

## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

<b>Title</b>	Development of ASEAN ASF Control Strategy
<b>Internal Reference</b>	SRR-SEA/CFEOI2022/1
<b>Type of contract</b>	Consultancy Contract
<b>Location</b>	Home-based work, electronic meetings
<b>Starting date</b>	From the signature of the contract
<b>Expected working days</b>	36.5 days
<b>Expected duration</b>	from May to September 2022 (5 months)
Publication	
<b>Call publication on</b>	22 March 2022
<b>Initial submission deadline</b>	6 April 2022 (6pm Bangkok time)
1 <sup>st</sup> relaunch	
<b>Call relaunched on</b>	7 April 2022
<b>Previous submission deadline</b>	21 April 2022
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> relaunch</b>	
<b>Call relaunched on</b>	<b>22 April 2022</b>
<b>New submission deadline</b>	<b>6 May 2022 (6pm Bangkok time)</b>

## 1. CONTEXT

### 1.1 BACKGROUND

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is the intergovernmental organisation responsible for improving animal health worldwide. The standards it develops for the trade of live animals and products of animal origin are recognized by the World Trade Organization as reference international sanitary rules (<http://www.oie.int/>).

The OIE has 182 Members and is present on all continents through 13 Representations or Bureaus in total, including the Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia (SRR-SEA), based in Bangkok, Thailand, which provides supports 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.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, was established on 8 August 1967. The ASEAN states comprised of ten states<sup>1</sup>.

### 1.2 PURPOSE

African swine fever (ASF) is an infectious disease of domestic and wild pigs of all breeds and ages, caused by ASF virus (ASFV) which is the sole member of the family *Asfarviridae*. ASF epidemiology is complex with different epidemiological patterns of infection occurring in Africa, Europe and Asia. ASF occurs through transmission cycles involving domestic pigs, wild boars, wild African suids, and soft ticks'. Please refer to the OIE's [technical disease card for ASF](#)

Following the introduction and further spread of ASF in Asia and the Pacific, there has been increasing concern over this disease in Asia and the Pacific. The ASF situation is continuously evolving in the region and has also been impacted by COVID-19 and associated restrictive measures. With over 60% of the world's domestic pig population in Asia the impact of this disease in the region cannot be underestimated.

Since 2004, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) have cooperated in the Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) to reduce the threat from transboundary animal diseases (TADs) to food security, livelihoods and safe trade. In 2019, a call was made at the 87th World Assembly of OIE Delegates for the establishment, in coordination with FAO, of a global initiative to control ASF aiming to (i) Improve the capability of countries to control (prevent, respond, eradicate) ASF; (ii) Establish an effective coordination and cooperation framework for the global control of ASF; and (iii) facilitate business continuity ensuring safe production and trade to protect food systems using International Standards. The GF-TADs Strategy for 2021–2025<sup>2</sup>: Enhancing control of transboundary animal diseases for global health was launched recently which recommended establishment of strategies for priority TADs at the sub-regional, regional and global levels. The GF-TADs mechanism helps partners involved in animal health at the regional and sub-regional levels to develop common strategies to address their priorities for the control and prevention of TADs.

Considering the widespread of ASF in South-East Asia and in line with the GF-TADs Strategy 2021-2025 and Global initiative to control ASF, the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working

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<sup>1</sup> Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore Thailand and Vietnam

<sup>2</sup> OIE and FAO. 2021. GF-TADs Strategy for 2021–2025. Enhancing control of transboundary animal diseases for global health. Rome. <https://doi.org/10.20506/GFTADS.3269>

Group for Livestock (ASWGL) in May 2021 recommended OIE to support development of ASEAN ASF Control Strategy. The purpose of the ASEAN ASF Control Strategy is to coordinate actions to effectively prevent the spread and mitigate the impacts of African swine fever in South-East Asia, in line with the GF-TADS initiative for the global control of African Swine Fever. The meeting between ASEAN and OIE on 17 November 2021 took note of this recommendation of the 29<sup>th</sup> ASWGL meeting and OIE agreed to support the development of the ASEAN ASF Control Strategy.

## **2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **2.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK**

#### **2.1.1. Objectives**

The objective of this Consultancy will be to facilitate the development ASEAN ASF Control strategy with an ultimate aim to:

- coordinate actions to effectively prevent the spread and mitigate the impacts of African swine fever in South-East Asia, in line with the GF-TADS initiative for the global control of African Swine Fever.
- enhance the capability of ASEAN Member States to better control (prevent, respond and eradicate) ASF.

