**Call for Expression of Interest**

**Restore Africa Review of Production Manuals**

# 1. Project Background

## 1.1 Project Description

The Global EverGreening Alliance’s Restore East and Southern Africa (RESAf) Program aims to restore degraded land and achieve sustainable land management practices. These practices aim to address food insecurity, rural poverty and, ultimately, enhance the resilience of vulnerable land-based communities to the impacts of climate change in five Counties of Kwale, Kilifi, Elgeyo Marakwet, Narok and Migori. EverGreening practices, including agroforestry and the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) of trees on farms, rangelands, degraded woodlands, and communal lands, are amongst the most effective ecosystem-based adaptation techniques for sustainable restoration of land and soil fertility. They also enhance climate change adaptation and resilience, while reducing emissions through long-term storage of carbon in landscapes.

## 1.2 Program Outcomes

The Restore Africa Program consists of six focus areas framed as the following outcomes:

1. Outcome 1 Degraded landscapes rehabilitated, and carbon stocks improved
2. Outcome 2 Government policy legislation on sustainable land and water management have improved, as has legislative enforcement
3. Outcome 3 Community members and other relevant stakeholders are able to adapt to climate change and related ecosystem risks and have a strengthened social contract
4. Outcome 4 Climate resilient value chains and market linkages support the adoption of EverGreening practices and improved livelihoods
5. Outcome 5 Project participants have improved the community resources through the securitisation of carbon pools
6. Outcome 6 Evidence and learnings for climate mitigation and adaptation options generated.

## 1.3. Assignment Background.

To support the achievement of outcome 4 “Climate resilient value chains and market linkages support the adoption of EverGreening practices and improved livelihoods”, the project team, led by Africa Harvest, has identified ten (10) unique value chains that the project will mainstream and one (1) training manual for Effective Group Management. The priority value chains identified are citrus, avocado, mango, cashew nut, green gram, cassava, Nyota beans, sorghum, bee keeping and improved indigenous chicken. The value chains were prioritized according to their agro-ecological suitability and acceptance by the local communities as well as market potential.

Despite agro-ecological suitability, low productivity and less commercial orientation, remain major constraints in enhancing income from agriculture. To address the challenge, the project plans to build the capacity of farmers in various aspects along the agricultural value chains. To support such capacity building, it is important for trainers to have accurate and detailed reference material in the form of production manuals for step-by-step guidance of farmers.

## 2.0 Objectives of assignment

Building on the work that has already been done, the purpose of this assignment is to review one training manual for Effective Group Management and 10 (ten) production manuals for accuracy and completeness to make them suitable for training farmers.

## 3.0 Scope of the assignment

The specific manuals to be reviewed will cover the following priority value chains:

Citrus (Sweet oranges), Avocado (Hass), Mango (Grafted improved varieties such as Apple and Kent), Cashew nut, Cassava, green gram, Nyota beans, Sorghum (for grain production, not forage), Improved indigenous chicken and bee keeping. Each County has different but sometimes overlapping value chains as shown in table 1.

Table 1 Value Chain Prioritization:

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| Value Chain ranking | **Counties** |
| **Kwale** | **Kilifi** | **Elgeyo Marakwet** | **Narok** | **Migori** |
| 1 | Green grams  | Green Grams/Cassava | Sorghum/Cassava | Bee-Keeping | Sorghum |
| 2 | Local Poultry  | Local Poultry | Avocado | Nyota Beans | Mango |
| 3 | Citrus  | Cashew nuts | Mango | Avocado | Local poultry |

At the minimum, each crop/tree value chain training manual should cover site selection, land preparation, planting, nutrition, pest and disease management, and post-harvest handling. Similarly for livestock (Chicken and Bees), the scope should cover site selection, housing, stocking, nutrition, pest and disease management and post-harvest handling.

## 4.0 Review Methodology

* **Literature review**

The assignment is expected to be a desk study, mainly utilizing available draft content plus other types of reliable literature in addition to the consultant’s knowledge of the subject matter. The consultant is free to consult other qualified and experienced professionals where necessary. Such consultation of third parties will however not be paid for by the client.

* **Compilation of the manuals**

Once the consultant is satisfied with the depth and breadth of the content at their disposal, the content should be compiled into different stand-alone manuals for each value chain. Each manual should have a one-page summary that covers the following aspects.

## 5.0 Roles of the consultant

1. Review of the draft content
2. Identify any gaps that need to be addressed to make the manuals adequate
3. Fill the identified gaps with relevant and accurate content
4. Compile and submitted updated manuals as described in section

## 6.0 Role of the Client

1. Provide Draft Content for each Value chain
2. Review drafts from the consultant
3. Pay the consultancy fee after receiving satisfactory manuals

## 7.0 Expected Deliverables from the Consultant

Ten Complete Training manuals of between 10 and 15 pages. Each manual will have a one-page summary outlining important guidelines.

## 8.0 Ownership of the training Manuals

All the manuals, including drafts and final versions, will remain a property of the Africa Harvest and Restore Africa Program and may not be circulated, shared or reproduced without written permission from Africa Harvest.

## 9.0 Consultant(s) Qualifications and Experience

The consultant MUST be a registered entity with a bank account. No **individual** consultant or group of **individual consultants** will be considered.

The registered entity should have the following qualifications and experience:

1. Registered in Kenya
2. At least three years of experience in farmer training and/or consulting in agriculture
3. The Lead consultant should have at least MSc in Agriculture, Agronomy, Livestock Production or closely related discipline.
4. The consultancy should demonstrate adequate capacity by submitting CVs of qualified support teams with the necessary technical expertise in the priority value chains.

## 10. Scoring and Selection

Prospective Consultants will be scored as follows:

* Registered in Kenya – Attach business registration certificate (10 mks)
* Valid Tax Compliance (10mks)
* At least three years of experience in farmer training and/or consulting in agriculture-attach 3 copies of previous contracts/LPOs.  25 mks
* The Lead consultant should have at least MSc in Agriculture, Agronomy, Livestock Production or closely related discipline. 15 Mks
* The consultancy should demonstrate adequate capacity by submitting CVs of qualified support team with necessary technical expertise in all value chains (Each value chain should have a CV with certifications)-20 Mks
* Methodology/Approach (Not more than 2 pages) – 20 marks

Note: Only applicants scoring at least 60% will be considered.

## 11.0 Application Process and Timelines

Qualified and interested registered entities should submit their expression of interest comprising of cover letter, Profile of the registered entity showing experience in similar assignments, CV of the team leader and CVs of support team members, Copy of Registration certificate and Tax Compliance Certificate and a financial quotation stating an all-inclusive (Fee, taxes and incidental costs) figure in Kenya Shillings (KSh). The expression of Interest should be emailed to Procurement@africaharvest.org on or before April 22nd 2025 at 8.00 pm. Late submissions will be rejected. It is expected that the assignment will be fully completed by 14th May 2025.