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ANNEX 6

of the Commission Implementing Decision on the Annual Action Programme 2018 for Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture under the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the Thematic Programme on Global Public Goods and Challenges for the period 2018-2020 to be financed from the general budget of the Union

1. Title/basic act/ CRIS number	Support Measures 2018 CRIS number: DCI-FOOD/2018/041-114 financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument			
2. Zone benefiting from the action/location	The action shall be carried out in all countries eligible for support under the thematic programme			
3. Programming document	GPGC MIP 2014-2020			
4. Sector of concentration/ thematic area	Food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture	DEV. Aid: YES		
5. Amounts concerned	Total estimated cost: EUR 7,500,000 Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 7,500,000			
6. Aid modality(ies) and implementation modality(ies)	Project Modality Direct management - procurement of services			
7. DAC code(s)	99810			
8. Markers (from CRIS DAC form)	General policy objective	Not targeted	Significant objective	Main objective
	Participation development/good governance	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Aid to environment	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gender equality (including Women In Development)	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Trade Development	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reproductive, Maternal, New born and child health	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	RIO Convention markers	Not targeted	Significant objective	Main objective
	Biological diversity	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Combat desertification	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change mitigation	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change adaptation	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC) thematic flagships	NA			

SUMMARY

This Action Document covers the expenditures of activities related to the preparation, follow up, monitoring, evaluation and audit activities related to the implementation of the Food Security & Sustainable Agriculture (FSSA) strategic area of the Global Goods and Challenges thematic programme and to the achievement of its objectives. The overall objective is to contribute to the achievement of FSSA's objective and specific results by providing support to EU Delegations and Commission services as well as beneficiary countries to design and deliver evidence-based, high quality, value for money programmes, and to engage in effective policy and political dialogue.

1 CONTEXT

The Support Measures are designed to cover expenditures associated with the preparation, follow-up, monitoring, evaluation and audit activities related to the implementation of the FSSA-GPGC thematic programme and to the achievement of its objectives. Such measures (audits, evaluations, identifications, studies, meetings, information sessions, special events for awareness-raising, publications, training activities and any other administrative or technical assistance expenditure, including interests for late payments, etc.) contribute to the sound management of the programme, to the achievement of its expected results and objectives and to the measurement, analysis and reporting on the impact.

2 RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Given the specificity of this action there are no major risks and assumptions.

3 LESSONS LEARNT, COMPLEMENTARITY AND CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

3.1 Lessons learnt

Annual Action Programmes under the Food Security Thematic Programme in the previous programming period (2014-2016) had a provision for Support Measures, which resulted in more than 60 contracts. These contracts allowed HQ and Delegations to perform studies to facilitate the design and alignment of programmes, audits, evaluations and to improve technical competences in the four pillars of food security (availability, access, nutrition and stability) necessary to design and deliver evidenced based, high quality, value for money programmes and to engage in policy and political dialogue.

3.2 Complementarity, synergy and donor coordination

Technical and study facilities set up at geographical levels, existing arrangements covering monitoring and evaluation (ROM contracts, sectoral evaluation studies, Court of Auditors reports, etc.) and training provision (aid delivery methods contract) will be complementary to the Support Measures provided under this action.

The Support Measures are not directly subject - by their support nature - to donor coordination, at the same time many of the outputs of Support Measures (evaluations, studies, conferences) can be used to nourish the dialogue with other donors and to enhance alignment to country approaches.

3.3 Cross-cutting issues

Crosscutting issues (gender, environment, climate change and governance) are at the hearth of the FSSA. All measures made available through this action will help analyse, deal with or address crosscutting issues.

4 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

4.1 Objectives/results

The overall objective is to contribute to the achievement of FSSA's objective (*to improve food security for the poorest and most vulnerable, to help eradicate poverty and hunger for current and future generations, and to better address under-nutrition thereby reducing child mortality*) and specific results by providing support to EU Delegations and Headquarter services as specified in Article 3 of the Common Rules and Procedures for the Implementation of the Union's Instruments for External Action.

4.2 Main activities

The Support Measures will be used as a framework to finance activities in the following fields:

1. Technical support for the overall implementation and monitoring, evaluation, impact assessment of the programme and preparation of the post-2020 programme. The objective is to provide support to Headquarters services in the overall implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programme, to capitalise on lessons learnt and contribute to the definition of the programme in the period 2020-2026.
2. Technical support for the identification and formulation of new actions. The objective is to provide support to EU Delegations and Headquarters in the design of projects and programmes which requires a more in-depth analysis. This will be done through the new "advisory service".
3. Studies and trainings, seminars, meetings and production of related publications. The main objective of this type of activities is to support food security practitioners involved in the implementation of the Food Security Thematic Programme (FSTP) and in the achievements of its objectives through for example, seminars, workshops, conferences, training courses, and on the ground support to foster their understanding of causes of food insecurity as well as of possible response strategies and good practices so to ensure delivery of high-quality results while increasing efficiency and effectiveness.

5 IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Financing agreement

In order to implement this action, it is not foreseen to conclude a financing agreement with the partner country.

5.2 Indicative implementation period

The indicative operational implementation period of this action, during which the activities described in section 4.2 will be carried out and the corresponding contracts and agreements implemented, is **60 months** from the date of adoption by the Commission of this Action Document.

Extensions of the implementation period may be agreed by the Commission's authorising officer responsible by amending this decision and the relevant contracts and agreements.

5.3 Implementation modalities

5.3.1.1 Procurement (direct management)

Subject in generic terms, if possible	Type (works, supplies, services)	Indicative number of contracts	Indicative trimester of launch of the procedure
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Risk-based audits and evaluations.	services	20	Starting from 4 th trim 2018 up to 4 th trim 2019
Advisory service	services	1	Starting from 4 th trim 2018 up to 4 th trim 2019
Studies and trainings, seminars, meetings and production of related publications.	services	3	Starting from 4 rd trim 2018 up to 4 th trim 2019

5.4 Scope of geographical eligibility for procurement and grants

The geographical eligibility in terms of place of establishment for participating in procurement and grant award procedures, and in terms of origin of supplies purchased as established in the basic act and set out in the relevant contractual documents, shall apply.

5.5 Indicative budget

	EU contribution (amount in EUR)	Indicative third party contribution, in currency identified
Direct management – Procurement of services	7,500,000	
Total	7,500,000	

5.6 Organisational set-up and responsibilities

Support Measures are available for use to all implementing actions funded by the thematic programme.

5.7 Performance monitoring and reporting

The technical and financial monitoring of the implementation of the service contracts resulting from the procurement procedure is a continuous process and part of the responsibilities of the Delegation or HQs service in charge of the contract. Delegations are asked to keep HQs informed of progress in implementation of the various services and, where feasible and relevant, to share the products (such as studies and evaluations) for lessons learning and dissemination of good practices.

5.8 Evaluation

Having regard to the nature of the action (i.e. Support Measures), an evaluation will not be carried out for this action.

5.9 Audit

Having regard to the nature of the action (i.e. Support Measures), an audit will not be carried out for this action.

5.10 Communication and visibility

Communication and visibility of the EU is a legal obligation for all external actions funded by the EU.

Communication and information activities are an integral part of the action, aiming at enhanced visibility and better understanding of EU-funded activities aiming at combating hunger and malnutrition and at increasing food security of vulnerable and fragile groups.