



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Title	Consultancy on the feasibility study to develop a regional Animal Price Monitoring tool under the SEACFMD Campaign
Internal reference	SRR-SEA/CFEOI2021/1
Type of contract	Consultancy contract
Location	Home-based
Starting date	1 September 2021
Expected working days	Maximum 25 days
Expected duration	1 September 2021 – 15 December 2021
Submission deadline	13 August 2021

1. Background

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is an intergovernmental organisation responsible for improving animal health, veterinary public health, and animal welfare worldwide and ensuring transparency of the global animal disease situation. The World Trade Organization recognises the standards it develops for the trade-in live animals and products of animal origin as reference international sanitary rules www.oie.int.

The OIE has 182 Members and is present on all continents through 13 Representations, including the Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia (SRR-SEA), based in Bangkok, Thailand, which provides support to OIE Members in South-East Asia to enhance the capacity of national Veterinary Services to implement the OIE standards and guidelines for securing animal health and welfare. In particular, the OIE SRR-SEA coordinates the South-East Asia and China Foot and Mouth Disease (SEACFMD) Campaign.

Since the initiation of the SEACFMD Campaign in 1997, five successive phases have taken place to respond to Members' needs and have supported the control of FMD in the region. However, several studies demonstrated that animal movements, especially unofficial cross-border movements, play a crucial role in FMD transmission among SEACFMD member countries, preventing effective control of the disease. Critical drivers of animal movements are price changes related to disease status, demand and supply from market, and other socio-economic factors that challenge the potential threat of the transmission of transboundary animal diseases (TAD), including FMD and African swine fever (ASF).

Livestock movement is one of the important risk factors for the transmission of various TADs, within country and across borders. Therefore, knowledge of livestock movement patterns to prevent the entry and spread of the disease is vital.

A study conducted by the OIE in 2015 showed that livestock movement in the Greater Mekong Sub-region is dictated by various factors, including market prices. The study suggests that price changes for large ruminants in the Greater Mekong Subregion have led to significant

changes in the movement pathways of large ruminants in the region. (https://rr-asia.oie.int/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/livestock_movement_pathways_and_markets_in_the_gms__final_.pdf)

Currently there is no platform or mechanism in South East Asia that collect, monitor and share animal and animal product prices. Therefore, the OIE SRR-SEA is seeking to establish a regional platform under SEACFMD to monitor the price of livestock and their meat with systematic analyses. This platform would support identifying linkages between price trends and animal movements and would anticipate potential changes in animal movements and livestock volume in the region. The benefits for countries would be to timely adjust their measures and promote transparent and safe trade.

Before establishing a regional platform to monitor the price of livestock and products, the OIE SRR-SEA has identified the need to hire a consultant who will review and assess the needs to develop regional APM tool in the region.

2. Aims, scope, and expected outputs & deliverables

2.1 Aims and scope

This consultancy aims to conduct a feasibility study develop a regional platform for livestock price monitoring and its benefits from regional and national perspectives.

The consultant will conduct a desktop study to review best practices in animal and animal product price monitoring in the other regions, the impact of price fluctuations, or changes in trade and animal movement patterns in particular in South East Asia. He/she will examine the feasibility of establishing a tool for periodical animal price data collection and analysis in the region and provide practical and fit-for-purpose recommendations.

The scope of the work will include:

- Review the studies on animal movements, trade factors and price changes in the region and identify factors driving animal movement direction and explore the linkage of prices on cross-border animal movements and trade in SE Asia
- Demonstrate, based on other experiences and success stories how price monitoring system can anticipate changes in animal movement patterns, effectively enabling veterinary services to adjust FMD control strategies and mitigate FMD risks.
- Develop a strategy to monitor animal and animal product price changes that would link to animal movement and trading patterns
- Identify and describe existing price monitoring platforms or sources of price information at national and regional level, if available.
- Identify the critical requirements for establishing animal and animal product data collection and analysis for long term purposes
- Identify the feasibility of establishing an Animal Price Monitoring (APM) tool, including the type of data collection, frequency and analysis
- Provide recommendations and advocacy materials that would support the establishment of an APM tool in the region
- Contribute to the OIE SRR seminars, capacity building activities and meetings for the above purposes.

The final consultancy report will be used as strategic guidance to establish APM tools in the region. Therefore, the report should include a summary of identified gaps and recommendations on addressing them for the effective implementation of the AMP.

2.2 Expected outputs and deliverables

A. Expected outputs

- i. Design a workplan and propose a clear methodology and outputs for the with a clear timeline. The OIE SRR SEA will validate the workplan, methodology and timelines before the following steps be started.
- ii. Review of the links between price changes and animal movement or demand-based trade including examine available existing AMP tools collection though interview selected countries,
- iii. and best practices for animal price data collection, analysis, their purpose, and benefits of monitoring
- iv. Feasibility report and expected challenges in establishing an APM tool at the sub-regional level, including its analysis to anticipate potential changes in animal movement patterns.
- v. Collate/compile figures, stories, communication materials that are useful for advocating to establish APM in the region.

