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# CALL FOR CONSULTANTS

## RESEARCH & DOCUMENTATION OF AGROECOLOGY PRACTICES AND FARMER KNOWLEDGE ON AGRICULTURAL INPUTS

We are seeking a qualified consultant/researcher or research team to research and document agroecological practices and farmers' knowledge of agroecological inputs, including certified and non-certified inputs as part of the project titled: ***“Strengthening Agroecology for Resilient Livelihoods: Empowering Women and Smallholder Farmers in Northern Ghana.”***

### Key Requirements

- Experience: Minimum 5-10 years in programmatic research or impact evaluations in rural development.
- Topical Expertise: Deep knowledge of agroecology, soil health, and indigenous food systems in Northern Ghana.
- Linguistic Skills: Proficiency in English and local languages (Kasem, Grune, or Mampruli) is strongly preferred.
- Approach: Proven experience in participatory and gender-responsive research methods.



### To apply

- Expression of interest/cover letter
- CV(s) of consultant/team members
- A Technical Proposal (max 8 pages) demonstrating understanding of the project objectives and proposed methodology.
- A Financial Proposal with a detailed budget breakdown.
- Evidence of relevant previous assignments
- Professional references

Submit applications to [info@womgh.org](mailto:info@womgh.org) with the Subject: Application – Consultancy to Document Agroecology Practices and Knowledge on Agroecology Inputs

### Deadline

25th September, 2026

# CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

## *Consultancy to research and document Agroecology Practices and Farmer Knowledge on Agroecological Inputs*

### **Lead Organization: Widows and Orphans Movement (WOM)**

The Widows and Orphans Movement (WOM) is a registered NGO in Ghana that has worked since 1993 to promote the rights and dignity of widows, orphans, women, and youth. WOM focuses on socio-cultural and economic transformation, with key thematic areas in Human Rights, Education, Health, Women's Economic Empowerment, and Climate Change. Since 2010, WOM has been a lead advocate for agroecology as a solution for food sovereignty and environmental sustainability.

### **Background**

The Widows and Orphans Movement (WOM), in collaboration with its consortium partners Trax Ghana, The Beela Project, Bugbon Farms, Volta Sustainable Farms, the Organisation for Indigenous Initiatives and Sustainability (ORGIIS), and the Centre for Ecological Agriculture and Livelihoods (CEAL), and with funding support from the 11th Hour Project Food Sovereignty Fund of RSF, is implementing the project titled: "Strengthening Agroecology for Resilient Livelihoods: Empowering Women and Smallholder Farmers in Northern Ghana."

The project seeks to strengthen the resilience and livelihoods of women and smallholder farmers by promoting agroecological practices, improving food security and climate resilience, sharing knowledge, and fostering multi-stakeholder collaboration in the Upper East and Northeast Regions of Ghana, targeting 360 direct farmers (50% women)

As part of the project's knowledge and documentation component, WOM seeks to engage a qualified consultant/researcher, or research team, to identify and document Agroecology Practices and Knowledge on inputs (Farmers' knowledge - whether certified or not) to enhance learning, replication and contribute to the generation of evidence for advocacy. The study will particularly seek to understand what farmers know, use, produce, exchange or source as agroecological inputs; the extent to which these inputs are certified or non-certified; and the knowledge, experiences and practices that underpin their use.

The research will contribute to building an evidence base to promote locally appropriate, sustainable, and resilient agroecological production systems

## Purpose of the Consultancy

The overall purpose of the consultancy is to research, document and analyse existing agroecological practices and farmer knowledge relating to agroecological inputs among smallholder farmers in the project implementation areas.

The study should capture both formal and informal/local knowledge, including farmer-developed practices, indigenous knowledge and experiences with certified and non-certified agricultural inputs.

## Scope of Work

- The consultant will be responsible for:
  - Document Review: Analysing existing indigenous practices and partner organisations' current agroecology activities.
  - Research Design: Developing a participatory and gender-sensitive methodology to capture farmer knowledge.
  - Field Documentation: Engaging with the 360 direct farmers across target districts to document practices like composting, biochar, liquid fertilizers, and botanical pesticides.
  - Stakeholder Engagement: Consulting with traditional authorities (Tindanas), the Department of Agriculture (DoA), and successful agroecology practitioners.
- Validation: Facilitating workshops to verify documented knowledge with local stakeholders before finalization

## Research Questions

The consultancy should answer the following questions,

1. Effectiveness: Which documented indigenous and innovative practices are most effective for improving soil health and crop resilience in the target regions?
2. Knowledge Depth: What is the extent of farmer knowledge regarding alternative inputs, and what are the barriers to their formal certification or wider use?
3. Relevance: How do these documented practices specifically address the needs of widows and female smallholder farmers?
4. Advocacy Potential: How can this documented evidence be used to influence policy formulation and implementation?

## Methodology & Data Collection

The consultant must propose a mixed-methods approach that includes:

- Qualitative: Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with women's groups and Key Informant Interviews (KIs) with traditional leaders and state actors.
- Quantitative: Surveys to track the prevalence of specific agroecological practices.
- Visual Documentation: Use of cameras and recorders to create a visual record of practices for training and replication.
- Linguistic Inclusion: Tools and discussions must be available in Kasem, Grune, Mampruli, and English.

## KEY DELIVERABLES

1. **Inception Report:** Detailed research protocol, sampling design, and work plan.
2. **Draft Documentation Report:** Initial findings on agroecology practices and input knowledge.
3. **Validation Workshop:** Presentation of findings to WOM, partners, and the Department of Agriculture.
4. **Final Research Product:** A comprehensive document of agroecology practices, including a summary PowerPoint for advocacy use.

- **Experience:** Minimum 5-10 years in programmatic research or impact evaluations in rural development.
- **Topical Expertise:** Deep knowledge of agroecology, soil health, and indigenous food systems in Northern Ghana.
- **Linguistic Skills:** Proficiency in English and local languages (Kasem, Grune, or Mampruli) is strongly preferred.
- **Approach:** Proven experience in participatory and gender-responsive research methods.

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Interested applicants should submit:

1. Expression of interest/cover letter
2. CV(s) of consultant/team members
3. A Technical Proposal (max 8 pages) demonstrating understanding of the project objectives and proposed methodology.
4. A Financial Proposal with a detailed budget breakdown.
5. Two writing samples of similar research or documentation projects.
6. Two professional Referees

**Submission Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

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