



### Expression of Interest

Selection of an individual consultant

#### **Program Officer – Animal Disease Surveillance for the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC) based in Bamako, Mali**

**Reference** : ARAA/PACBAO/2019/PI/04  
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**Deadline for filing** : 06 MARS 2019  
**Duration de The Mission** : Three (03) months renewable  
**Number of years of experience** : 8 Years

#### **I- Context**

The ECOWAS region has experienced endemic animal diseases, as well as emerging and re-emerging zoonotic disease challenges that have resulted in high morbidity and mortality. It is estimated that over 60% of emerging diseases affecting humans are caused by pathogens of animal origin, and these disease events have resulted in social disruptions and negative economic impact.

In recognition of the need to ensure animal health in the region, the ECOWAS Authority of the Heads of State established the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC) with the Supplementary Act A/SA.20/02/12. In line with the Council adoption of the organogram for the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC), the ECOWAS Commission intends to further strengthen the human resources capacity at the RAHC to support the implementation of the ECOWAP/CAADP through the improvement of animal health in the region with the support of the Swiss Cooperation under the PACBAO program.

The ECOWAS Commission through the Regional Agency for Agriculture Food (RAAF) seeks qualified and experienced candidates for recruitment as Program Officer – Animal Health Epidemiological Surveillance for the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC) based in Bamako, Mali under the PACBAO program.

The Program Officer on Animal Disease Surveillance will coordinate the activities of animal disease prevention and control through epidemiological surveillance of terrestrial animal, aquatic, wildlife and zoonotic diseases, and support the implementation of the technical activities at the RAHC to improve food security and nutrition, livelihoods, wealth creation and poverty reduction through the efficient management of animal health in the ECOWAS region as contained in the ECOWAP/CAADP. The successful candidate will work under the supervision of the Executive Director of the RAHC.

## **II- Duties**

Program Officer will follow-up and implement regional policy and strategy documents on animal disease prevention and control.

Develop/Formulate regional tools and mechanisms for strengthening epidemio-surveillance of animal, wildlife and zoonotic diseases, and strengthen regional epidemio-surveillance networks for the efficient delivery of veterinary services.

Strengthen and support the terrestrial animal, aquatic, wildlife and zoonotic disease reporting and response systems in alignment of other disease reporting systems.

Collect, collate and analyze regional animal, wildlife and zoonotic disease risk situation for early response and monitoring.

Ensure capacity building of national and regional veterinary diagnostic and vaccine production laboratories and strengthen regional veterinary laboratory networks for efficient delivery of veterinary services.

Facilitate scientific publication on veterinary epidemio-surveillance.

Ensure the alignment with the implementation of ECOWP/CAADP and related projects.

Ensure capacity building of national and regional veterinary epidemio-surveillance and laboratory networks.

Ensure preparation and submission of quarterly, biannual and annual reports to the Executive Director of RAHC.

Support the formulation, documentation and establish appropriate monitoring and evaluation criteria for regional monitoring of animal disease.

Perform any other duty assigned by the Executive Director of RAHC.

## **III- Qualifications / Experiences**

- A Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), a postgraduate degree in Veterinary Sciences or Veterinary Epidemiology from a recognized institution.
- At least eight (8) years' experience in veterinary epidemiology with at least five (5) years in an international development environment. A good knowledge of animal health in the ECOWAS region will be highly recommended.
- Have knowledge of the institutional environment of the ECOWAS Commission and partners working on animal health.
- A sound knowledge of logical framework methodology, result-based management and project-cycle methodology is essential.
- A proven experience in the design and implementation of animal health projects/programs is indispensable.
- Have a strong track record in managing development projects/programs in a multi-stakeholder environment.
- A good knowledge of the context and challenges of Agricultural development in the particular context of ECOWAP/CAADP, MDGs, SDGs and ECOWAS priorities.
- Candidate should not be then 50 years old at the point of recruitment and must be a citizen of an ECOWAS Member States.
- Must be fluent in one of the official languages of the Commission; English, French and Portuguese. A working knowledge of another would be an advantage.

#### **IV- Skills**

**Professionalism** – Have proven expertise in veterinary science, veterinary epidemiology, promotion of animal health development with in-depth technical knowledge and analytical skills. Must have excellent computer and ICT skills including word processing, spread sheet applications and the use of the Internet.

**Planning and organization** – Proven skills in planning and organization of work within a project/programs with ability to make timely decisions.

**Communication** – Proven oral, writing and presentation skills, including the ability to present information clearly and succinctly; the ability to build consensus among individuals with diverging views.

**Teamwork – Excellent interpersonal** skills and the ability to work effectively across various levels of the organization; ability to establish and maintain good working relations with people of different nationalities and cultural backgrounds with respect for diversity. Have leadership and facilitation skills.

**Judgment/Decision-making** – Must have a good sense of judgment and initiative, imagination and ingenuity, energy and discernment, ability to provide effective work structure to maximize productivity and achieve the institution's objectives.

#### **V- Location and duration and start of the mission**

The consultant will be based in Bamako (Mali), at the headquarters of the **Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC)**. The duration of the mission is three (03) months according to availability of funds and after evaluation. The assignment will start within two weeks after contract notification.

#### **VI- Applications**

The application package is made up of:

- A letter of expression of interest, including the period of availability;
- A recent curriculum vitae detailing the work experience and similar assignment;
- Three professional references (names and forenames, current functions, functions at the time of collaboration with the Consultant, email and telephone contacts);
- Certified copy of the highest degree;
- Certificate of employment or assignment completion mentioned in the CV.

#### **VII-Submission of applications**

Interested candidates should send their applications to the following address, not later than ..... **06 MARS 2019** ..... by 12 h noon:

**Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF)**

83, Rue de la Pâtur, Lomé Togo (sealed envelope « Program Officer – Animal Disease Surveillance for the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC) based in Bamako, Mali »)

[procurement@araa.org](mailto:procurement@araa.org)

With object: « Program Officer – Animal Disease Surveillance for the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC) based in Bamako, Mali »



**VIII- Selection method**

A Consultant will be selected according to the qualification-based selection method as defined in the ECOWAS procurement Code. An interview session may be organized with a short List of consultants.

**The Executive Director**



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