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Terms of Reference for Consultant Category B ***

Name:			
Job Title**:	Epidemiologist (Peste des Petits Ruminants)		
Division/Department:			
Programme/Project Number:			
Duty Station:	Rome, Italy		
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	May 2018	Duration:	6-12 months (may be extended up to 2 years)
Reports to: Name:	Bouna Diop	Title:	PPR Secretary

* Please note: If this TOR is for Consultant / PSA.SBS contract, the minimum relevant experience required for the assignment is as follows:

1 year for a category C

X 5 years for a category B

12 years for a category A

** Please enter a short title (max 25 chars) for this assignment.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Based on lessons learnt from the successful eradication of rinderpest in 2011, FAO and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) are mobilizing the international community around a new global initiative: the fight to eradicate Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) by 2030. FAO's ultimate goal is to facilitate the PPR eradication and to sustainably improve small ruminant production in order to benefit food and nutrition security and strengthen the livelihood resilience of rural women and men. The PPR Global Eradication Programme (GEP) aims also to strengthen veterinary services and reduce the incidence of other small ruminant diseases. Investing in the eradication of PPR will significantly contribute to food security and reducing poverty in the world's most vulnerable pastoral and rural communities. As a result it will directly benefit the livelihoods and stability of millions of pastoralists and livestock small holders in affected countries.

Within the framework of the implementation of the *Peste des petits ruminants* Global Eradication Programme (PPR GEP), under the general supervision of the Director of Animal Production and Health Division (AGA) and the direct supervision of the Secretary of the FAO/OIE Joint PPR Secretariat, and in collaboration with the members of the PPR Secretariat, the expert will carry out the following duties:

- Regularly assist to analyse the current PPR epidemiological situation in target countries, including the surveillance system, monitoring and vaccination measures, including immediate training needs of the Veterinary Services in order to ensure an effective prevention and control programme for PPR.
- Assist to carry out rapid qualitative risk assessment of PPR, using all available information obtained, to identify risk factors of spreading of the disease in at risk countries;
- Contribute to development of training material on disease reporting, active and passive surveillance, outbreak investigation, and wildlife surveillance
- Support countries in times of PPR outbreak
- Attend and use PPR road map workshops outcomes and PMAT assessment to understand country progressive pathway
- Contribute to the preparation of PPR projects in line with the PPR GEP and contribute to the resource mobilization and marketing strategy activities
- Contribute to the preparation of project reports as required by FAO and donors

- Perform other related duties as required.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:

1. Regular updates of PPR epidemiological situation
2. PPR qualitative risk assessment carried out
3. Training materials prepared
4. BTORs submitted for clearance within 10 days of mission completion
5. Final technical report upon completion of the assignment submitted

Required Completion Date:

6-12 months from starting date of the initial assignment

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Academic Qualifications:

- Advanced University degree in veterinary science and supplemented relevant post-graduate degree in epidemiology or related fields.

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements:

- At least five years of proven experience on livestock development or animal disease management veterinary medicine or livestock diseases control
- Knowledge of the PPR prevention and control
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.