



Terms of Reference
EXTERNAL CONSULTANCY
ENTOMOLOGIST

Consultant funded under:

**European Neighbourhood Programme for
Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD)
European Union**

Project:

“Participatory Integrated Community Development in Abkhazia”

Location:

Abkhazia Georgia

1. BACKGROUND

Action Against Hunger - Spain, as part of the Action Against Hunger International network, is an international non-governmental, private, apolitical, non-confessional and non-profit organisation. Action Against Hunger is an international humanitarian organization that fights hunger and its root causes worldwide. It has been operating in the South Caucasus region since 1994 and its current programmes focus on the following areas: Food Security, Livelihoods, Agriculture, Economic and Rural Development.

At this time Action Against Hunger is looking to contract an entomologist for a short-term consultancy to support and inform its pest management response that is being supported by the EU under its European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD). The response aims to support efforts in Abkhazia to tackle problems associated with the **Brown Marmorated Stink Bug** (BMSB) *Halyomorpha halys* (Stål) (Heteroptera - Pentatomidae) that in 2016 had a significant negative impact on crop yields, and specifically the hazelnut yields. Action Against Hunger is currently supporting coordination of the pest response, training agricultural practitioners, raising awareness among the public (and specifically farmers), monitoring pest prevalence and distribution and supported attract and kill plots.

2. GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The consultant entomologist will be required to provide technical support and advice to Action Against Hunger and key stakeholders on the most effective ways by which to address the problems related to the BMSB and facilitate the establishment of a monitoring system for assessing the damage caused by the BMSB. The short-term consultancy will for be for a period of 12 working days.

3. TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following tasks and responsibilities are expected to be accomplished over the 12-day consultancy period:

1. Meet and discuss with all relevant stakeholders working on pest and BMSB management to build up a strong knowledge of local and regional context and ensure all future recommendations are in coordination with plans of other organizations / institutions.
2. Provide feedback and recommendations on Action Against Hunger's BMSB monitoring approaches and data collection on BMSB prevalence.
3. Support project team and key stakeholders on the range and effectiveness of different BMSB management approaches (including attract-and-kill) that can be employed in the future interventions
4. Provide information on establishing protocols for monitoring damage to hazelnut crops and assist the establishment of a damage assessment monitoring system and mapping
5. Deliver a comprehensive report of the main findings, together with recommendations for areas of future intervention for pest management.

4. EXPECTED OUTPUTS

1. BMSB crop damage monitoring system established and put in place
2. Submission of a final report reflecting the main findings together with recommendations for areas of future intervention on BMSB management

5. QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- ✓ Academic qualification and background in entomology
- ✓ Specific knowledge and expertise on Brown Marmorated Stink Bug and its monitoring and management methods
- ✓ Experience of conducting assessments
- ✓ Proven analytical and report writing skills
- ✓ Presentation and communication skills
- ✓ English language fluency
- ✓ Knowledge of Russian language an advantage

6. GENERAL CONDITIONS

Required start date: Beginning of September 2017

Duration of work: 12 days (10 days in Abkhazia Georgia and 2 days remote)

Location of work: Tbilisi, Gali, Sukhumi & remote (home-based)

Work Plan: The work plan will be made together with Action Against Hunger prior to departure to Georgia

Fees: The total amount for consultancy fees to be negotiated based on the proposition and experience of the consultant.

Per diem: The amount of requested per diem should be included separately with the consultancy fee.

Payment: 100% of the fees to be paid on completion and approval of the timesheet, submission of final report and delivery of presentation to Action Against Hunger and stakeholders.

Travel: Travel to the mission and back will be paid directly by Action Against Hunger and all internal travel cross in country will be arranged and paid for by Action Against Hunger.

Accommodation: Hotel or guesthouse accommodation in Tbilisi and Abkhazia will be arranged and covered by Action Against Hunger.

Report: The final document will be submitted in an electronic version in the English language.

Rights: The ownership of the final report document will belong to Action Against Hunger and the European Union exclusively. The document, or any publication related to it, will not be shared by the consultant to anybody prior to the delivery of the final document to the donor by Action Against Hunger.

Action Against Hunger may share the results of the report with the following groups:

- Donor(s)
- Key Stakeholders
- Various co-ordination bodies

Visa: Action Against Hunger will support the consultant in the visa application and make payment for the visa for Abkhazia.

Insurance: The consultant shall manage his/her own insurance and provide the details of coverage to Action Against Hunger before departure.

Translation: Action Against Hunger will provide spoken translation from Russian-English and English-Russian as required by the consultant.

Other: Any materials required to carry out the assigned consultancy (laptop, mobile phone etc.), must be provided by the consultant.

6. APPLICATION PROCESS

- Interested applicants should send their **CV** and a **1-page letter of interest** outlining the applicant's knowledge and experience in the areas described above
- The letter should also include the **proposed gross daily rate for remuneration (in Euros)**. This daily rate should include the consultancy fee and per diem. *Please note that international and internal travel, accommodation and visa costs will be covered by Action Against Hunger*
- Applications to be sent to the Action Against Hunger email address: acfjobs@sc.acfspain.org with the subject "**Consultant Entomologist**" no later than **31st July 2017**.