Trainer for Livestock Value Chains and Climate Smart Livestock Keeping in Baringo and West Pokot Counties.

About CRECO:
The Constitution and Reform Education Consortium (CRECO) is a coalition of civil society organizations (CSOs) working on democracy, governance, legal and human rights issues. It was founded in 1998 and registered as a Charitable Trust. CRECO has a membership of 23 CSOs spread across Kenya. CRECO's vision, mission and strategic goals are premised on the understanding of what consolidating civil society leadership for constitutional governance it envisages for Kenya and beyond, and its role in bringing about this desired CSOs solidarity. CRECO envisions a just society. We promote constitutionalism, democratic governance and institutional development of civil society and globally, through constitutional awareness and attitude change to enhance and sustain constitutional reform, CSO strengthening in Kenya and Eastern Africa.

Background Information and Context:
The livestock sub sector plays an important economic and socio-cultural role for most citizens in Baringo and West Pokot Counties – food, cash, employment, cultural functions. Therefore, sustained growth in the livestock sub sector is critical to uplifting the living standards of pastoralists as well as contributing to the county's economic growth. This is recognised by stakeholders in the sub sector in various interventions and is documented in the County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) of the two counties as well as in national goals, Vision 2030 and national livestock policy.

Agricultural extension services have historically played a critical role towards sustained development of the livestock sub sector by building resilience of farmers to deal with challenges associated with livestock production. Prior to devolution, extension officers were active in rural communities offering routine educative and technical services to livestock farmers. Devolution was expected to accord special attention to agricultural extension services particularly in agro pastoral counties such as Baringo and West Pokot.

A Political Economy Analysis (PEA) of Baringo and West Pokot Counties established that livestock extension services play a key role in disseminating knowledge, technologies and linking livestock farmers to other actors to transform from subsistence to modern and commercial livestock.

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1 The livestock sub sector is made of dairy, beef, sheep, goats, camel, pigs, poultry, apiculture, rabbit production, donkeys and emerging livestock.
production. It also revealed capacity challenges by the county government to deliver satisfactory extension services affected by power relations between various departments and a freeze to staff recruitment despite the fact that a considerable number of skilled and experienced extension were due to retire. And while participation of farmers is very essential for effective agricultural extension to enable farmers define their own needs and priorities, this is done in a haphazard manner.

It is against this background that CRECO proposed to implement a project that seeks to work with the various actors to strengthen public participation in agriculture governance for improved extension services in Baringo and West Pokot Counties. The project would mobilize, sensitize and organize livestock farmers to engage with their county governments to formulate policies, plans and budgets that address their needs related to agricultural extension services.

CRECO together with her downstream partners in both Counties have established ward-based Livestock Oversight Committees (LOCs). By CRECO’s interventions within the project, engagement by LOCs with their county governments on public participation and budget making process needs to be enhanced, budgets allocated for women’s empowerment in livestock keeping increased and the linkages between county officials and citizens strengthened. Besides, good practices which enable women and youth to benefit more from the county services needs to be championed at all levels. In this respect, CRECO is planning to conduct trainings on Livestock Value Chains and Climate Smart Livestock Keeping for the LOCs.

“Promoting Agricultural Extension Services in Baringo and West Pokot Counties” project started to be implemented by CRECO in February 2018 with the partnership of Centre for Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance (CEDGG) in Baringo and SIKOM Peace Network in West Pokot. The Project aims to contribute:

a) To empower livestock keepers to voice and articulate their priority needs to their county government;

b) To enhance linkages between livestock keepers and county governments for better agricultural extension services;

c) To influence county agricultural policies and legislations for improved service delivery in livestock keeping.

The Project works to operationalize public participation and budget making processes to advance gender equality and women’s right to participate in decision making by activities aimed at supporting livestock keepers to identify and address legislative and policy gaps. Within this context, a specific training of LOCs on Livestock Value Chains and Climate Smart Livestock Keeping to explore possible measures to enhance a good practice and profitable livestock keeping through provision of technical training on the subject.

CRECO will organize two LOC’s trainings in end of July and first week of August 2019, targeting LOCs and staff of downstream partners from both Baringo and West Pokot Counties. The workshops will support capacities of participants on value chains and smart climate agriculture, and provide some practical information for their understanding of profitable livestock keeping and protection of their environment.

