

Evaluation of the ECOWAS Programme on Gender Mainstreaming In Energy Access (ECOW-GEN)

Terms of Reference for a Guinea Bissau Consultant **(12 August 2019)**

Starting 2013, the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREE) has been engaged in a participatory program development with ECOWAS Member States, all aimed at mainstreaming gender in policy formulation, legislative drafting, energy project and programme design and implementation. The initiative, ECOWAS Programme on Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access or ECOW-GEN, has the goal to promote equality in energy development through equal access to resources and equal contribution to the decision-making processes that shape and influence energy expansion in West Africa.

ECOW-GEN has four strategic intervention areas, namely:

- 1) Policy Development
- 2) Capacity Building
- 3) Awareness-raising and Advocacy
- 4) Business Development and Investment Promotion

So far the ECOW-GEN Policy Development intervention had successfully facilitated the production of the ECOWAS Policy for Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access, the first regional gender-responsive policy adopted by ECOWAS Heads of State and the ECOWAS Directive on Gender Assessments in Energy Projects, a legal instrument ensuring the regulation of gender impact in energy infrastructure development.

The three other ECOW-GEN strategic interventions have been translated into five high impact initiatives, namely:

- 1) ECOWAS Women's Business Fund;
- 2) Women's Technical Exchange Program;
- 3) Women's Economic Empowerment through Energy for Productive Uses;
- 4) Mainstreaming Gender in Energy Programs and Projects and
- 5) Youth Leadership Development in Energy.

MDF West Africa had been commissioned to conduct an evaluation of the ECOW-GEN Programme. The result from this assessment will be used in defining its strategic approach for the next programme cycle.

Overall Goal: To assess the achievements and effects of the programme, and the potential long-term impact from the activities implemented through the programme.

Specific Objectives:

1. Produce an evaluation report examining the programme relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, replicability and potential for scaling up by individual member countries and other organizations, also provide recommendations that will inform the design of the next programme cycle (2020 – 2025);
2. Develop an advocacy-oriented video documentary that captures the key achievements realized through the programme and the long term changes that can be expected as a result of the program's achievements; and

3. Develop scientific article(s) for publication in a peer review journal to support a widespread dissemination of the experience and lessons from the programme's implementation.

The evaluation will gather relevant information from all 15 member states but will visit five (5) of these states for more in-depth investigation. These five (5) states include Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Mali and Guinea Bissau.

MDF West Africa is seeking a Consultant to conduct the investigation in Guinea Bissau.

The Consultant should preferably be based in Guinea Bissau and should meet the following requirements:

- 1) At least holds a Masters Degree in any of the following relevant fields: Energy, Social Development (including gender studies), Economics, Public Policy, International Development, Development Economics/Planning, and Economics, International Relations;
- 2) At least have 5 years experience in conducting evaluations in the area of social development, in which the themes gender and/or energy were strongly featured;
- 3) Good quantitative and qualitative data analysis skills;
- 4) At least 10 years of experience in conducting evaluations; and
- 5) Excellent written and verbal communication skills in Portuguese and English.

The Consultant's responsibilities, input days and dates of delivery are as follows:

Activity	Input Days	Period of Implementation
Make appointments with key stakeholders (6 – 10 contacts)	1	19 Aug
Conduct interviews based on Guide Questionnaire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with TAG Member + Gender Focal Person + 1 Energy Ministry Official (3 – 4 individuals) • Interview with Replicator Organization (1 individual) • Interview Women Energy Entrepreneurs (3-5 individuals) 	4	26 – 29 Aug
Translate proceedings of interviews – 2 days	2	30 -31 Aug
Review of Programme Documents	2	02 – 03 Sep
Prepare Country Findings in English	2	04 - 05 Sep
Prepare itinerary / schedule interviews for Video Documenters; Identify a Portuguese- English Translator to help in the interviews	2	02 – 05 Sep
Grand Total Input Days	13	

Proposal submission requirements

Please send your application letter and CV to Marian Tadeffa-Kubabom (mde@mdf.nl) and Richard Yeboah (rye@mdf.nl) no later than **16 August 2019, 2019 at 5:00pm (GMT)** highlighting how your experience will enable you to carry out this assignment, a financial proposal and your availability within August – September 2019.

Please attach:

- A sample of your previous work (report)

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed and will be informed on **19 August 2019 with interviews on 20 August 2019.**