The final report should be submitted to the OIE SRR-SEA at the due date **for approval and endorsement.**

B. Deliverables:

The consultant will work closely with OIE SRR-SEA to achieve the following deliverables.

Proposed Deliverables	Deadline (Prov.)	Days of work (Prov.)
Inception meeting (online)	1 September	1 day
Development of a workplan	15 September	3 days
Review studies and design methodology to complete feasibility study including interview selected countries for existing APM data and best practices for animal price data collection, analysis, their purpose, and benefits of monitoring	1 October	10 days
Collate/compile communication materials that are useful for advocating to establish APM in the region	30 October	5 days
Draft feasibility study report including findings, conclusion and practical recommendations	25 November	3 days
Final report of the feasibility study including executive summary	10 December	3 days

3. WORK ARRANGEMENTS:

A. Timeframe

The timeframe is from 1 September 2021 to 15 December 2021.

B. Organisation of the work

This assignment requires home-based work. There is the freedom to implement this consultancy as an individual or as a team.

The consultant(s) is/are not authorised to contact OIE Delegates or other stakeholders, except under exceptional circumstances and with the explicit prior authorisation of the OIE SRR-SEA.

C. Payment schedule

The payment will be made in tranches: forty percent (40%) of the total price will be paid upon the validation of the methodology, the remaining 60% will be paid upon reception and validation of the final feasibility report by the OIE.

D. Reporting and communication channels

The Consultant and OIE SRRSEA will discuss and agree on the workplan and way forward to drive the consultancy during the inception meeting.

The Consultant should periodically and at each milestone (defined at the start of the consultancy) report to OIE SRR-SEA the progress on the workplan. The Consultant should propose a timeline of activities during the inception meeting.

The OIE SRR-SEA will validate the final report.

4. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERTISE:

The consultant or team of consultants should demonstrate the following skills/qualities and adhere to the highest review standards and code of ethics expected by OIE and its partners:

A. Experience

- At least 5 years of working experience in agriculture or animal health economy, particularly in the context of regional or /and global economic study related to TADs; (desired)
- Proven and relevant experience in designing market value chain analysis and working on animal trade with context to animal price, market demand and supply chain; (desired)
- Experience conducting desktop study and literature review as well as communicating with public and private sectors;
- Demonstrated experience in the animal health sector at the national, regional, and global levels is considered an asset;
- Working experience in South-East Asia and China is considered an asset;

B. Skills

- Fluency in English with excellent verbal and written skills; highly proficient at writing detailed technical reports in English;
- Strong analytical skills and ability to perform a literature review and synthesise solid evaluative findings out of raw evidence;(desired)
- Demonstrated ability to break down and communicate complex concepts simply in multicultural settings;
- Highly self-motivated;
- Ability to work effectively in a team, as well as independently and with little guidance;
- Ability to communicate effectively in a multicultural environment.

5. STRUCTURE OF THE PROCEDURE

Interested consultant(s) are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI), including the following:

- Maximum 4-page 'Expression of Interest' that provides information on the proposed methodology for carrying out the work, including the following sections:
 - Understanding of the project;
 - General methodology
 - Draft work plan
 - Professional profiles
 - Expertise
 - Past similar experience,
 - The rationale for team-set up if more than one,
 - Language skills,
 - Two (2) work examples of peer reviewed related work
 - Any relevant information
- Maximum 4-page CV with information on related experience (*for each consultant, if your bid concern a team of consultants*);
- Annex 1 "Financial offer" (including a breakdown of proposed costs for each proposed deliverable) duly completed and signed;
- Annex 2 "Declaration of integrity" duly completed and signed;
- Two (2) work samples of peer-reviewed related work;

The OIE may further contact short-listed candidates should additional information/clarification be required.

6. **RESPONSE PROCEDURE**

The OIE places high value on a multicultural and positive work environment and seeks gender and geographical balance in its international consultants. The OIE welcomes proposal of all qualified consultant, irrespective of their ethnic origin, gender, opinions, or beliefs.

If you are interested in the position, please submit your proposal by 13 August 2021, by clicking on the link below

The OIE, as a data controller, will process the personal data you provide in the proposal form for the purposes of establishing a list of interested experts and consultants and sharing with you subsequent calls for proposals. The data collected will be processed internally for the aforementioned purposes and it will be kept for 5 years. You have the right to access and rectify your data and request erasure and obtain data portability under certain circumstances. You may withdraw your consent to the processing of your data at any time by contacting srr.seasia@oie.int. To exercise these rights or if you have any questions about the processing of your data, you can contact our data protection officer at dpo@oie.int. For more information, check our Privacy Policy: <https://www.oie.int/en/privacy-policy/>.

7. **Annexes**

1. Financial offer (annex 1),
2. Declaration of Integrity (annex 2)

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Should you have any questions, please contact the SRR SEA at srr.seasia@oie.int