

TERMS OF REFERENCE

**TOR FOR CONSULTANCY ON ADJUSTMENT ON RICE CULTIVATION
TECHNIQUE IN QUANG UYEN, NA RI AND BACH THONG DISTRICT, CAO
BANG AND BAC KAN PROVINCE**

I. INTRODUCTION

ChildFund Vietnam is the representative office of ChildFund Australia - an independent and non-religious international development organisation that works to reduce or eliminate poverty for children in the developing world.

ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance - a global network of 12 organisations which assists more than 16 million children in over 50 countries. With a focus on child-centered development programs that are undertaken in partnership with more than 1,400 local communities, the Alliance puts more than \$503 million (USD) to work each year to help deprived, excluded and vulnerable children.

ChildFund has been operating in Vietnam since 1994. ChildFund Vietnam works to achieve our mission through our integrated community development programs: Access to Quality Education, Child Rights and Child Protection, and Building Strong and Resilient Communities. Each of these three programs integrates projects from our five core sectors, health, livelihoods, water and sanitation, education and child protection to ensure that our programs address the widest range of needs at the community level and also address the causes of poverty. Our activities are coordinated and planned with our partner communities at local and district levels to ensure our programs complement existing community and government activities and are designed with meaningful input from children and their communities. ChildFund Vietnam is supporting children and their communities in Hoa Binh, Bac Kan and Cao Bang.

The current rice cultivation technique in project communes of Quang Uyen, Na Ri and Bach Thong district have been considered unsustainable resulting in unsustainable yield. It is therefore necessary to find out the adjustment on this matter while still keeping promotion of farming household incomes.

II. OBJECTIVES

To recommend the sustainable rice cultivation technique in all project communes in Quang Uyen, Na Ri and Bach Thong districts.

III. CONSULTANT'S TASKS

- Organizing the field survey to find out the problem and constraints related to rice production.
- Recommending the adjustment on rice production which is applicable for communities with different economic status and field conditions. Getting agreement on the models by district and commune staff.
- Delivering the training on seedling, transplanting and pest control on summer rice to district technical staff and farmer trainers in all project communes.

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- Coaching the trained farmer trainers on their delivering the training on the same topics to farmers to make sure the quality of the training by farmer trainer and their training skills and methodology.
- Participating in the assessment workshop at the end of the season to withdraw the the lesson learnt and recommendation for the adjustment.

All mentioned above tasks are completed during month to month 2013:

Tentative consultancy days:

tt	Activities	Implementing time	Consultancy days
1	Survey on rice production in Quang Uyen, Bach Thong and Na Ri	Feb – March. 2013	10 days including traveling
2	Report		2.5 days
3	Adjusting technical document		10 days
4	Organizing the workshop on adjustment of technique and getting agreement with district and communes for 3 districts	Apr - May. 2013	5 days including traveling
5	Conduct training : 3 courses for each district		
	Course 1 : Seedling	Apr - May. 2013	15 days including traveling
	○ Delivering to district and farmer trainers : 1 day in field		
	○ Coaching for local trainers in 3 communes each for Na Ri and Quang Uyen, Bach Thong		
	Course 2 : Transplanting	July. 2013	15 days including traveling
	○ Delivering to district and farmer trainers : 1 day in field		
	○ Coaching for local trainers in 3 communes each for Na Ri and Quang Uyen, Bach Thong		
	Course 3 : Pest and disease control	Aug-Sep/2013	25 days including traveling
	○ Delivering to district and farmer trainers : 3 day in field		
	○ Coaching for local trainers in 3 communes for Na Ri and Quang Uyen, Bach Thong		
6	Assessment workshop in Na Ri, Bach Thong and Quang Uyen	Nov - Dec/2013	10 days including traveling
7	Final report		2.5 days
Total			95 days including traveling

Consultancy rate: 1,560,000 VND/ working day resulting in total of 148,200,000 VND

IV. WORKING LOCATION

The recruited consultant will work in the field in project communes in 3 mentioned above districts.

V. FINAL PRODUCT

The report will be written in Vietnamese. The report should be organized according to the outline as follows:

1. Introduction
2. objective
3. Content and methods
4. Schedule and process
5. Major outputs
6. Recommendations and Conclusions
7. Annex & references.

VI. MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION

The Consultancy will be managed by the ChildFund Vietnam Program Team Leader and Livelihood Sector Manager.

VII. CONSULTANT(S) SPECIFICATION

E = essential, D = desirable

Knowledge

Sustainable agriculture E

Rural development E

Skills

Facilitation skill E

Problem analyses E

FFS training skill E

Experience

Experiences on designing sustainable livelihood strategy for ethnic minority community in the North mountainous areas. D

Experiences on field assessment for the project design finding out the problem on sustainability of the rice production. E

Qualifications

University qualification on agriculture or rural development. Postgraduate degree on relevant field is preferable E