

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SAINT LUCIA

Assignment Title: Post Enumeration Support Consultant- Census of Agriculture and Fisheries

Reference No.: SLU-DDM-CORTRCAF-ICS-26

Date Advertised: August 28, 2026

Submission Deadline: September 14, 2026

The OECS Data for Decision Making (DDM) Project is a regional project that seeks to improve the capacity of participating Eastern Caribbean countries to produce and publicly disseminate statistical data for country and regional level analytics. The Project is implemented by Grenada, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and the OECS Commission. It seeks to achieve its objective by strengthening both national and regional level capacities and fostering regional coordination. At the national level, Components 1 and 2 of the Project strengthen national statistical systems through (i) statistical modernization and capacity building, and (ii) data production, analysis, and dissemination, with a focus on the population and housing census, living conditions surveys, labour market surveys, and agricultural census. At the regional level, Component 3 supports the OECS Commission's mandate for regional integration and the strengthening of the regional statistical system. Component 4 supports project implementation, and Component 5 provides a contingency option for immediate surge funding in the event of a national emergency. The Project is implemented over a five-year period ending in June 2027.

The Government of Saint Lucia (GoSL) commenced implementation of the Census of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) in January 2025. The main aim is to strengthen the national agricultural data system and support evidence-based policy, planning, and investment. The CAF is a critical national exercise aligned with international standards including those of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The FAO World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2020 (WCA 2020) is the tenth global round of agricultural censuses coordinated by the FAO of the United Nations. It covers the period 2016–2025 and provides international standards, concepts, definitions, and methodologies for countries conducting agricultural censuses. The CAF is essential for improving food security, rural development, and climate-resilient agriculture planning. The data collect from the CAF covers areas inter alia identification and structure of agricultural holdings, land use and ownership, type of crops and crops pattern, livestock, aqua culture fisheries and forestry, agriculture labour and practices, demographic and social characteristics of holders, economic activity, gender and food security and livelihoods. The Census provides full coverage of all the fishers and farmers in St. Lucia.

Data collection commenced in May 2025 using a Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) platform. Implementation challenges — including delays in data collection, under-coverage in the districts of Soufrière, Dennery, Choiseul, and Micoud, weak supervision structures, enumerator shortages, payment bottlenecks, and coordination gaps — affected the pace and completeness of data collection. Data collection is expected to be completed by May 31, 2026. As a result of these implementation challenges, the enumeration data are expected to present specific data quality issues requiring systematic post-enumeration treatment, including: e.g., elevated item non-response rates in specific modules, under coverage in key agricultural areas, inconsistencies in land area measurements, duplicate records from CAPI data export, sampling frame not clearly defined. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Sustainable Development will

require dedicated technical assistance to manage the post-enumeration phase, covering data validation and cleaning, potentially imputation and/or weight construction, tabulation, and dissemination of preliminary findings. The Ministry of Agriculture has hired a consultant who is currently supporting the Ministry inter alia with data validation checks, weekly updates on number of questionnaires completed, preliminary analytical reports, indicators and data visualization. The Ministry of Agriculture is also expected to hire a data processing and report preparation consultant /firm. That consulting firm is expected to prepare the full CAF and thematic report reports.

The coordinator will support and oversee the administrative, operational, and logistical activities required following the completion of field data collection for the Census of Agriculture and Fisheries. The coordinator will ensure the smooth execution of post-enumeration activities including data processing support coordination, document management, field reconciliation, stakeholder coordination, reporting, and administrative closeout. The assignment focuses on non-technical coordination and management functions and does not include statistical analysis or technical data processing responsibilities.

The Ministry of Economic Development and Youth Economy now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Master's degree or higher in Statistics, Demography, Agricultural Economics, Economics, or a closely related quantitative discipline.
2. A minimum of 5 years' experience in project coordination technical role.
3. Demonstrated experience in coordinating or managing post-enumeration activities for large-scale census/survey operations, including oversight of technical workstreams and liaison with national statistical offices and international partners.
4. Familiarity with FAO World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2020 (WCA 2020) methodology and reporting standards.
5. Demonstrated experience in Stakeholder engagement and facilitation through undertaken of two (2) similar assignments.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and experience including local and regional. **Submissions should comprise 3 components based on the following format and content:**

1. A brief cover letter introducing yourself and explaining why you are interested in this position (maximum 1 page).
2. A resume (CV) showing personal details, work experience, and education, along with the names of two work-related references, certified copies of relevant certificates (maximum 3 pages).
3. Applicant's suitability for the position (with each essential and desirable evaluation criteria as a sub-heading) that demonstrates how your experience and skills set is applicable to each criterion and provides examples relevant to the post's key tasks and responsibilities (maximum 4 pages).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.16 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Procurement Regulations) sixth edition, March 2025, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. The consultant will be selected through the "Individual Consultant Selection method" in accordance with the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Procurement Regulations) March 2025.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below and is also attached with the REOI.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (0800 to 1630 hours, local time). Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form in English to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) no later than **September 14, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.**

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