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### **SUPPORT TEXT DOCUMENTATION ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS /SUCSESSES OF THE STRENPO PROJECT APPROCHES.**

#### **Introduction;**

JESE with Financial support from DANIDA through Care international in Uganda, is an implementing partner of a 4-year project titled ‘Harnessing adaptive capacities of communities through inclusive governance, climate resilient systems and sustainable livelihood development. Under Strengthening resilience and promoting inclusive governance for women and youth in vulnerable communities (STRENPO) program at CARE-Uganda level, implemented jointly with three other partners i.e. Environmental Alert and ACODE and RICE in (West Nile).

Joint Effort to Save the effort (JESE) is mainly responsible for organizing and facilitating the community-based actions to enhance climate change adoption and resilience and inclusive Governance in Natural resources in Kyenjojo and Kyegegwa districts including the refugees

Focusing on the overall project goal “Capacities of communities adjacent to natural resource hot spots and multi-stakeholder involvement in natural resources governance improved hence women and youth and refugee communities are able to absorb shocks of climatic change and environmental degradation, ” JESE under the STRENPO projects uses different approaches of Village Savings and Loans Associations , Farmer Field Business Schools, Collaborative Forest Management and wetland management structures to promote empowerment, natural resources governance and climate change adaptation in the communities.

Through the different project interventions for promoting economic empowerment, natural resources governance and climate smart interventions, JESE has registered a number of successes from the project beneficiaries that are worth documenting.

Under the STRENPO project, JESE focuses on promoting economic empowerment especially to the women and youth adjacent to the natural resources. This has been promoted through the Village Savings and Loans Association approach. Currently there are about 100 VSLA groups with a maximum of 30 members in Kyegegwa, Kyenjonjo and Kyaka II settlement. The group’s members

have been taken through business planning (Selection planning and management of IGAs SPM-IGAs) to enable them budget and invest the money wisely.

In efforts to promote climate change resilience, the Farmer field business schools approach has been applied to ensure sustainable agriculture practices, market engagement, gender and equity, food and nutrition, security, group empowerment and monitoring and evaluation – to build the knowledge, skills, and practices of farmers. practices through hands on and community driven/enterprise management.

In natural resources governance, JESE has aimed at formation of Collaborative Forest Management and agreements with NFA have been signed. The communities adjacent to the forests have been equipped with knowledge and skills on the access, user and benefit rights. The district and sub-county officials have also been involved in environment protection and restoration activities of JESE.

Therefore, JESE is looking for a specialized writer/consultant to document success/ impact stories of the project interventions i.e. natural resources governance, women and youth empowerment and climate change resilience in Kyegegwa, Kyenjojo and Kyaka II settlement

### **Specific Activities/Objectives;**

1. To support documentation of 4 key approaches that have worked well under the STRENPO project in Kyenjojo and Kyegegwa and Kayaka II R/S.
2. To document 4 success stories from project beneficiaries under the different project approaches in Kyenjojo and Kyegegwa and Kayaka II R/S.

### **Methodology and approaches**

With support from the JESE team, the consultant shall conduct onsite interviews of the project beneficiaries, key stakeholders i.e. direct project beneficiaries, district and sub-county parish, officials, private sector i.e. the HIVE-Uganda and Rwenzori sustainable hand craft exporters to captures information on the various key successes of the project guided by the major themes/ interventions; economic empowerment, natural resources governance and climate change resilience.

Onsite visits shall be made to different farmers to document the impact of the farmer field business approach from the learning stage up to the formation of marketing associations.

Interactions with selected households shall be conducted to document the impact of the Gender sensitive land use household plans in promoting sustainable development and land utilization as well promoting reduction of gender based violence.

The consultant is required to seek consent from all the parties that shall be interviewed. Photos to accompany the write shall be very much considered.

Any other creative and progressive methods of documentation can be proposed and considered by the consultant. These should be very elaborate in the proposal.

**COVID-19 restriction shall be emphasized at all levels. By both the consultant and the person being interviewed.**

### **Expected output /Deliverables**

1. Technical and financial reports outlining the details of the process of documentation.
3. Compiling and submitting a quality and comprehensive write up of all the 4 best practices/approaches of the Village Savings and Loans Association, Farmer Field Business School, Private sector engagements, Nexus approach in promoting natural resources governance (case of Kakoni wetland in Kyaka II), Inter district collaboration in enhancing natural resources governance and 4 success stories from each of the approach that shall be shared with JESE for acceptance and adoption.
2. The write up should have quotes, photos and references from the interviewees to accompany the information.

### **Timeframe**

The assignment is planned to be undertaken in a period of 20 working days from the date of signing the contract. If there are changes that might arise beyond the consultants control, an additional of 10 working shall be granted to successfully accomplish the assignment. This shall be formal request by the consultant.

### **Required competencies;**

1. Proven record as lead author, researcher and technical coordinator in areas of climate change, natural resources governance and economic empowerment.

2. Excellent writing skills in English and proven analytical skills and ability to synthesize findings from diverse materials and sources.
3. A good understanding of various project approaches and their applications
4. A good understanding of roles and responsibilities of other key stakeholders in promoting natural resources governance, economic empowerment and climate change adaptation is very critical in this assignment.
5. Involvement of Key stakeholders is a must. These comprises of communities/VSLA groups, Local leaders, Sub county leaders, District leaders. Attendance lists with clear photos shall be needed to prove this.

*NB; The consultancy shall work hand in hand with JESE project focal persons for purposes of supervision, Learning and process ownership. However, the consultant **should not** budget for JESE staff and Meals in all the processes.*

*Deadline: Submission of Technical and proposals should be submitted not later than 10th July, 2021. To: Procurement Committee, Joint Effort to Save the Environment (JESE) P.O Box 728, Fort-Portal. Kitumba, Binanata Zone.*