

Biodiversity and Biosafety Association of Kenya (BIBA Kenya)

TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) FOR CONSULTANCY FOR A STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF TOXIC PESTICIDES ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND DISSEMINATION OF FINDINGS TO THE PUBLIC, FARMERS, AND CONSUMERS

# INTRODUCTION

## Back ground

BIBA Kenya is a national network of farmer organizations, animal welfare groups, consumer networks, faith-based organizations, local non-governmental organizations, and community-based organization promoting agroecology, environment, health, food safety and biodiversity. Currently, it comprises 52 member organizations spread across 22 counties. These member organizations are distributed across regions including Nairobi, Central, Rift Valley, Western, Eastern, and Nyanza.

BIBA Kenya’s mandate is to ensure the public is **AWARE** and **ALERT** about critical issues related to the environment, agriculture, livestock, food safety, health, and biodiversity. The network envisions a healthy nation that safeguards its biodiversity to promote community justice and sustainable livelihoods. BIBA Kenya implements its activities at the community level through its member organizations.

Pesticide use in agriculture has significant impacts on human health and the environment. Women and children, particularly in rural and farming communities, are disproportionately affected due to their exposure through work, household activities, and consumption of pesticide-contaminated food. Understanding these impacts is crucial for advocating for safer sustainable agricultural practices and influencing policy changes. BIBA Kenya is seeking for a consultancy service in conducting a desktop study on the effects of toxic pesticides on women and children health. The consultant will also recommend strategies of disseminating the findings to the public, farmers and consumers.

## 1.2. Purpose of the consultancy

The purpose of this consultancy is to conduct a comprehensive desktop review on the effects of toxic pesticides on women and children and recommend strategies for effective dissemination of the findings to the public, farmers, and consumers.

# SCOPE OF WORK

The consultant will undertake the following tasks:

1. Literature review:
* Compile and analyze existing research on the health impacts of toxic pesticides on women and children.
* Identify the most commonly used pesticides in Kenya and their documented effects.
* Assess the socio-economic and cultural factors contributing to exposure and vulnerability.
1. Data analysis:
* Summarize key findings on health risks, including acute and chronic illnesses.
* Highlight gaps in existing research and data.
1. Report preparation:
* Develop a comprehensive report detailing the findings and implications.
* Include recommendations for policy changes, safer sustainable agricultural practices, and protective measures for women and children.
1. Findings presentation:
* Prepare and present key findings and recommendation to a stakeholders forum.
* Findings dissemination strategy recommendations.

# SPECIFIC TASKS AND KEY DELIVERABLES FOR THE CONSULTANT

* Comprehensive literature review report.
* Study key findings and recommendations
* Findings Presentation during stakeholders forum
* Findings dissemination strategies recommendations.

# CONSULTANTS QUALIFICATION

To undertake this task, BIBA Kenya, is looking for a qualified, competent and experienced professional consultant.

Key consideration include:

* At least a master’s degree in public health, environmental science or a related field
* Proven in-depth understanding and consulting experiences in conducting similar research and or studies
* Strong facilitation and stakeholder engagement skills.
* Excellent analytical, writing, and great report writing skills.

# TASK TIMELINE

• Literature Review: 4 weeks

• Data Analysis and Report Preparation: 3 weeks

• Zero draft submission and inputs incorporation: 2 weeks

• Final Deliverables, stakeholder forum presentation and final Submission: 1 week

# APPLICATION PROCESS:

Completed proposals should include:

1. A **cover Letter** expressing interest and availability for the tasks
2. Technical proposal indicating his/her understanding of the assignment, proposed methodology for conducting the assignment and work plan.
3. Financial proposal showing the total cost of conducting the assignment including the breakdown of all the consultancy costs
4. The terms for payments in terms of percentages in order to carry out the exercise.
5. A list of possible documents for review
6. At least two reports of a similar assignment conducted elsewhere.
7. Detailed curriculum vitae of the consultant with relevant university certificates and relevant supporting documents and testimonials.
8. Names and contacts of two referees (phone numbers and email)

Interested and qualified consultant (s) or firms should send their application through info@bibakenya.org and cc kendi.juster@bibakenya.org and anne.maina@bibakenya.org with the subject heading: **Consultancy\_ Study on the effects of toxic pesticides on women and children health\_202\_5**

The closing date for application is 11**th April 2025.** Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.