

Terms of Reference for conducting the Annual study to establish changes in community livelihoods in Rakai and Mubende Districts within the sub catchments of River Katonga, Uganda under LVEMP II.

1. Introduction

The East Africa Sustainability Watch (EA SusWatch) Network is a network of NGOs from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania spearheaded by Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development (UCSD), Sustainable Environmental Development Watch Network (SusWatch Kenya), and Tanzania Coalition for Sustainable Development (TCSD). EA SusWatch Regional Secretariat is hosted by UCSD in Kampala, Uganda.

The **Mission** of EA SusWatch *to catalyze and mobilize civil society in Eastern African to exert accountability from governments and international development institutions to achieve a socially and environmentally sustainable world.*

The **mandate** of EA SusWatch is *“monitoring and advocating for the effective implementation of national and regional obligations to International agreements and other arrangements for sustainable development in Eastern Africa”.*

The EA Suswatch Network is currently implementing LVEMP II Civil Society (CS) Watch project which is a three-year initiative to be implemented from November 2011 to October 2014, with support from the Government of Sweden. LVEMP II CS watch project is being implemented in partnership between Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development (UCSD), Tanzania Coalition for Sustainable Development (TCSD), and Sustainable Environmental Development Watch Network (SusWatch Kenya).

Based on baseline study carried out in 2012 in Uganda and borrowing from the lessons learnt in the annual study on community livelihoods in the targeted catchment carried out in 2013, EA SusWatch Network would like to carry out a study to establish changes in community livelihood intervention areas (water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture in the selected areas within the river catchments of Katonga, arising from LVEMP II project implementation.

The baseline study was intended to act as benchmarks against which the improvement in the community livelihood as a result of the LVEMP II interventions will be measured, documented and used for information sharing and advocacy work geared towards realization of Project results. The study should also reflect on the annual LVEMP II civil society livelihood case study no. 1 conducted in 2013 so as to enable tracking of changes in community livelihoods.

2. Scope of work

The study will be carried out in the Rakai and Mubende Districts where baseline study was conducted in 2012 within the River catchments of Katonga in Uganda.

The study should incorporate both quantitative and qualitative information and data that show trends and changes with respect to environment and land management improvements under the 3 intervention areas (water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture) as a result of LVEMP II project interventions.

3. Overall Objective of the Consultancy

The overall objective of the study is document livelihood intervention case studies to establish changes in community livelihoods within the selected areas in Rivers Katonga, Uganda based on the baseline study carried out in 2012. The study will also be informed by livelihood case study carried out in 2013 to gauge the livelihood trends since 2012.

The specific objectives of the monitoring study include to:

- a. Highlight the progress made in enhancement of community livelihoods in the targeted districts of Rakai and Mubende within Rivers Katonga, Uganda, focusing on water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture.
- b. Highlight the opportunities and challenges being faced in implementation of LVEMP II project at the community level under water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture, in the districts of Rakai and Mubende within Rivers Katonga, sub catchments Uganda.
- c. Track the visible changes observable in the 3 intervention areas: water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture in the targeted district based on the benchmark information (2012) while comparing with results from the livelihood study in 2013.
- d. Provide SMART recommendations that can be used to advance and scale up the best practices in water supply and sanitation; renewable energy supply and aquaculture for adoption in the LVB by communities.
- e. Generate lessons learnt that can be used to inform the implementation of LVEMP II especially regarding enhancement of community livelihood in the 3 intervention areas: water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture

4. Methodology

The consultant shall be expected to use suitable robust qualitative and quantitative methods in this assessment. The consultant shall identify suitable tools to be used during actual data collection. The consultant shall have the support of the National Coordinators with consultation with the East African Suswatch Network Regional Advocacy Officer and Regional Coordinator. The methodology should provide clear comparisons between baseline indicators and the current indicators by acknowledging observable changes in community livelihoods resulting from LVEMP II project implementation with clear statistical data. The consultant should use appropriate statistical tools such as graphs and pie charts to present the study results.

