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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND OF THE NIGER DELTA SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The primary objective of the Niger Delta Support Programme (NDSP) is to mitigate conflict in the region by addressing the main causes of unrest and violence: bad governance, (youth) unemployment, poor delivery of basic services and a host of other issues. Specifically, the programme seeks to activate poverty alleviation by supporting community development initiatives at the grassroots level.

Thus, the purpose of NDSP Component 4 as embedded in this Technical Assistance Project is to support local communities' development initiatives, conflict resolution and poverty alleviation. This engagement will support institutional reforms and capacity building, resulting in Local Government (LGAs) and State Authorities increasingly providing infrastructural services, income generating options, sustainable livelihoods development, gender equity and community empowerment. This will be achieved through offering models of transparency and participation as well as the involvement of Local Governments in funding Micro projects to enhance impact and sustainability. Specifically, over 800 community projects are to be implemented as part of the EU support to community development in the Niger Delta until the end of 2017.

The Project [Service Contract FED/2013/330-931] consists of six (6) Components, as follows –as

per Consultant's approach in the submitted Technical Proposal:

Component 1: Building and Driving Implementation Framework

Component 2: Preparing and Developing the Project Pipeline

Component 3: Supervising & Delivery of Micro-projects

Component 4: Training & Capacity Building

Component 5: Visibility and Awareness-raising

Component 6: Project Management

1.1 SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The general purpose of this assignment is to suggest a model in terms of management of agro-based micro projects using case studies from past similar projects in Cross River, Akwa Ibom and Abia States.



FOREWORD

The NDSP4 Publication series is an attempt to bring some of our key reports and consultancy reports to our stakeholders and a wider audience.

The overall objective of the Niger Delta Support Programme (NDSP) is to mitigate the conflict in the Niger Delta by addressing the main causes of the unrest and violence: bad governance, (youth) unemployment, poor delivery of basic services. A key focus of the programme will be to contribute to poverty alleviation through the development and support given to local community development initiatives.

The NDSP4 aims to support institutional reforms and capacity building, resulting in Local Government and State Authorities increasingly providing infrastructural services, income generating options, sustainable livelihoods development, gender equity and community empowerment. This will be achieved through offering models of transparency and participation as well as the involvement of Local Governments in funding Micro projects to enhance impact and sustainability. Specifically, over 800 community projects are expected to be implemented as part of the EU support to community development in the Niger Delta.

By the end of September 2018, some 337 out of the 800 micro-projects had been completed and accepted.

In addition, under the NDSP4 Service Contract, 762 uncompleted projects were taken up under an addendum to the contract and successfully completed 734 by the end of 2017; the remaining 28 were carried over to NDSP4 Works contract-2.

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EU PRESENCE AND PARTNERSHIP IN NIGERIA AND THE NIGER DELTA

EU presence in Nigeria

Development Cooperation between the EC and the Federal Republic of Nigeria dates back to 1976 when EEC mission was established in Nigeria after the Lome 1 agreement. The initial focus was on trade, development aid and export of primary produce. Gradually it transitioned to the extractive sector- Supporting the mining sector. By 1990 the main focus shifted to human resources development in the rural sector, conservation, agriculture etc. in its 40 years of engagement with Nigeria, the EU has in accordance to Nigeria's development priorities, funded projects aimed at stimulating the economy, reducing hunger and disease, enhancing institutional capacities, strengthening governance and curbing insecurity. Some of these projects include: Environment and Rural Development, rural electrification, Katsina Afforestation Project, High Forest monitoring Project, North-East Arid Zone Development Programme the Sokoto Environmental programme, and the Rain Forest Protection Project.

Development cooperation between the EC and Nigeria was suspended in 1995 due to the execution of the Ogoni leaders by the then military government. The Commonwealth, United States and some EU member countries imposed non-economic sanctions on Nigeria. Some Key donor agencies also suspended their support to Nigeria.

With the return to democracy in 1999, the EC and Nigeria resumed their partnership. A country support strategy was signed between the EC and Nigeria in 2002. Between 2002 – 2007 the EU through the EDF and other sources have made available approximately € 650 million to Nigeria. This was more than what the EU made available to any other ACP country. This shows the importance EU attaches to Nigeria as a key factor in economic and social development of West Africa and as the most populous country in Africa.