#### **2.1.1. Scope of work**

The scope of this consultancy is to develop ASEAN ASF Control Strategy. The strategy document will be in line with [Global GF-TADs Strategy 2021-2025](#), [Global ASF Control Strategy](#) and relevant OIE Standards and Recommendations, such as [Chapter 15.1](#) and other relevant chapters of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code. 4

The selection of the Consultant(s) will be done by the OIE SRR-SEA, in close consultation with the core groups composed of technical staff from the ASEAN lead countries for ASF (Philippines)/ ASEAN Secretariat, the OIE and FAO.

The Consultant will work closely with the core groups, expert groups (global and regional) and ASEAN members to carry out the following tasks:

- Facilitate a workshop with the ASEAN Member States in development of ASF Control Strategy
- Develop ASEAN ASF Control Strategy

The Consultant will facilitate development the ASEAN ASF Control Strategy in line with the GF-TADS initiative for the global control of African swine fever<sup>3</sup>and Global GF-TADs Strategy 2021-2025. While developing the strategy, the consultant should consider the pig production systems and epidemiology of ASF in South-East Asia, including various measures and interventions undertaken to prevent ASF incursion and to effectively prevent the spread and mitigate the impacts of African swine fever in South-East Asia.

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<sup>3</sup> FAO and OIE. 2020. Global control of African swine fever: A GF-TADs initiative. 2020–2025. Paris. <https://www.fao.org/3/ca9164en/ca9164en.pdf>

The consultant will be supported by two groups: (i) a core group composed of technical staff from the ASEAN lead countries for ASF (Philippines), the OIE and FAO and (ii) a resource/expert group composed of representatives from:

- a. Standing Group of Experts for ASF
- b. Global ASF Working Group
- c. ASEAN Sectoral Working Group for Livestock (ASWGL)

The Consultant will develop the outlines of the Strategy in consultation with the ASEAN members and the resource groups/persons, including the development of a Theory of Change (TOC). The draft Strategy will then be shared with the ASEAN members and the resource groups/persons for their review and feedback. Consultative virtual meetings with the resource/expert group and members will be arranged by the OIE SRR-SEA and ASEAN Secretariat.

## 2.2 EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Table 1: Key steps and the number of working days and provisional deadlines**

Activity/ Steps	Deadlines (tentative)	Estimated workload (TBC) (in days)
<b>Inception and coordination</b>		
Development of a project workplan including reporting timelines to respect deadlines for submission of quality deliverables and the methodology to manage different steps of the review.	24 May 2022	2
Kick-off/inception meeting (virtual)	31 May 2022	0.5
<b>Development of ASF Control Strategy</b>		
Desktop review of ASF literatures, reports and other documents relevant to ASF in the region	20 June 2022	5
Develop the outlines of the Control Strategy	30 June 2022	5
Consult with the resource groups/experts and finalise the outlines	15 July 2022	2
Facilitate a workshop with ASEAN members to develop ASF Control Strategy	8 August 2022	2
Conduct country consultations with various stakeholders to get further information of ASF control at country level (7 affected countries)	20 August 2022	4
Develop Theory of Change	27 August 2022	2
Develop a first draft based on the agreed outlines (Submit the draft strategy) and present to the Resource Groups	21 September 2022	10

Consult the members and the resource groups/experts – integrate feedback received into the draft report	30 September 2022	2
Finalise the document (Submit final strategy)	10 October 2022	2
<b>Total working days</b>		<b>36.5 days</b>

All deliverables must be provided in English. Progress will be requested on a regular basis which the consultant has to show the timelines in the workplan presented at the inception meeting. The relevant staff of the two Organisations will provide background information, relevant documents to facilitate the work of the consultant.

### 3. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

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

#### 3.1 Experience

- Proven experience in the development of control strategies for transboundary animal diseases at the regional and national level (required);
- At least 5 years of relevant experience in the Animal Health Sector (TADs prevention and control) at the national, regional, and global levels (required);
- Working experience and knowledge of ASF (required);
- Good understanding and knowledge of the GF-TADs framework and of the OIE standards;
- Working experience in South-East Asia (is considered as an asset).
- Experience working with international or regional organisations (will be an asset);

#### 3.2 Interpersonal Skills

- Excellent writing skills in English, including the ability to convey complex issues and ideas in simple easy-to-understand forms;
- Strong epidemiological and analytical skills including document review, and ability to apply scientific findings in the field context;
- Ability to work in participatory and collaborative way to develop theory of change and strategy. ;
- Ability to communicate effectively in a multicultural environment.

