ODI is looking to recruit a consultant to lead on the design of a baseline study of a GIZ programme in Burkina Faso to strengthen land tenure security and reduce land-related disputes in two regions of the country. This position will work with ODI’s UK-based Prindex team in the Climate and Sustainability (CAS) Programme.

The role would suit experts with extensive experience of impact evaluations in Africa, in-depth knowledge of land issues and understanding of the Prindex approach to assessing tenure security.

Background

The Burkina Faso country package seeks to address the issues of insecure access to land and rising land-related disputes through a series of activities to support functional communal-level structures and institutions for clarifying, documenting and formalising land rights, as well as mechanisms to prevent and help resolve land-related conflicts.

The programme is part of the special initiative, funded by BMZ (Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development), titled “One World - No Hunger”. It falls under a global programme on “Responsible Land Policy” aimed at “facilitating the responsible use of, and improved access to, land”.

The country package will run for 57 months, beginning in July 2020 and ending in March 2025. Efforts are concentrated on five communes within the Sud-Ouest region and three communes in Hauts-Bassins with the objective of covering between 120 and 180 villages across the two regions.

The programme builds on past and existing interventions, such as AFD’s support of the implementation of 2009 land reform, and is being implemented with the Ministry of Agriculture (Ministère de l’Agriculture et des Aménagement Hydro-Agricoles, MAAH). Two project activities are relevant for this assignment:

1. Improve the institutional framework around land governance in eight communes in the Sud-Ouest and Hauts-Bassins regions. This will primarily involve supporting communes in setting up processes to register and issue land ownership and user-rights certificates (e.g. Attestation de Possessions Foncière Rurale, APFR), as well as setting up the necessary organisational structures and providing necessary training to staff. The approach will replicate registration efforts in neighbouring Benin, which first demarcated plots of land and then registered and certified ownership and user rights on those plots. By coupling the formalisation of ownership- and user-rights, this approach ensures that existing traditional/customary rights are not lost. The partners at this level involve communes and/or mayoral offices, as well as local land administration (Services Fonciers Ruraux, SFR).

2. Strengthen the role of local civil society in formulating and implementing responsible land policy, especially through the involvement of village-level committees in conflict resolution processes. This requires raising awareness about the role of newly established village-level committees, so that appropriate representatives can be identified and trained. The central partners for this output are village committees (Comité Foncier Villageois, CFV), village
conflict resolution committees (Comité de Conciliations Foncières Villageoises, CCFV), and village development committees (Comité Villageois de Développement, CVD).

GIZ has contracted ODI to provide inputs into the project’s M&E system and carry out the impact evaluation of the project, identifying and tracking intended outcomes and impacts through implementing a baseline and endline study.

Overview of the position

ODI is looking for a consultant to start work as soon as possible for up to 25 days over an eight-month period to lead on the design and implementation of the baseline study for the impact evaluation. Supported by an ODI Research Officer and reporting to the ODI Project Lead, the consultant will lead on:

- Coordination of instruments design, survey planning (pilot and full) and data QA process
- Design of tender document for survey vendors (scope of work, evaluation criteria) and review of bids
- Management of the relationship with survey vendor
- Survey analysis and report structure, concept and methodology and report writing
- Supervision of work of ODI RO on project
- Support on coordination with GIZ project management on research

Education and experience

The ideal candidate will possess:

- (Post-)graduate qualification in economics, natural resources, sustainable development or other professional equivalent
- Extensive experience and expertise regarding household survey design and implementation
- In-depth knowledge of land and property rights in Africa, including tenure security
- Fluency in English and working knowledge of French
- Excellent statistical, analytical and writing skills

Closing date: 11:59 GMT on Monday, August 9, 2021

Role start date: ASAP

How to apply

To apply, please email the following to m.rajasooriar@odi.org.uk:

- a CV (including references)
- your fee rate (including a brief explanation of optimum value for money)
- a one-page cover letter outlining your expertise and capability/skills and how this fits the Terms of Reference in the job listing
- an indication of your availability