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Consultancy to explore opportunities for LWF Kenya Somalia program to establish a presence in Mogadishu and program expansion within Jubbaland.

1. Introduction and background

The Somalia humanitarian crises is complex, unique and protracted in nature. In the recent years, Somalia faces three- fold humanitarian crisis which is majorly driven by protracted conflict and worsened by recurrent natural disaster of drought/floods, and the global covid-19 pandemic. These crises which is mainly concentrated on the south-central part, had destroyed government structures, economic institutions, and basic infrastructure resulting in widespread displacement, food insecurity, and high poverty levels. Subsequently rendering the Somali population in need of Physical safety and security, access to education, access to food, access to livelihoods, access to healthcare, access to land. The aforementioned needs and services have largely fallen in the hands of development and humanitarian partners in the absence of a well-financed government authorities. To effectively respond to the needs of at risk and vulnerable persons in need of humanitarian assistance, there is a stronger need in Promoting integration and complementarity of interventions in Livelihoods, Quality Services, Protection, and Social Cohesion in other strategic areas where security permit and to support the government in effective service delivery to its population.

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) World Service Kenya Somalia Program established presence in Kismayu, Jubbaland State in Somalia in 2017 in order to create a continuum between its refugee assistance and protection program in Dadaab refugee camps, Kenya, and Kismayu, Somalia. From 2017 to date, LWF closely works with Jubbaland Ministry of Education and Higher Learning (MoEHL) on matters education specifically focusing on two key components as below,

1. Promoting access to education for at risk and vulnerable children in Jubbaland.

Initiatives under this component include, monthly salary support to teachers, school feeding during emergencies, schools Infrastructure development, provision of teaching and learning materials, establishment of Education Assessment Resource Centre –EARC, inclusive education through SNE support and provision of school uniforms among other interventions.

2. Improving the quality of education

Initiatives under this component include, establishment and support to Jubbaland Teachers Training College (JTTC) that offers teachers training program and support to MoEHL examination unit.

From the year 2020, LWF Kismayu office has focused more on inclusive education following an assessment on Special Need Education (SNE) that was conducted to identify gaps and opportunities to support children with disability. Subsequently, an Education Assessment and Resource Centre (EARC) facility was established

to provide specialized support services to children living with disabilities in order to enable them access their right to education. This initiative has since proved to be a life-changing and protection opportunity for learners with special education needs as more than 2,000 children with disability have been supported so far.

LWF Kenya Somalia program experience in education and child protection programs is done in coordination with different education related donors and partners, such as Jubbaland Ministry of Education and Higher Learning (MoEHL), Ministry of Gender, Family Affairs and Human Rights (MGFHR) Act COS, ALWS, GNC, ELCW, BFTW in Somalia and UNHCR, UNICEF, EU, US State Department (BPRM) and several LWF related organizations in its Kenya program. LWF has recently published the Somalia Direction Paper which proposes an expansion strategy both geographically and thematically. It is for this reason that LWF is seeking the services of a consultant.

2. Justification

This proposed expansion is advised by recommendations of two evaluations conducted in 2020/2021 and 2021. Both evaluations note three broad areas for strengthening the Kismayu operations;

- the need to strategically expand so as to replicate and scale up the good work done in Kismayu to the rest of Jubaland.
- The need to sustain the cross border link between Somalia and other programs in the region hosting Somali refugees (Kenya, Ethiopia) with services in Education, child protection and community service as populations move along the corridor to Kismayu.
- The need to have a presence in the capital Mogadishu to ensure linkages with the national agenda to stabilize and build the nation.

The evaluations agree that such an expansion will allow for better program adaptability and flexibility to respond to needs of affected population within Somalia and contribute to nation building. Therefore, to allow for this expansion, there is need to carry out an assessment to identify requirements for an effective humanitarian / developmental operation, collaboration with other actors and compliance (legal, registration security requirements) to state requirements. It's against this background that LWF Kenya Somalia program wishes to conduct this assessment. Details of engagement and the scope of the work is explained in below relevant sub-sections.

3. Assesment objectives and desired results

Specific objectives

- 1) To explore, asses, and advice on options for LWF Kenya Somalia's intent to expand its humanitarian programs in other areas within Jubaland state. This will include a thorough security and legal compliance assessment.
- 2) Explore and recommend a suitable/central, viable and strategic geographical location to establish a satellite office to serve new operations identified above.
- 3) To establish the necessary contacts and links needed to prepare for a new satellite office operation. Contacts of local authorities, other INGOs, LNGOs, UN agencies etc.
- 4) Identify the necessary steps to undertake formal registration of LWF at the federal level (National level) in Mogadishu.

Expected Results

- A comprehensive assessment report with clear recommendation on area/s to establish satellite office.

- Recommendations on programmatic thematic areas of intervention i.e. livelihoods, education, protection and social cohesion in the new geographical areas identified.
- Recommendations on security arrangements for program operations and delivery.
- Relevant and useful contacts established for efficient and quality LWF program linkage and coordination.
- Formal LWF registration at federal level in Mogadishu completed and LWF is participating at relevant national level humanitarian clusters

4. Task duration and compensation

This task shall be completed within 30 days with a possible start date in 1st Nov 2022.

5. Methodology

The methodology proposed should be anchored on participatory and consensus building approaches guided by LWF staff while taking into account the prevailing socio-political context in Somali including Covid-19 pandemic. A good knowledge of LWFs Somalia strategic direction paper will be needed to ensure the assessment keeps within the strategy. This will need the assessors to work closely with both Kismayu and Nairobi staff at the initial stages as well as a thorough review of all relevant documentation.

Specifically, the assessor(s) will;

- a) Visit at least three towns along the Kismayu – Dadaab corridor to determine a suitable programmatic and thematic interventions per location.
- b) Identify and determine a suitable central geographical location for a new satellite office using some predetermined criteria. This will require preparation of a comprehensive checklist of assessment criteria to ensure objectivity and issue based analysis of parameters for consideration on the recommended new office location.
- c) Establish contacts with local government, local administrators, community gate keepers and other civil society actors that will be crucial to work with.
- d) Visit Mogadishu to assess the viability of establishing a presence.
- e) Identify and advice on all compliance needs for Mogadishu and the newly identified project locations and satellite office.

6. Accountabilities and Responsibilities

The task team members shall report directly to the LWF Program manager Kenya Somalia program and work closely with the Team leader in Kismayu. The Team Leader will be central to all activities proposed for the assessment and will accompany the assessors to all planned locations.

7. Qualifications for the consultant

- ✓ A degree in any of the social sciences
- ✓ Good mastery of the English language and report writing
- ✓ Good knowledge of the Somalia context
- ✓ Must be willing to travel with the specified areas

8. Submission guidelines

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