

Q&A session Coffee Farmer Income Resilience programme

Session 1: 1st June 2021 16.00-17.00 CEST

Q: How do you decide what farmers to work with? Do you already know in which counties?

A: Under the Coffee Farmer Income Resilience Program there are 3 projects in Uganda - greater Masaka, Rwenzori & Mount Elgon and 3 projects in Kenya – Bungoma, Nandi, Kericho, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Embu and Muranga.

Q: You are expecting the team to collect some sort of soil samples. Have you determined the number of samples and sites for this?

A: Yes, we do expect the consultant/consultant team to collect soil samples as well. We have given some examples of analyses in the Terms of Reference, but expect this to be a joint discussion with the consultants as well.

Q: Sample size mentioned is 480; is that per country or in total?

A: This is total. We also invite the consultants to share their reflections on the sample size.

Q: Do we want to revise the ToC as part of the assignment?

A: No, we do not want to do that in the inception phase, as we already spend time on developing the ToC. We do see recommendations on the ToC following the baseline research results as part of the assignment.

Q: Would you expect the Consultant to create the instruments for data-collection?

A: Yes, we do expect the consultant to translate the ToC and Log-frame into data collection instruments.

Q: There are 6 traders. How do we involve them in reviewing the data?

A: There are six service delivery models that are implemented through our partners, who might form consortia for the implementation. IDH together with the IKEA Foundation have developed the Terms of Reference with specific objectives for the evaluations (baseline, midline and endline) and will be the main point of contact. We can imagine a role of the traders (SDM consortia) in the validation of some of the data, but not in the design of the study.

Q: How are you going to support the consultant?

A: IDH has experience and tools available on measuring farmer income. We would like this baseline study to be in line with those and can offer these materials for reference. Also, there will be an inception phase after the contract is signed to ensure alignment between IDH, IKEA Foundation and consultant. IDH does expect consultant to be fully responsible for the development of the instruments, data collection and analysis.

Q: What are the specific considerations on gender issues?

A: Gender is not the sole focus of the programme, but included in the Theory of Change, especially looking at household dynamics. Additionally, for the survey data, we expect the gender-disaggregated data to be shared.

Q: Can we say more about the budget limitation?

A: We will select a proposal with a good balance between quality and budget.

Q: Is it possible to share the logical framework?

A: We are still finalizing the logical framework, but we can share the Theory of Change.

Q: The questions on relevance, efficiency and sustainability seem more relevant in the midterm?

A: We invite the consultant to share their reflection on the research questions. We included a wide range of questions so we can include the learnings in the programme design.

Q: Relevance questions: should we focus on our own analysis or collect qualitative data on this?

A: We believe that primary data collection, for instance key informant interviews, are needed to answer these questions.

Q: Other than gender, which subgroups/farmer segments should we analyze on?

A: We see at least also segmentation on current status on regenerative agriculture practices that are already implemented (the stepwise approach) and per service provider.

Q: Logistics: inception phase is very short. Ethical approval (from government) can take a couple of weeks. Do we need to get ethical approval for the studies?

A: In Kenya and Uganda there is not an additional need to get Ethical approval.

Q: What is expected from the sensemaking session?

This is a validation session in which the consultants share the initial analysis and discuss these findings. The purpose is to validate with program staff, ask clarifying questions and promote (internal) learning.

Session 2: 3rd June 2021 11.00-12.00 CEST

Q: Do we already know who the consortium partners are?

A: We hope to have 6 service delivery models on the ground. Each of these consist of a coffee trader and partners for specific services.

Q: Do we already have the questions worked out?

A: In the Terms of Reference there are specific questions worked out that we would like to see answered during the baseline.

Q: Which districts in Uganda and which counties in Kenya are you targeting?

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Q: Can we share the Theory of Change?

A: Yes, the Theory of Change is published on the website with the Terms of Reference.

Q: We see that there is a partnership with Akvo. Will they be part of this assignment?

A: IDH has an overall partnership Akvo, but that is outside of this program. This is an open call for consultants.

Q: You mention that you would like to see the same consultant in the baseline, midline and endline. Does that mean you will not put a call for consultants anymore?

A: We see merit in working with the same consultant for all three studies, however, we are also bound to procurement regulations. Therefore, we need to assess the situation per study, but we do expect the consultant to provide a full study that can be taken forward into a midline and endline by other consultants if need be.

Q: Data-collection: who should do that?

A: We expect that to be part of the proposal. This is part of the assignment.

Q: Soil health analysis: what are the number of samples we expect to collect or the area where they should be taken?