### 4. WORK ARRANGEMENTS

#### 4.1 ORGANISATION OF THE WORK

The consultant will develop workplan taking into consideration the restrictions due to the COVID-19 situation. There is freedom to conduct this consultancy as an individual, or as a team.

- Location: This assignment requires home-based work with electronic consultations.

- ii. Duration: Contract duration of 5 months.
- iii. Start date: Initiation of work will start in April 2022 and work will last until September 2022.
- iv. Language: All documents shall be written in plain English.

#### **4.2 PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

The following schedule of payments will be finalised in the contract based on the agreed-upon workplan and set of deliverables:

- Thirty percent (30%) of the contract value will be paid after submission of inception and work plan to OIE SRR-SEA;
- Thirty percent (30%) of the contract value will be paid upon reception of the draft ASEAN ASF Control Strategy by the OIE SRR-SEA;
- Remaining balance of the contract value will be paid upon reception and validation of the final ASEAN ASF Control Strategy by the OIE SRR-SEA.

#### **4.3 REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION CHANNELS**

For administrative question, the Consultant(s) will contact the OIE Regional Animal Health Coordinator: Dr Karma Rinzin.

For technical questions, the Consultant(s) may contact directly the members of the core group. The Consultant(s) and the core group will discuss and agree on the workplan and way forward to drive the consultancy during the kick-off meeting.

The Consultant(s) should periodically and at each milestone (defined at the start of the consultancy), report to the core group the progress on the workplan.

The consultant(s) may contact also directly the expert group, after close coordination with the core group.

The core group will validate the work done and the deliverables. The final ASEAN ASF Control Strategy will be validated by the ASEAN ASWGL at its next meeting (likely in April/May 2022 – TBC).

### **5. STRUCTURE OF THE RESPONSE**

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

- Maximum 4-page 'Expression of Interest' that provides information on the:
  - Understanding of the project;
  - General methodology;
  - Draft work plan and approach (including if any, a list of teammates who would be delegated to conduct this project);
  - Budget plan (including a breakdown and schedule of proposed costs for each proposed deliverables);
  - Professional profiles
    - Expertise
    - past similar experience,

- rationale for team-set up if more than one
- language skills etc.
- Any additional information.
- Maximum 4-page CV with information on related experience (for each of the candidates, if joint submission);
- Two (2) work samples of peer reviewed related work.

Short-listed Consultant(s) may be further contacted by the OIE should additional information/clarification is required.

- Financial offer duly completed and signed (annex 1)
- Declaration of integrity duly completed and signed (annex 2)

## 6. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF THE CONTRACT

The OIE will proceed to an evaluation of all final proposals according to the criteria described below:

- **Technical criteria (80%)**
  - Expertise (40%)
  - Quality of work samples (20%)
  - Experience in the development of control strategies for TADs (20%)
  - Working experience in South-East Asia and ASF (20%)
- **Financial criteria (20%)**
  - Global cost (100%)

## 7. 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 proposals of all qualified candidates, irrespective of their ethnic origin, gender, opinions or beliefs.

If you are interested in this call for expression of interest, please complete your bids online by clicking on the link below.

[APPLY HERE](#)

The OIE, as a data controller, will process the personal data you provide in the bidder for the purposes of identifying a suitable Consultant, to support its work.

The data collected will be processed internally for the aforementioned purposes and for the resulting administrative acts, it shall be kept for the duration of the contract with you and in an intermediate archive for a duration of 10 during the audit period.

You have rights to access and rectify your personal data, as well as to request erasure and obtain data portability under certain circumstances.

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](mailto:dpo@oie.int). For more information check our Privacy Policy: <https://www.oie.int/en/privacy-policy>".

Should you have any questions, please contact [srr.sea@oie.int](mailto:srr.sea@oie.int).

To comply with disclosure requirements and enhance transparency, OIE shall publish on its website the following information about the Contract which shall be concluded with the awarded contractor:

(i) the nature of the contract (ii) year of award (iii) name and locality of the Consultant; (iv) the title, purpose of the Consultant; and (v) the amount of this Agreement. OIE will not release or publish information that could reasonably be considered confidential or proprietary.

## **8. ANNEXES**

**Annex 1:** The financial offer to be returned dully completed and signed

**Annex 2:** The declaration of integrity to be returned dully completed and signed