

Terms of reference for:

Understanding Disability and Promoting Inclusion in the Context of Northern Nigeria.

Background of Propcom Mai-karfi

Propcom Mai-karfi (PM) is a market driven development programme (funded by DFID), working primarily with the private sector in the 9 states of northern Nigeria to identify gaps in rural markets and to bring about systemic change that work better for poor people. The programme aims to increase the incomes for 350,000 poor men and women in northern Nigeria by March 2021 by stimulating sustainable, pro-poor growth in selected rural markets and improving the position of poor men and women within these market systems, to make the markets more inclusive for poor people. To obtain this goal, the strategy for the Propcom Mai-karfi programme is to work with the private sector to serve these markets in a more inclusive manner. The programme generates data for both management and accountability purposes, which also requires timely information in a format to be able to make decisions regarding both existing and new interventions.

Background of the study

The Department for International Development UK (DFID) has taken a strong stance towards mainstreaming disability across the department by calling a Global Summit in July of 2018. This was in line with the ambition of the SDGs in attaining the 'leave no one behind' objective, thereby developing a disability strategy¹. Considering a variety of mandatory requirements into DFID's programme management processes, staff are required to mark all programmes as to whether they target disability - this includes all new business cases going forward. The three main areas identified as requiring more work included:

- a) Economic empowerment
- b) Stigma and discrimination
- c) Mental Health and intellectual disability

DFID has requested Propcom Mai-karfi to track disability within the programme. PM has adopted the Washington Group short set of questions on disability² which has been administered to programme beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries across several interventions. A fair amount of data has already been collected which has helped to track the proportion of disabled people within existing intervention areas specifying the type of disability, gender, age group and other dimensions. However, Propcom would like to go beyond these quantitative results and get a more qualitative understanding of disability. Despite being in possession of this information, the programme is interested in finding

¹ See link for DFID disability strategy <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfids-disability-inclusion-strategy-2018-to-2023>

² See link on Washington Group questions on disability <http://www.washingtongroup-disability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/The-Washington-Group-Short-Set-of-Questions-on-Disability.pdf>

practical methods for inclusion of people living with disabilities (PLWDs) to ensure they benefit from the implementation of its interventions.

PM is currently working across 12 interventions with the aim of increasing incomes and resilience of male and female rural small-scale farmers and entrepreneurs. These interventions cover conflict and non-conflict areas in Northern Nigeria, specifically the following 9 states: Kano, Kaduna, Jigawa, Borno, Adamawa, Yobe, Gombe, Bauchi and Taraba.

Objectives

The overall objective of this short-term assignment is to understand disability in the context of Northern Nigeria and establish practical steps to facilitate programme-suitable strategies for participation and impact on people living with disabilities. This will take cognisance of the programme's focus and how to adapt it to ensure positive impact on the incomes and livelihoods of the disabled as they form part of the programme beneficiaries.

Specifically, the study will attempt the following:

- Explore the cultural, social and economic issues faced by people living with disabilities that hinder participation within their communities.
- Determine the coping strategies that PLWDs have adopted in order to participate in their communities.
- Explore difficulties and vulnerabilities that PLWDs face in conflict and post-conflict areas, especially for marginalised groups such as women, children and the elderly.
- Document experiences of PLWDs within PM interventions, other developmental/external bodies, as well as the public sector in Northern Nigeria.
- Describe the practical steps needed to include PLWDs within PM interventions. This should draw from the needs of PLWDs and align them with PM's modus operandi (PM is an M4P/market systems development project). This should give an insight into specific sensitivities and felt-needs of the target group as it differs within different segments.
- Explore ways of integrating PLWDs within their wider communities and create linkages with those without disability.
- Provide a guiding framework/document that can be used by staff to enable application of appropriate techniques for disability inclusion within their implementation plans.

Study Activities

The selected consultant will be expected to work in close collaboration with the WEE and NE Coordinator, the Results Measurement team, and where appropriate, with Technical Field staff on the following:

- Review secondary data on disability in Nigeria and other developing countries.
- Review PM's disability analysis based on the Washington Group questions on disability.
- Develop a research plan to conduct the study and a clear criterion for where the study will be undertaken. This will be segregated according to disability as it relates to men, women and children.

- Develop appropriate tools for the collection of data from the field. These will need to respond to the differentiated needs of men, women and children as it relates to disability.
- Data collection in selected locations. The consultant/firm is expected to provide a sampling plan in their proposal.
- Develop an analysis plan on how the data will be analysed (in a disaggregated way).
- Conduct data analyses and present the findings in an agreed format.
- Production of a guiding framework/document that can be used by staff to enable application of appropriate techniques for disability inclusion within their implementation plans.

Methodology

The consultant(s) will use best practices in designing and conducting the study. The proposed methodology should be detailed in the proposal.

Duration of assignment

Propcom Mai-karfi expects the work to commence in May, 2019 and conclude in July 2019. The estimated total number of days of this assignment will be no more than 60 days. This will be subject to discussion before the awarding of any contract.

Monitoring and feedback

The Propcom Mai-karfi team will be an integral part of the analysis process and assist in whatever way possible. Propcom Mai-karfi will also provide feedback on the deliverables for this assignment and advise, where necessary, to ensure that the data analysed is accurate. At each stage of the study the Propcom Mai-karfi team will meet, either in person or via telecommunications, with the consultant to discuss the details of the analysis.

Reporting

The consultant(s) will report to the Results Measurement Manager.

Deliverables

The consultant(s) will produce the following deliverables:

- A plan on how the data would be analysed to produce the desired results.
- Soft copy of all analyses (in an agreed format) and accompanying field notes and transcripts.
- Summary of findings from the analyses (in an agreed format).
- Final analysis report (in an agreed format).
- A guiding framework/document that can be used by staff to enable application of appropriate techniques for disability inclusion within their implementation plans.

Submission and Evaluation of Proposals

All proposals should be submitted by May 1, 2019 and sent via email to info@propcommaikarfi.org with “**Disability proposal**” in the subject line. Consultants are encouraged to provide examples of their previous work to demonstrate their competence.

All proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

| Criteria | Score |
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| Quality of technical proposal in terms of design and methodology | 30 |
| Competence and qualification of personnel. CVs, names and contact details of referees must be provided | 20 |
| Relevant experience of the consultant(s) | 20 |
| Timeliness including proposed number of days for the assignment | 10 |
| Proposed daily fee rate(s) and any additional costs envisaged. | 20 |
| TOTAL | 100 |