A: We are open to hear your expertise on how to measure this, both in what measures to take concerning soil health and how that evolves over time, but also on how representative samples are and therefore how many you need to take. We already had some discussions on this and put some options in the terms of reference, but are open for discussion.

Q: Do we accept from two consultancies?

A: Yes, we would. We see a consortium as appropriate for this type of assignment. We do expect there to be a lead applicant.

Q: Will a proposal be excluded if you don't cover all the counties.

A: It is not our preferred option. You need to build a strong case how that does not impact on the ability to measure the full programs progress.

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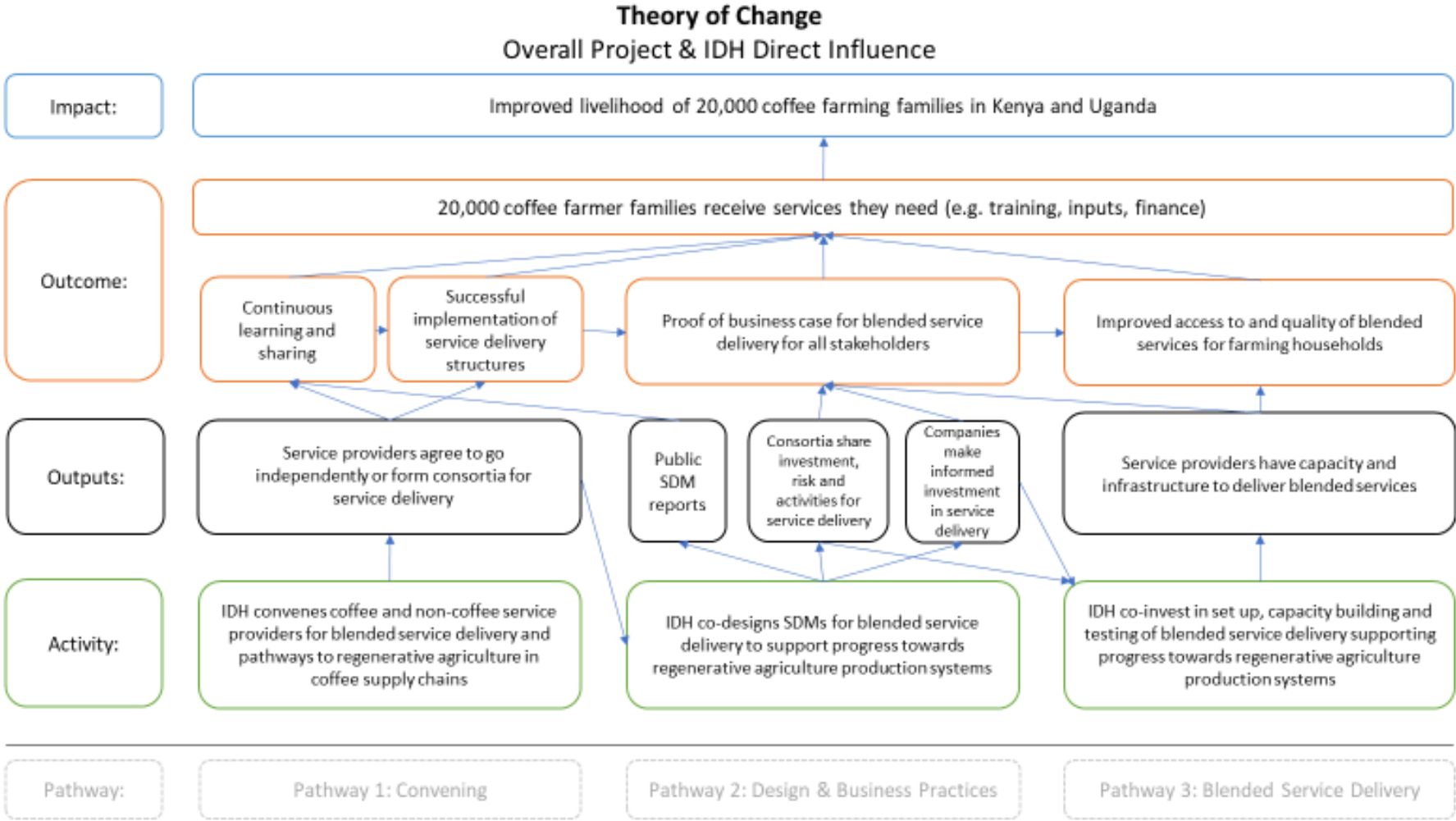
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