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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES- FIRMS SELECTION)**

Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

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Assignment Title: Baseline Survey-Consultant Firm

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The Government of Timor-Leste has received financing from the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) through the Sustainable Agriculture Productivity Improvement Project (SAPIP). The project was designed with aim to increase the productivity and marketed production of smallholder agriculture in selected geographical locations in Timor-Leste namely Lautem (Raumoco watershed), Ainaro/Covalima (Belulic watershed), Liquiça/Ermera/ Bobonaro (Loes watershed), and Oecusse (Tono watershed). Prior to the project implementation, an independent firm will be hired to conduct a survey for project evaluation, including establishing a baseline of household characteristics, agriculture and nutrition status as a startup.

The purpose of this assignment is to collect and document baseline data from the target farm households in the project areas and control groups from the adjacent areas using household survey and Participatory Rapid Appraisal (PRA) techniques. The survey will gather information and data to be grouped into the following focus areas: (1) Socio-economic and demographic characteristics of the survey households; (2) Food security and nutrition status of the households; (3) Agricultural production of the farm households; (4) Livestock including types of livestock owned by the household; (5) Post-harvest management including existing post-harvest practices; (6) Agricultural marketing; and (7) Agricultural services and extension.

The consulting services (“the Services”) will include a facilitation of the survey in above mentioned four watersheds to establish credible baseline data to facilitate an assessment of SAPIP’s results and outcomes using.

The baseline survey will collect both quantitative and qualitative data. Data collection may use pre-tested semi-structured interviews, focus group discussions, PRA techniques, and other research methods and methodologies. The study will factor in and refer to the key result

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indicators of the project outlined in the Results Framework (Annex 1 of the Project Appraisal Document) of the Project. The survey firm will develop questionnaires, potentially adapted from relevant modules in the national Living Standards Measurement Study (see TOR).

The services are expected to complete within 16 weeks.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) of Sustainable Agriculture Productivity Improvement Project (SAPIP), now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short listing criteria are: (i) At least 5 years of working experience in implementation of baseline and impact assessment surveys (experience in similar assignment); (ii) Number of contracts completed relevant to this assignment (e.g. surveys, farm household surveys, socio-economic research); (iii) Assignment-relevant experience and qualifications of key personnel (e.g., experience in conducting technical and socio-economic evaluations in the agriculture sector); (iv) Demonstrated experience in data processing and analysis; (v) Knowledge of local and English languages.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers*, January 2011 revised in July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualifications Selection method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0800 to 1700 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) deadline by [09 June 2017].

A copy of the TOR may be obtained from following website : www.maf.gov.tl, email address : sapip.maf2017@maf.gov.tl and CC to augustosbarreto2010@gmail.com, and renvi2001@yahoo.com.

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