

CALL FOR PROPOSALS CONSULTING SERVICES MID-TERM EVALUATION OF THE INCLUSIVE MARKETS PROJECT

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) have a joint project in Bolivia, called Inclusive Markets, which is being implemented since November 2017 and ends in December 2021. It is based on the first phase of the Rural Markets project that was financed by SDC during the period 2014-2017. The mid-term evaluation of the project is planned for 2020 (the last quarter) and, to this end, this call for consultancy proposals is being made.

Objective

Determine the degree of progress of the Inclusive Markets project and establish to what extent the application of the main implementation approaches (Development of Inclusive Markets Systems and Multidimensional Poverty) contribute to achieving the Outcomes, Outputs, and impact. Analyse changes in market systems and/or social systems that can be attributed to the project due to facilitation and cost-benefit processes. Putting into perspective the lessons learned and identify the main obstacles to project implementation. These evaluation components will allow issuing conclusions and recommendations for decision making at strategic and operational levels in preparation for an eventual next phase, which will be an exit phase for SDC.

Profile of the team

It is foreseen to hire an Evaluation Team composed of at least two consultants who will work jointly and in a coordinated manner and who will be hired by the Swiss Cooperation and/or the Swedish Cooperation.

One consultant of the evaluation team must meet the following requirements (he/she will be the team leader):

- Long experience in implementation and evaluation of Local Economic Development Projects and/or Agri-food Markets.
- Knowledge and experience in the Market Systems Development Approach (under any of its denominations, for example: M4P) in Latin America.
- Experience in financial services for smallholder farmers.
- Knowledge of the Latin American context and specifically of Bolivia (will be of advantage), as well as mastery of the Spanish language (mandatory requirement).

The other consultant of the evaluation team should meet the following requirements:

- Long experience in implementation and evaluation of Economic and Social Development Projects.
- Knowledge of the Multidimensional Poverty Approach (or equivalent).
- Experience in Gender Focus and Women's Economic Empowerment.
- Knowledge and experience in the rural environment of Bolivia.
- Residence in Bolivia
- Fluency in Spanish

The evaluation team must not have participated in the design or implementation of the Project, nor have they carried out consultancy works within the framework of the Project.

Place and date of presentation of proposals

Proposals should be sent via email (subject line: "Mid-Term Evaluation Proposal for the Inclusive Markets Project") to frida.rodhe@gov.se and joseluis.pereira@eda.admin.ch (one email for both), until hours 24:00 (local time in Bolivia, GTM -4 hours) on October 13, 2020, without delay.

The terms of reference can be downloaded [here](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE: If, for reasons not attributable to the contractors (health emergency or social or political conflicts), the evaluation cannot be carried out on the scheduled dates, the contractors may reschedule the execution of the consultancy to a date to be agreed upon with the selected evaluation team.