EU presence in the Niger Delta

The Niger Delta region of Nigeria produces virtually all the crude oil in Nigeria of which the Nigerian economy is dependent on. The Niger Delta region is an area known for militancy, conflict and youth restiveness and this have put the Nigerian economy under pressure. Strategic efforts have been made by the Federal Government and donor agencies to bring peace to the region. The Federal Government established the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) in 2002, with the objective of undertaking development activities funded from oil and gas revenues. The EU also intervened by initiating Micro Projects Programme for the Niger Delta region. MPP3 was the first Micro Projects Programme and it covered three states namely; Bayelsa, Delta and Rivers. MPP6 covered the six remaining states of the Niger Delta, namely: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Cross-River, Edo, Imo and Ondo.

Together, the Micro projects programmes are expected to support more than 2,000 mainly village-based projects in these nine states of the Niger Delta.



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NAME OF PROGRAM	COVERAGE AREA	COVERAGE PERIOD	TARGET/OBJECTIVES	EXPECTED RESULT
EU NIGER DELTA SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NDSP) – Components 1	Rivers, Delta, Edo and Bayelsa	2012 - 2017	<p>To contribute to mitigating the conflict in the Niger Delta by addressing the main causes of the unrest and violence – bad governance, (youth) unemployment and poor delivery of basic services.</p> <p>The objective of SEEFOR is to promote youth employment, access to socio-economic services and public finance management in the 4 Niger Delta states</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Increased number of youths employed through public works activities and increased access to skills acquisition by employable graduates; . National accreditation of selected technical and (TVT) courses; . Improved access to basic services through community driven initiatives/ micro projects in health, education, rural roads, environment, sanitation and livelihood activities; . Fiscal Responsibility, Public Procurement and Budget Laws submitted to State Assemblies; . Improved PFM system and more transparent allocation of resources for service delivery; . Improved personnel and payroll controls, financial reporting, expenditure controls, financial reporting, expenditure controls and audit.
EU NIGER DELTA SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NDSP) – Components 2	Rivers, Delta, Edo and Bayelsa	2012 - 2017	<p>To contribute to mitigating the conflict in the Niger Delta by addressing the main causes of the unrest and violence – bad governance, (youth) unemployment and poor delivery of basic services. The objective of SEEFOR is to promote youth employment, access to socio-economic services and public finance management in the 4 Niger Delta states</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Increased number of youths employed through public works activities and increased access to skills acquisition by employable graduates; . Fiscal Responsibility, Public Procurement and Budget Laws submitted to State Assemblies; . Improved PFM system and more transparent allocation of resources for service delivery; . Improved personnel and payroll controls, financial reporting, expenditure controls, financial reporting, expenditure



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EU NIGER DELTA SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NDSP) – Components 3	Rivers, Akwa Ibom, Delta, Edo and Bayelsa	2012 - 2017	To contribute to mitigating the conflict in the Niger Delta by addressing the main causes of the unrest and violence – bad governance, (youth) unemployment and poor delivery of basic services.	Improved institutional, policy, legal and financial framework in the water and sanitation sector in the five states, including an enhanced role and participation of the civil society.
EU NIGER DELTA SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NDSP) – Components 4	Rivers, Imo, Cross Rivers, Ondo, Abia, Akwa Ibom, Delta, Edo and Bayelsa	2012 - 2017	To contribute to mitigating the conflict in the Niger Delta by addressing the main causes of the unrest and violence – bad governance, (youth) unemployment and poor delivery of basic services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Strengthened community governance through the adoption of Community Development Action Plans (CDAP) by communities and Local Government Authorities (LGAS); . Increased equitable access to basic infrastructure services by women, men, boys and girls; . Increased equitable access to income generating options and sustainable livelihood development by women and men; . Improved social cohesion among village communities
MICRO-PROJECTS PROGRAMME IN NINE DELTA STATES OF NIGERIA (MPP9)	Rivers, Imo, Cross Rivers, Ondo, Abia, Akwa Ibom, Delta, Edo and Bayelsa	2008 - 2016	The overall objective of this programme is to reduce poverty of the rural and peri-urban communities in the nine Niger Delta States; through the promotion of participatory and gender equitable local development governance, contributing to endure the stability of this area and to achieve the MDGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Strengthened community governance through the adoption of Community Development Action Plans by communities and Local Government Authorities (LGAs); . Increased equitable access to basic infrastructure services by women, men, boys and girls; . Increased equitable access to income generating options and sustainable livelihood development by women and men; . Pilot integrated community development initiatives, approaches, method and investments



