REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

*Georgia*

*Dairy Modernisation and Market Access (DiMMA) Programme*

**Assignment Title:** *Service Provider for Implementation of 4 PMPs in Akhaltsikhe District*

**Reference No**.: *GEO-2000001393-0053-CS-CQS*

The *Georgia has received* financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of *Dairy Modernisation and Market Access (DiMMA) Programme* and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consulting services.

The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD’s approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD’s rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with *Dairy Modernisation and Market Access (DiMMA) Programme.*

DiMMAdapt is a program of the Adaptation Fund fully integrated into DiMMA and aimed at reduction of the vulnerability of the dairy value chain to the negative impacts of climate change.

**Programme area and target group:** DiMMAdapt interventions are solely implemented in the three regions of Imereti, Samegrelo-ZemoSvaneti, Samtskhe-Javakheti. DiMMA’s benefits will reach three categories of value chain actors comprising; (i) a) Progressive dairy producers (PDP) - farmers with 6-20 cattle, b) market vulnerable dairy producers (MVDP) – farmers with 1-5 cattle (ii) farm level service providers (FLSPs), providing specialized services and inputs to dairy producers; and (iii) dairy aggregators (collectors), who will develop market linkages with the dairy producers.

The **Development Objective** of the program is to “Enhance the livelihoods and resilience of smallholder dairy producers, especially in mountain areas, and improve the management of the natural resources”.

The Programme will achieve the stated goal and objective through a number of outputs, of which, in direct relation with DiMMAdapt interventions:

1. An enabling environment developed through training and capacity building (demonstration plots established and relevant trainings conducted)
2. Pasture management plans developed (for private and collective pasture users) and implemented with relevant trainings.

**DiMMAdapt is seeking now for the Service Provider (SP) to provide interventions** that will improve the respective pasture condition, productivity, infrastructure that will reduce pasture degradation process, positively complement to biodiversity and improve forage yields for local pasture users, without negative environmental and with positive economic impacts.

**Namely, SP will be responsible to implement activities that are indicated in the 4 Pasture Management Plans (PMPs) in Akhaltsikhe municipality** of the Samtskhe-Javakheti region. The PMPs are attached as Annex 1 to the Terms of Reference (ToRs). More details please see in the preliminary.***Terms of Reference*** *at the following link:*

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/7xg8jkadysw1p20mq7hf9/TOR-SP2-pasture-rehabilitation-service-provider_as-signed.docx?rlkey=qy4r4elxieibralplnjdj78w8&dl=0>

The ***Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia*** (“the client”) now invites eligible Consultants (“consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. **Interested firms should fill the template for expressions of interest below:** <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/zoeonpufvcbewopvu1zus/IFAD-Request-for-Expressions-of-Interest_CQS_Pature-Restoration_SP2.docx?rlkey=zh9opy7cz16rdbyekoo9k5i3d&dl=0>

and send it to the following address: [dimma@mepa.gov.ge](mailto:dimma@mepa.gov.ge)

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to IFAD’s Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy[[1]](#footnote-1) and the Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption its Activities and Operations[[2]](#footnote-2). The latter sets forth IFAD’s provisions on prohibited practices. IFAD further strives to ensure a safe working environment free of harassment, including sexual harassment, and free of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in its activities and operations as detailed in its IFAD Policy to Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.[[3]](#footnote-3)

The consultant shall not have any actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. A consultant with an actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest shall be disqualified unless otherwise explicitly approved by the Fund. A consultant is considered to have a conflict of interest if he/she a) have a relationship that provides them with undue or undisclosed information about or influence over the selection process and the execution of the contract, b) have a business or family relationship with a member of the Purchaser’s board of directors or its personnel, the Fund or its personnel, or any other individual that was, has been or might reasonably be directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of this REOI, (ii) the shortlisting or selection process for this procurement, or (iii) execution of the contract. The consultant has an ongoing obligation to disclose any situation of actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest during preparation of the EOI, the selection process or the contract execution. Failure to properly disclose any of said situations may lead to appropriate actions, including the disqualification of the consultant, the termination of the contract and any other as appropriate under the IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Projects and Operations.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the ***Consultants’ Qualification Selection (CQS)***method set out in IFAD’ project procurement handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at [*https://www.ifad.org/documents/38711624/39421018/proc\_handbook\_e.pdf/2febc53a-4244-4447-a788-d06a632fd3b5?t=1632495863021*](https://www.ifad.org/documents/38711624/39421018/proc_handbook_e.pdf/2febc53a-4244-4447-a788-d06a632fd3b5?t=1632495863021)

**Qualification requirements for consultant (firm) are as follows:**

**General Experience**

* The Service Provider could be an NGO or a company (as a firm) experienced in land restoration measures, e.g., identifying and implementing land and land cover treatments (experience in pasture land plots restoration will be a plus);
* Proven experience of cooperation with local and/ or international projects in above-mentioned field.

**Specific Experience**

* Demonstrated experience, supported by the list of projects implemented during the past 5 years in land restoration works or similar type, infrastructure activities;
* Demonstrated experience of using the land restoration approaches, methods, materials, tools and equipment (preferably in the context of the experience in pasture restoration works will be a plus).

**Note:** Any entity/(ies) directly or indirectly involved in the preparation of the Pasture Management Plans is/(are) not eligible to take part in the upcoming tender process.

**Duration of the assignment and contract modalities:**

The Consultant will perform the assignment based on the Lum-sum type contract concluded with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia.

Estimated time for this assignment is around **10 months** including time for Client to review and approve the reports **plus 5 months** for the Defect Liability Period (DPL) for electric fence installations and water points. All reports submitted by the Consultant will be reviewed and are subject to approval by the PMU. Assignment shall be completed no later than **May 2026 plus 5 months for DLP.**

Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via e-mail to the address below *[dimma@mepa.gov.ge](mailto:dimma@mepa.gov.ge)*.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form using the forms provided for this purpose. EOIs shall be submitted to the address below no later than **COB July 4, 2025.**

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1. The policy is accessible at <https://www.ifad.org/en/document-detail/asset/41942012>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The policy is accessible at [www.ifad.org/anticorruption\_policy](http://www.ifad.org/anticorruption_policy). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The policy is accessible at <https://www.ifad.org/en/document-detail/asset/40738506>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)