform is the starting point to evolve and implement systems by building on already existing knowledge. For SAT it is a precondition to deal with farmers horizontally, face to face, to acknowledge their experiences. This principle is the kit which allows building on the pillars dissemination, research, application and networking without losing the focus on farmers' needs.

ByT is highly interwoven with the organisation's programmatic strategy by building on three of the four SAT pillars which are: knowledge dissemination, application & market, and research. .

## **2. SAT Bustani ya Tushikamane program supported by the Biovision Foundation, Austrian Development Agency (ADA), Nachhaltige Landwirtschaft Ostafrika (NLO), Entwicklung Hilfe Klub (EH-K) and Land Vorarlberg (LV)**

The Biovision foundation has funded the Bustani ya Tushikamane program to improve food security, poverty reduction and environmental conservation in Morogoro Region through the following project phases:

1. Bustani ya Tushikamane (July 2009 to June 2010). Budget: \$ 24,857. Donor: Biovision Foundation and others,
2. Bustani ya Tushikamane (July 2010 to June 2011). Budget: \$ 25,000. Donor: Biovision Foundation, NLO and others.
3. Bustani ya Tushikamane (July 2011 to December 2013). Budget: \$ 241,683. Donor: Biovision Foundation, ADA, NLO, EH-K, LV and others.,
4. Bustani ya Tushikamane – Phase Out (January 2014 to December 2016). Budget: \$ 561'575. Donor: Biovision Foundation, ADA, NLO, EHK, LV and others.

with the overarching project purpose of building up a strong and creative innovation platform to increase adoption of organic agriculture practices for farmers, to enable and foster participatory research on this topic and to create awareness at the national level, through knowledge dissemination, application and research by establishing a vibrant network between farmers, universities, consumers, governmental and non-governmental organizations for covering the whole value chain.

To assess the success of the project the current evaluation mission is to be undertaken with the below objectives.

### 3 Objectives

- Assess the achievements of the project “Bustani ya Tushikamane” Phase Out – Innovation platform for Organic Agriculture.
  - Based on logframe from BV IS-07 2014 to 2016
  - Review value-for-money invested over different project periods
- Evaluate the impact of the project on the overall livelihood of the small scale farmers in the project bench mark sites
  - Specific focus on change observed across farmers who have been with the project for a long time (i.e. 2011) versus more recently trained farmers (i.e. 2016)
  - Focus on change in income, food security and biodiversity
- Assess long-term sustainability of organic training and their contribution to improvement of livelihoods
  - Farmers apply organic and sustainable agriculture practices, have an organic certification and engage in value addition
  - Sustainability of Farmer Training Center
- Critically assess all publications and working papers up to date

### 4 Methodology

After a review of baseline and follow-survey data, the evaluation will involve interviews with smallholder farmers in selected project benchmark sites, in particular farmers involved in the project implementation. Also interaction with other beneficiaries such as extension officers and other key stakeholders will be part of the evaluation process. Review of recent project reports and assessing them against the proposed objectives of the project proposals should be an important component of the evaluation process.

### 5. Outputs of the Bustani ya Tushikamane (IS-07) project review and suggestion for long-term sustainability

- The expected output of the evaluation is a comprehensive and concise report which should include:
  - a) A summary of the project and findings of the evaluation process,
  - b) Give recommendations based on the farmers and other stakeholders’ feedback on the dissemination of knowledge on organic agriculture, with a special focus on the overall sustainability of project structures in place in order to ultimately enhance the uptake of and impact of organic agriculture in the long run.
- A first outline of the report will be discussed with the *SAT* project manager, as well as with the *SAT* project coordinator (who will share it with the Biovision and ADA programme coordination). Comments and inputs from their side should be considered and included in the final report.
- The report will be written in English.

### 6 Prerequisites for the Consultancy

- Post-graduate degree in social sciences, development studies, health-related applied research & development projects or related fields.
- At least 5 years working experience in the field of sustainable agriculture.

- Demonstrated expertise in organic agriculture and its dissemination.
- First-hand knowledge of the socio-cultural and policy context in Tanzania.
- Knowledge of Swahili a plus.

## **7 Time Frame, Terms, Conditions and Logistics**

The evaluation will be carried out in the second week of January by one consultant and it is estimated that the exercise will take 7 working days.

Coordination and assistance for the evaluation will be provided by the project coordinator in Morogoro. Transport and other requirements to help execute the exercise will be provided for by *SAT*.

The consultant will need to work with her/his own working equipment. Any special requirements might be made available upon request and availability.

Upon signing of the contract before the end of 2016, a first installment of 30 % of the final sum will be released, with subsequent releases of 40 % taking place after submission of the draft report. The final installment will be an additional 30 % upon approval of the submitted final report.

How to apply:

Interested applicants to submit; (1) a cover letter of expression of interest, (2) résumé, (3) a brief proposal explaining how to carry out the task, including availability (4) Fees for undertaking the assignment. Please send your application electronically to Ms. Janet Maro, [janet.maro@kilimo.org](mailto:janet.maro@kilimo.org). Review of proposals starts on 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 and will continue until a suitable consultant is identified.