

Terms of Reference: Monitoring consultancy in Niassa

1. Background

Sweden's development cooperation in Mozambique is guided by the strategy for Sweden's Development Cooperation with Mozambique, 2022 – 2026 ("the Strategy"). The objective of Sweden's international development cooperation is to create conditions to improve the lives of people living in poverty and oppression. Sweden's development cooperation will be based on the principles of aid and development effectiveness, the 2030 Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and the Paris Agreement. The Strategy consists of four support areas:

1. Environment, climate, and sustainable use of natural resources,
2. Human rights, democracy, rule of law and gender equality,
3. Inclusive Economic Development and,
4. Peaceful and inclusive societies.

Sweden also supports capacity building within research and higher education in Mozambique.

The operationalization of the Sweden's development cooperation strategy in Mozambique (2022-2026) defined Niassa as a one of geographic priority area. Sweden has a long experience of working in Niassa, which gives Sweden a strong advantage.

For Niassa, the Embassy of Sweden intends to develop a programmatic approach that integrates several support programmes that contribute to development indicators of the province, in the following areas of support (following the result areas of the Strategy): biodiversity and conservation, access to energy, strengthened formal and informal civil society, social protection, job creation, sexual reproductive and health rights, access to basic services and spatial planning and housing. The Embassy of Sweden understand for the success of the above programmatic approach support and maintain sustainability in a long term, it is vital to improve the provincial and district capacity for planning and budget management in line with the deconcentrated public financial management (PFM) system.

Within Niassa province the Swedish programmatic approach support is intended to target into four districts (Metarica, Maua, Marrupa and Nipepe), identified in dialogue with the local authorities, as well as coordinating with the Executive body of decentralized Provincial Government and the State deconcentrated Services.

Some contributions such as BRILHO contribution aiming to stimulate private sector delivery of quality and affordable off-grid energy products and services to improve the lives of low-income people in Mozambique initiated their operations in the beginning of 2023 but the majority is in either in inception phase or will start during the remaining months of 2023. BRILHO is a programme implemented by SNV, funded by the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) over five years (2019-2024), with positive and promising progress achieved by mid-2022, and seeking additional support from Sida to further strengthen and scale its contribution to the off-grid energy sector development in the Niassa Province.

In order to ensure an efficient start of the contributions as well as the programmatic approach, including the collaboration with provincial and district authorities and other development partners, the Embassy has identified the need to contract a consultant for the critical first months.

2. Objective and scope of work

The objective of the consultancy is to provide support to the Embassy to ensure an efficient start of the programmatic approach of Niassa. This includes, but is not limited to, the following key tasks:

1. Develop strategies, mechanisms and tools that will facilitate the flow of information between the partner organisations, as well as between the partner organisations and the provincial authorities and other development partners working in Niassa
2. Monitor the inception phases of the ongoing programmes in Niassa and develop mechanisms that would assist the partner organisations to improve coordination, effectiveness and complementarity of the interventions aiming to strengthen the livelihoods of the right holders in the districts involved and,
3. Advise on the design process of potential new programmes under appraisal, specifically on building synergies between ongoing programmes and the programmes under appraisal
4. Provide general feedback to the Embassy on the progression of the programmatic approach, including need to adjust approaches etc.
5. Participate in partner coordination forums at provincial level, in close coordination with the responsible programme officers at the Embassy.

The different contributions active in Niassa are in different stages while the necessity to engage with them will vary. Prioritization will be done in dialogue between the consultant and the Embassy.

The Embassy is in the process of recruiting a consultant for financial monitoring and follow-up. When that process is concluded, the two consultants are expected to coordinate the work to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.

The consultant should be prepared to travel extensively in the province, including to the four abovementioned districts. A car will be provided but the consultant will budget for fuel and maintenance.

3. Qualifications

The Consultants need to possess profound knowledge, and have at least five years proven work experience in developing countries, preferably in Mozambique, in the following areas:

- Project monitoring, preferably in rural areas.
- Programme/project implementation in rural areas.
- Dialogue and coordination with stakeholders including private sector, government and civil society.
- Analytical work including synthesising vast amounts of information from different stakeholders.

In addition, the Consultant shall have full professional proficiency in English and Portuguese in speech and writing. The consultant shall be able to work closely with Embassy staff, local government authorities and partner organisations. The consultant shall have flexibility to respond to the demands within the proposed Assignment.

Working experience from Sida's contribution management systems and from Sida's perspectives (poverty, human rights, environment, and conflict) is an advantage.

4. Tentative timeframe and deliverables

The assignment is for a maximum of 90 working days with no chance of extension.

The assignment is expected to commence as soon as possible after the finalization of the procurement.

The consultant is expected to spend at least three weeks per month in the province. The fourth week the consultant can work from home, should that be on another location. The Consultant is responsible for budgeting the accommodation costs.

The consultant should provide monthly reports to the Embassy (Programme Officer Paulo Júnior and Head of Cooperation Kajsa Johansson). The Embassy expects the consultant to keep regular contact throughout the work and quickly raise and address any issues that might occur. The consultant should provide an analytical report at the end of the three months period with reflections and recommendations to the Embassy, the partners and the government authorities. The format will be discussed with the consultant after signing of contract.

In Niassa, the consultant will be based at the We Effect premises in Lichinga with internet connection available. The consultant will have to cater for her/his own computer.

The consultant will be contracted directly by the Embassy. Date to submit the Concept Note proposal to the Embassy: 26 of October 2023. The proposal shall include following:

- Description of how the work will be carried out.
- Time-plan and costs for the assignment.