



Terms of Reference (ToR)

Renovation of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Stalls in Mbale Central Market"

Background:

The sustainably feeding of humanity, the majority of which now lives in cities worldwide, involves a complex system of ecological, social and economic relationships. The world community has acknowledged that the human right to adequate food must be progressively realized despite the enormous challenges and inequities that exist in the food systems of both rich and poor countries. The diverse array of present "food systems" is changing rapidly on a global scale and will be transformed even more rapidly as a result of powerful forces. This transformation has become a major issue for debate amongst traditional and non-traditional actors and institutions engaged in agriculture.

Similar to many cities in developing countries, population growth in Mbale City has made access to food a critical issue since the largest proportion of the population depend on the market for their food. One of the challenges Uganda faces include adoption of food safety practices along the food supply chain, yet a safe food chain contributes to better health, and better business, hence increased productivity, incomes and improved livelihood. Uganda is thus burdened with preventable food-borne illnesses which mainly results from poor food production and handling practices. For instance, it is reported that 65% of all cases of most diseases such as cholera, hepatitis E, diarrhea and typhoid treated in hospitals and clinics are food safety and sanitation related (Okenu, 2010). All these can be attributed to food safety gaps resulting from poor food production practices, post -harvest handling practices, processing, and storage, transportation, retailing and handling in markets and homes.

Mbale City like in other Ugandan cities, there are challenges related to how foods and beverages like fruits and vegetables are produced, transported, sorted, processed and marketed. Our food value chain is characterized by malpractices and poor sanitation brought about mainly by lack of awareness, poor market infrastructure and weak safety control mechanisms necessary for food safety. This leads to the risk of our fruits and vegetables to be contaminated with germs, chemicals and other physical materials that render food unsafe for consumption.

For that reason, CONSENT, Rikolto Uganda and Mbale City Council agreed through a series of meetings with the city market managers and vendors to address challenges of food safety they faced at their respective selling points to support the renovation of fresh fruits and vegetables' stalls to smart stalls with basic infrastructure as indicated in the preview diagram below with the motive of increasing access to healthy, sustainable and nutritious fruits and vegetables to all city dwellers and create an inclusive linkage with the rural and peri-urban producers/suppliers. Additional activities to reinforce this intervention include: awareness campaigns on food safety through media, capacity enhancement of city authorities and market vendors in food safety, constructive stakeholder dialogues, policy research and advocacy and advisory services on socio-economic issues through partnerships for effective policies and framework to enhance consumers' safety and welfare, ethical business practice, sustainable consumption, hygiene practices at the market, development of market rules and regulations.

Purpose of the assignment:

To renovate 30 market stalls to smart stalls for fresh fruits & vegetables in Mbale Central Market (MCM).

Expected Output:

- 30 stalls renovated to meet the required standard for fresh fruits and vegetables stalls.

Ultimate Outcomes:

- Increased number of mainstream consumers access healthy, sustainable, and nutritious diets.
- Inclusion of rural and peri-urban suppliers in the food supply chain of market vendors
- Enhanced product traceability from the point of origin to ensure food safety.
- Enhanced knowledge of food safety practices right from farm to fork.



- Enabling environment at the market to ensure supply of safe and quality products through the selected smart stalls.

Preview of the Smart Stall



Budget

The proposed budget should be well delineated and rational including estimates for designing and developing the Smart stall. The proposed budget will form the basis for the negotiation of the final budget which will form part of the Agreement of Cooperation. The budget should be in Ugandan shillings.

Structure of the selection criteria.

No	Criteria	Rating/vetting
1	Understanding of the TOR	10%
2	Proposed design of the Smart Stall and workplan with clear timelines	20%
3	Experience and understanding of Ugandan Market Structures	15%
4	Experience of the team in carpentry works	10%
5	Experience and suitability of the team leader	10%
6	Cost of the exercise (breakdown)	25%
7	Contact details for 2 referees	10%
	Total	100%

Submission of the bidding document

Interested consulting firms/individuals are expected to submit a detailed expression of interest by 17th April 2025, 5pm to:

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The proposal should contain the suitable design and its financial implication.