**Objectives of the Assignment**

In line with the request of CRECO, the Trainer(s) will facilitate the two workshops, collect the information and discussions and compile them into an official specific County LOC report that will be
used as advocacy material for drawing investments into the livestock value chains and smart climate livestock keeping. The advocacy materials is expected to highlight some of the success stories in livestock value chains (the voices) produced: areas in the respective value chains that should be improved in terms of value addition identified; products for selected value chains with potential for investor funding identified; new markets that could be explored identified and possibilities for innovation identified in the two counties.

This assignment consists of delivery of trainings on livestock value chains and smart climate livestock keeping, development of a value chain plus smart climate livestock keeping guideline for LOCs and provision of direct support to LOCs for their practice in profitable livestock keeping while identifying gaps and priorities for future interventions on value chain plus smart climate livestock keeping. These include (value chain: target markets and compliance with market related standards and requirements; economic viability of identified value chains e.g. size and age of the enterprises; capital investment and source of seed capital and challenges and ideas for improving investments, innovation and growth in the livestock sector and smart climate agriculture: what is climate change and what are its causes? how will climate change affect livestock keeping? what can be done to support livestock keepers, both male and female, to adjust to new conditions? what are practical solutions that livestock keepers and others can put into practice? what types of changes will other stakeholders need to make in order to introduce climate-smart agriculture? how does a trainer structure a participatory capacity-development process? and how can climate change be effectively communicated to livestock keepers?

**Scope of Work**
The scope of work for the Trainer will include but not limited to:

**I. Livestock Value Chain and Smart Climate Trainings** for LOCs and SIKOM/CEG/DD staff on value chain and smart climate agriculture concepts and principles, present case studies and best practices of value chains and smart climate agriculture initiatives at county and national levels. Throughout the trainings, practical information will be provided for the participants, focusing on household budget preparation, implementation and accounting processes. The trainings will be organized as a 2-day training in Kapenguria and Kabarnet, including approximately 42 participants per workshop.

**II. Value Chain and Smart Climate Agriculture Guideline** for supporting effective utilization of acquired knowledge during post training by the LOCs. The guideline will be developed with the inputs received from workshop participants. The Value Chain and Smart Climate Agriculture Guideline will provide practical information and tools for integration of both household and county annual development plans and budgets and its monitoring through performance programs, activity reports. It will aim to provide an understandable and practical tool for the LOCs during their household and community project budgetary processes.

**III. An Assignment Report** summarizing the trainings undertaken in the two counties and observations on the participant's contribution and their capacity to utilize value chains in livestock keeping and smart climate agriculture, lessons learnt and policy recommendations for future activities and interventions on the subject. The Trainer(s) are expected to provide their own observations and comments on the assignment report, as well as collecting feedback from CRECO/SIKOM/CEGG staff.

**Duties and Responsibilities**
Under the direct supervision of the CRECO Programmes Coordinator the Trainer(s) will be responsible for the following specific tasks:

1. Prepare a scheduled outline for Value Chain and Smart Agriculture Training and its guidelines after meeting with Programmes Coordinator;
2. Prepare training materials/tools based on agreed outline;
3. Deliver two trainings of 2-day Value Chain and Smart Climate Agriculture trainings;
4. Develop Value Chain and Smart Climate Agriculture guidelines for LOCs and Partners’ use; and
5. Prepare an assignment report to summarize activities, lessons learnt and recommendations for future steps.

Timeframe:
The time frame for undertaking the consultancy is 4 (four) working days.

Travel costs
For the trainings which will be held in Kapenguria and Kabarnet, CRECO will provide Trainers’ travel and accommodation/meal costs. CRECO will undertake logistical arrangements for meetings, trainings, workshops organized under this assignment and cover associated costs.

Consultant Profile
A Degree in Animal Production, Agricultural Economics or related field. At least 5 years’ experience in livestock value chain and smart climate agriculture sector, preferably with projects in Baringo and West Pokot Counties. Strong report writing skills, experience in workshop facilitation, effective communication and result driven with the ability to stick to deadlines.

Application Specification and Closing Date
Applicants wishing to tender for this work must submit:

- A cover letter explaining their reasons for applying and their understanding of the task at hand.
- A schedule of how the tasks will be done within the proposed time frame and the methodology of how they intend to do the work;
- Proposed budget for the assignment;
- A curricula vitae outlining relevant skills and experience to meet the tender requirements;
- Contacts of three referees whom you have done similar work for;
- Any time limitations or constraints to your availability during the tender period.

Facilitation on Kiswahili and local languages (Pokot and Tugen) and proper understanding of the local geographical terrain will be an added advantage.

All applications should be submitted via email to info@crecokenya.org copy changwony@crecokenya.org not later than 29th July 2019 at 10 am.