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EU PROGRAMS WITHIN THE NIGER DELTA

NAME OF PROGRAM	MAIN ACTIVITIES	MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS
EU NIGER DELTA SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NDSP) – Components 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to youth employment and access to socio-economic services: through public works and institutional strengthening; technical, vocational and agricultural training by providing grants to existing technical, vocational and agricultural institutions and grants to FADAMA & Community Development Associations; •Support to PFM Reforms: through PFM legislations & implementation of PFM/payroll systems including their public procurement processes and institutions; •Component C. Project Implementation Support and Coordination: to support both federal and state levels institutions in the areas of coordination and to strengthen the Federal Ministry for Niger Delta Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SIFMIS is at various stages of implementation across the 4 states; •7,765 youths employed in public works and waste collection and disposal (51% male & 49% females); number of employed youths represent 73% of the project's target; •34% of public works and 66% of waste collection/disposal contracts completed, thereby exceeding year 2 target by 73% •EU Additional financing of SEEFOR was eventually approved by WB in March while the Grant Agreement between WB and FGN was signed in April 2016
• EU NIGER DELTA SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NDSP) – Components 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support to youth employment and access to socio-economic services: through public works and institutional strengthening; technical, vocational and agricultural training by providing grants to existing technical, vocational and agricultural institutions and grants to FADAMA & Community Development Associations; •Support to PFM Reforms: through PFM legislations & implementation of PFM/payroll systems including their public procurement processes and institutions; •Component C. Project Implementation Support and Coordination: to support both federal and state levels institutions in the areas of coordination and to strengthen the Federal Ministry for Niger Delta Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SIFMIS is at various stages of implementation across the 4 states; •7,765 youths employed in public works and waste collection and disposal (51% male & 49% females); number of employed youths represent 73% of the project's target; •34% of public works and 66% of waste collection/disposal contracts completed, thereby exceeding year 2 target by 73% •EU Additional financing of SEEFOR was eventually approved by WB in March while the Grant Agreement between WB and FGN was signed in April 2016



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<p>EU NIGER DELTA SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NDSP) – Components 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Strengthening of sector internal organizational structure for improved service delivery in urban/small towns and rural and rural area; •Review of sector policy, legal and regulatory framework •Improve water service delivery in 2 target LGAs of each state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •LGA and community selection concluded and other preliminary project activities under the contribution with UNICEF •Sanitation component using Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach under implementation in many of the beneficiary communities •Baseline survey completed •Works tender dossier for urban and small towns under preparation •Assessment of Call for Proposals for CSOs on-going •MOUs for all five States signed.
<p>EU NIGER DELTA SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NDSP) – Components 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sustainability plans developed and executed by communities in partnership with LGAs and establishment of Project Implementation Committees (PIC) in the procurement for the basic infrastructures in that community •Training in operation and maintenance of infrastructure for the PICs and technical training to commodity groups in communities •Micro-project proposal developed by commodity groups with support from communities, CSOs and respective business organizations •Identification of communities where there is need for specific actions on social harmony and cohesion as well as conflict prevention activities and definition of the strategy to be adopted to tackle conflict/prevention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •PMU fully operational with office space provided by Imo State •Selection process of target LGAs in all beneficiary States completed •Identification of community projects in the 9 States completed •Project implementation has been clustered into a maximum of 3 local government areas per state •Works Tender for 580 micro projects evaluated and awaiting the final report before the award of contracts for the 9 lots •Operational Programme estimates to support programme activities signed and implementation ongoing



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<p>MICRO-PRO- JECTS PROGRAMME IN NINE DELTA STATES OF NIGERIA (MPP9)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Community selection and formulation of Community Development Action Plans including project selection•Construction of 765 micro projects through 7 works contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Supply contract for the provision of medical equipment and solar power equipment to 9 health posts in Etung implemented•Construction of 56 Basic Rural Infrastructure Micro-projects in Etung Local Government Area of Cross River State completed•Construction of 99 out of 100 Micro-projects in River State completed. The outstanding one project could not be completed due to security challenges•Construction of 77 Micro-projects in Bayelsa State successfully completed.
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