

**Request for Proposal
Consultancy: Improve Agricultural and Food Security for Tepu**

Conservation International Suriname (CI Suriname) is looking for a consultant to **Improve Agricultural and Food Security for Tepu** to execute pilot project activities for a period of at least 6 months.

The community of Tepu, with approximately 400 inhabitants, is mostly dependent on growing crops for food supply, and therefore faces big challenges during the big rainy season, because most of the crops are destroyed due to excessive water, insect plague (ants) that harms the harvest of several crops and unfertile soil types. Due to all these challenges the villagers have to travel long distances to prepare (new) agricultural plots.

The objective of this consultancy is to improve food security in Tepu by improving existing practices and to introduce new and sustainable practices through theoretical and practical training. As a result, the community will have access to reliable and nutritious food supplies, successful harvests, higher yields and less labor and efforts throughout the whole year.

Timeline & Deliverables

| No. | Activity | Deliverables | Acceptance Criteria | Due dates |
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| 1. | Desktop study on feasible, workable, and existing agricultural practices in and outside Suriname: 3 rd week January | Desktop report | Basic information about: - Different types of cultivation - The soil and fertility - Crop selection - Crop protection - Possible solution methods | January 23, 2023 |
| 2. | Review of current agricultural practices during field trip Tepu: 1 st week February | Field trip (1) | - Observation of the current agricultural methods - Identify local crops - Interviewing the local residents | February 6, 2023 |
| | | Field report | The field report must contain: - The current agricultural practices - Pictures of the agricultural plots - General suggestions for improvement | February 13, 2023 |
| 3. | Prepare a Workplan | Workplan | The workplan must contain the following: - A timeline - A training plan/program with clearly defined objectives and day to day activities - A design for certificates of completion | February 27, 2023 |
| 4. | Prepare and conduct theoretical and hands-on training in Tepu: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivation plot • Tillage Irrigation and fertilization techniques Training period: 2 nd week March 2023 | Training manual Field trip (2) | Training manual (in Dutch) in improved agricultural practices, including new tools and techniques (such as tillage-, irrigation-, fertilization-, crop protection-, and new cultivating techniques taking soil types into account). Use visual materials (pictures) with detailed descriptions for the manual. | March 13, 2023 |
| | | Proof of training: Pictures and attendance lists Short technical report | Short technical report (highlights of the training, current cultivation techniques and the improvements), including pictures and attendance lists | March 13, 2023 |
| 5. | Facilitate theoretical and hands-on training-part 2 in Tepu: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivation plot • Tillage • Irrigation and fertilization techniques Training period: 3 rd week April | Field trip (3) | Monitoring of field trip 1 & 2 | April 24, 2023 |
| | | Proof of training: Pictures and attendance lists Short technical report | Short technical report (highlights of the training, current cultivation techniques and the improvements), including pictures and attendance lists Results of the monitoring of field work 1 | May 8, 2023 |
| 6. | Facilitate theoretical and hands-on training-part 3 in Tepu: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivation plot • Tillage • Irrigation and fertilization techniques Training period: 4 th week May 2023 | Field trip (4) Proof of training: Pictures and attendance lists Short technical report | Monitoring of field trip 1, 2 & 3 Short technical report (highlights of the training, current cultivation techniques and the improvements) including pictures and attendance lists Results of the monitoring of field work 1, 2 & 3 | May 29, 2023 |

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| 7 | Prepare Final Report | Final report | Final report (in English), containing (but not limited to): - Final agenda of the training - Summary of the subjects - Field work results - The highlights of the training, challenges during the training, lessons learned and recommendations for improvement - Participants lists & pictures of the training sessions | June 12, 2023 |
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Required skills and Experience

The consultancy will be conducted by an independent consultant with the requisite skill set to conduct his/her mission. Specifically, the consultant is expected to have the following expertise:

- At least a BSc. in Agricultural Sciences or related field of education.
- At least three (3) years of work experience in the agriculture sector or active involvement in carrying out agricultural activities.
- Work and or training experience with local communities serves as an advantage.
- Dutch proficiency, in speaking and writing, (final reports to be submitted in English)
- Excellent knowledge of Sranan Tongo

Evaluation and Selection Criteria

- Overall quality of CV and Cover Letter – 3 pts
- Education Requirement - 3 pts
- Work Experience Requirement- 3 pts
- Experience in agricultural processes including the ability to teach adults/others and transfer technical information - 3 pts
- Experience with similar projects- 3 pts
- Understanding of the challenges and cultural background of Indigenous communities - 3 pts
- Level of Dutch and English proficiency, both in speaking and writing - 3 pts
- Level of awareness working and interacting with Indigenous communities. - 3 pts
- Strong technical proposal on how to conduct training in improved agricultural practices - 3 pts
- Price of services (the budget) – 3 pts

Interested in this consultancy

Application letters can be sent, in Dutch or English, to ci-suriname@conservation.org on or before **November 9, 2022**, by 4 PM. Please specify "Improve Agricultural and Food Security for Tepu consultant + Your Name" in the subject line. Applications should include:

- (i) A resume of the applicant providing detailed information on the criteria listed in the "selection criteria" section of the RFP.
- (ii) A concept technical proposal on how to conduct the training in "Improve Agricultural and Food Security for Tepu"
- (iii) Price of services (the budget)

Questions and clarifications (in Dutch if needed) regarding the consultancy may be addressed no later than **November 7, 2022**, to the Technical Manager; Ms. Eryln Power by e-mail: epower@conservation.org.