**Terms of Reference**

**Agricultural research in a rural environment in order to identify competitive products in the local market.**

Locations:

* Bolot Mambetov Mambetov AO, Ton district, Ysyk-Kul region.
* Nizhne Chuisk AO / Kamyshanovka AO,
* Sokoluk district, Chui region.
* Bel-Aldy AO, Toktogul district, Zhalal-Abad region.
* Zhapalak AO, Osh region.

**1. Terms of reference**

**A. Background**

Good Neighbors in the Kyrgyz Republic is a branch of international humanitarian development NGO Good Neighbors that attained General consultative status with United Nations Economic and Social council (UN ECOSOC), it has been working in Kyrgyzstan since 2014. Good Neighbors focus on sustainable development of rural areas implementing projects in Education, Health, Water & Sanitation, Advocacy, Income Generation and Emergency Relieve.

The Good Neighbors in the Kyrgyz Republic (GNKGZ) plans to implement Income Generation (IG) projects related to the agricultural sector in the specified regions. The goal of the field agricultural research is to identify the competitive product of those communities at the local market.

The following table provides basic information about the target regions and villages:

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| Local self-government | Village |
| **Bolot Mambetov AO** | *Ak-Sai* |
| *Eshperov* |
| *Kok-Sai* |
| *Zher-Yi* |
| **Nijne Chuisk AO /**  **Kamyshanovka AO** | *Nijne Chuisk* |
| *Sadovoe* |
| *Mirnoe* |
| *Severnoe* |
| *Taltak* |
| *Stepnot* |
| *Kamyshanovka* |
| **Bel-Aldy AO** | *Korgon* |
| *Bel-Aldy* |
| *Sary Sogot* |
| **Zhapalak AO** | *Keremet* |
| *Kachybek* |
| *Meerkan* |
| *Kerme Too* |
| *Kenesh* |

**B. Objectives**

1. GNKGZ intends to organize agricultural field research in the Community Development Projects located in the rural regions to identify the most competitive agricultural products, to implement agricultural income generation projects.

**C. Scope of work**

It is expected that the expert organization will carry out the following works on time:

1. Classify what kind of agricultural employment is popular among the local community. Provide statistics on the involvement of the local population in a particular sector, with the definition of trends in the CDP.

2. Identify the most competitive income generation agriculture production based on the field research and statistical data.

3. Evaluate villager’s practices and experience in accordance with related competitive products. Highlight the strengths and weaknesses of local farmers

4. Analyze possible barriers or obstacles related to each competitive product in every area. Indicate possible solutions or ways to avoid them.

**D. Research report**

1. Provide electronic report of the research.

2. In the report we are expecting the result of the research with the evidence.

**F. Application**

Interested individual consultants/ organizations are requested to submit an Expression of Interest for this consultancy. The Expression of Interest should contain at least the following:

* Description of your understanding of the tasks including comments on the ToR;
* Elaborate description of the methodology to be followed to deliver the required outputs of this assignment;
* Work plan and time frame for implementation;
* Relevant CVs. or Profile information