5. Expected Outputs

The expected outputs/deliverables from this assignment are;

- a) An inception Report
- b) A draft report of the findings and SMART recommendations. The main report should as a minimum cover the following:
 - √ Review the baseline information and other existing data on the livelihood intervention areas of water and sanitation, renewable energy and aquaculture.
 - √ A clear map of the study area
 - √ Provide a clear current status on community livelihood with respect to water supply, water and sanitation and aquaculture supported with clear statistics.
 - √ Review the results of the annual livelihood study conducted in 2013 and analyze the trend of community livelihoods.
 - √ Undertake contact visits to key LVEMP II stakeholders/actors especially those from the river sub catchments to collect data that will highlight progress in enhancement of community livelihood with a focus on the 3 intervention areas (water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture) as a result of LVEMP II Project.
 - √ Document data captured and provide analysis of current variables in environmental and land management conditions under the 3 intervention areas (water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture) in the target river catchment.
 - √ Provide Knowledge of the catchment areas with regard to current environmental condition and sustainable land management practices under the 3 intervention areas (water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture).
 - √ Point out key learning points and opportunities that can inform the subsequent phases of LVEMP II and other region-wide projects involving communities in the LVB in relation to the 3 intervention areas: water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture
 - √ Specific recommendations that can be used to share and scale up best practices for adoption in the LVB by communities in the 3 intervention areas: water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture
- c) Present the results of a draft assessment report to the stakeholders of LVEMP II Civil society Watch project of the East African sustainability Watch Network Project
- d) Prepare the Final report within two weeks after having received comments on the draft assessment report.

6. Timeframe

- The assignment shall take not more than 20 working days from the date of engagement. The date of engagement shall be the date of the Consultant's receipt of a signed contract from UCSD.
- Inception Report within 7 days of engagement
- Draft report 15 days from date of engagement
- Final report after comments from the validation meeting / team

7. Terms of payment

The consultant will be paid 40% upon submission of an inception report, 20 % upon presentation of the draft report and the remaining 40% upon approval by UCSD, of satisfactory product: *The Annual study to establish changes in community livelihoods under the 3 intervention areas (water supply and sanitation, renewable energy supply and aquaculture) in Rakai and Mubende Districts within the sub catchments Katonga, under LVEMP II.*

8. Specification of the consultant

The consultant shall possess relevant expertise and experience in the field of Community development with good track record of participatory monitoring of CDD type subprojects / community Projects, experience from working with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) coordination and networking as well as institutional capacity building for sustainable development. It is considered a merit if the consultant has working experience from the Lake Victoria Region as well as experience and/or familiarity with East African integration process.

The Team Leader shall possess relevant expertise (higher degree) and at least five years' experience in the field of community development work (analytical, communication and report writing).

Interested consultants are required to prepare a capability statement explaining how they will conduct the study, expected fees as well as the proposed duration (work plan) of the study

Please send this to the attention of the National Coordinator -UCSD: dmwayafu@ugandacoalition.or.ug not later than 17:00 hrs (5:00pm) on April 14, 2014.

9. Reporting arrangements

The consultant shall report to the National Coordinator – EA Suswatch Network / UCSD

10. Suggested references

- World Bank, (2009) Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project (LVEMP II) Project Appraisal Document (Results Framework and Monitoring).
- World Bank (2012). Restructuring Paper of the LVEMP II (2009) to Republic of Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania and Republic of Uganda.
- Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project LVEMP: CDD Subprojects Operational Manuals
- EA Suswatch (2012) Report for LVEMP II Baseline Surveys Environment and Land management Uganda.
- EA SusWatch (2012) Report for LVEMP II Baseline Livelihood Interventions Uganda,
- LVEMP II Annual Reports (2011 / 2012)
- EA Suswatch (2013) Annual LVEMP II civil society livelihood case study no. 1