**BASATINE project – Post-Harvest Losses (PHL) reduction**

**Trainer terms of Reference (TOR)**

**Project Overview**

The Bolstering Agriculture Systems’ Ability to Invest, Nourish, and Employ (BASATINE) is an Agence Francaise de developpement (AFD) funded project. The consortium, led by CARE International with Mercy Corps (MC), Al Majmoua, Georges N. Frem Foundation (GNFF), Berytech and LOST, is implementing a 38-month intervention to support farmers and other value chain and associated sector actors in areas of **Bekaa**and **Akkar**,focused on the production of **wheat, cereals and vegetables, seeking a territorial approach and promoting linkages with other value chains.**Through complementary interventions designed in alignment with the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, the project will immediately address food insecurity and provide needed income and technical support to farmers to survive this tumultuous time, as well improve the capacity of food systems to maintain employment and growth in the longer term via stronger domestic production and system linkages. This will ultimately contribute to greater economic stability, particularly for women, improved rural development, and more positive social cohesion between host/refugee communities at a local level.

To address the overall objective (impact) of sustaining the capacity of the Lebanese agriculture to produce food for the local market and create and maintain jobs, in an effort to contribute to the prevention of tensions between host communities and refugees, the consortium has designed a multi-pronged approach based on the following Theory of Change in direct alignment with MoA’s most recent National Agriculture Strategy (NAS).

**Project Objectives**

**Overall Objective**

To help sustain the capacity of the Lebanese agriculture to produce food for the local market and create and maintain jobs, to contribute to the prevention of tensions between host communities and Syrian refugees.

**Specific Objectives**

1. Value chain actors recover their livelihoods affected by the recent socio-economic and financial crisis
2. Farmers improve their access to livelihoods, through Sustainable, Productive, Equitable and Resilient (SuPER) Food Systems
3. Agriculture sector actors engage in improved market activities, resources, and trade relationships
4. Agriculture and related sector actors increase investments through tailored and inclusive financial services and products
5. Agriculture sector stakeholders utilize high quality, reliable evidence to promote evidence-based sector development.

**TOR Objective**

The objective from this TOR document is to set the criteria for the selection of a Post-Harvest Losses (PHL) trainer, to train 485 farmers.

**Roles and Responsibilities of the trainer:**

* + Prepare training material suitable to the mentioned topic(s).
	+ Prepare pre/post-test and evaluation forms.
	+ Prepare the training/coaching in a practical way (not only theoretical) to engage best with farmers.
	+ Commitment to days, duration, and number of sessions approved.
	+ Share training materials such as PPP and/or other relevant resources with GNFF team
	+ Train farmers on the causes and consequences of postharvest losses in greenhouse vegetables, cereals, legumes, and leafy vegetables.
	+ Equip attendees with knowledge and skills to minimize postharvest losses through proper pre-harvest considerations, harvesting techniques, postharvest handling, storage, transportation, and value addition.
	+ Equip farmers with supporting documents that would help them in reducing the harvest and post-harvest losses.

**Scope of work:**

 The trainer will be responsible for the following tasks:

* + Customizing and adapting the training content to suit the local context and target audience (BASATINE areas and farmers).
	+ Developing an interactive and engaging training plan, including PowerPoint sessions, practical exercises, and group discussions.
	+ Delivering the training sessions on reducing postharvest losses in greenhouse vegetables, cereals, legumes, and leafy vegetables.
	+ Facilitating hands-on practical exercises and knowledge-sharing activities.

**Timeline and location of the training(s):**

The total number of sessions will be agreed upon once the farmers are selected, and that is to be coordinated and approved between GNFF and the trainer (Between 20 and 35 sessions depending on farmers locations). The duration will be from **October 01, until February 23, 2023.**

The duration of the session needs to be between two to three hours.

As for the location it will include 2 regions, Akkar and Bekaa. GNFF will secure farmer’s transportation, venues, and other needed logistics.

**Trainer criteria of selections:**

* + Agricultural Engineer with at least 5 years of experience
	+ Worked in the PHL field for more than 5 years.
	+ Previously trained farmers and enterprises on the aforementioned topic
	+ Strong local knowledge and comprehensive understanding of harvest and post-harvest practices in Lebanon
	+ Knowledgeable of the areas and BASATINE’s value chains.
	+ Good presentation and communication skills
	+ Strong Arabic and English skills

**Resources and Support:**

 The program organizers will provide the necessary resources and logistical support to facilitate the smooth delivery of the training program. The trainer is encouraged to collaborate with the organizers to ensure the availability of required materials and facilities.

**Application submission:**

Applicants are requested to send the following documents, in a sealed envelope:

* + Curriculum Vitae (CV) and cover letter
	+ Quotation (Fees / session)
	+ Signed integrity and environmental statements (Attached)

The envelope should be delivered to Georges N. Frem Foundation premises – Jounieh – Haret Sakher **September 15th, 2023 COB 5:00 pm**. Any applications received after the deadline will be rejected.

**Applicants must commit to the following:**

* Training dates
* Training period
* Training approach and material as shared and agreed upon with GNFF.
* Duration of the session
* Training reports as requested by GNFF.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND THE QUOTATION BY EMAIL.

Please don't forget to write down your name, phone number, email, and signature on the front of the envelope before delivering to our offices.

**Georges N. Frem Foundation**

Jounieh – Haret Sakher

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