

**ToR FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF 2 COUNTRY LOSS AND DAMAGE
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ASSESSING CLIMATE-ATTRIBUTABLE LOSSES AND DAMAGES IN AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK SECTORS

SPARC background

[Supporting Pastoralism and Agriculture in Recurrent and Protracted Crises \(SPARC\)](#) is a six-year (2020-2025), research programme funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). It focuses on countries in the drylands of East, West and North Africa and the Middle East. SPARC will produce practical knowledge and recommendations to be integrated into agro-pastoralist systems, to make support programmes more effective and enable people to cope better with crises, recurring shocks, and conflict.

Project description

Countries covered by the SPARC programme are already witnessing significant losses and damages from human-induced climate change. These are resulting from slow onset events or processes, e.g. rising temperatures, sea level rise and desertification, and from extreme events like droughts, floods and heatwaves, many of which are becoming more frequent and intense across the continent as a result of climate change. Past efforts to quantify loss and damage from extreme events in many countries have tended not to consider the extent to which such extreme events are attributable to climate change. In some regards this distinction is not very important, e.g. when considering the harm of having a house damaged in a major flood can cause to a family. However, given the climate change is one, but not the only, driver of extreme events and their impacts, it is important for institutions and financing mechanisms that are governed under the UNFCCC to understand the additional effect of climate change.

Improvements in data availability and attribution science make it increasingly possible to disentangle losses and damages driven by climate change from those that would have been incurred anyway, irrespective of climate change. Nonetheless, assessments that quantify climate change attributable loss and damage are still scarce, including in SPARC countries.

This SPARC project on “assessing climate-attributable losses and damages in agriculture and livestock sectors” aims to help close the gap in knowledge around losses and damages from climate change, and to work with stakeholders in SPARC countries to ensure evidence can feed back into national strategy and international policy around finance for addressing loss and damage. Focusing on two SPARC regions, the Sahel and the Horn of Africa, as well as a country focal study for each of the two regions (Burkina Faso and Somalia), the project will respond to the following questions:

1. What is the total volume of estimated current and projected future climate attributed losses and damages in SPARC countries?
2. What are the more specific current and projected future climate-related losses and damages in agriculture and livestock sectors in these countries?

Responsibilities and tasks of the contractors

SPARC is looking for 2 Consultants to support the country focal studies on losses and damages in agriculture and livestock sectors in Burkina Faso and Somalia, in a country research and policy engagement focal point position with up to 30 Consultant days each between March and December 2024. Each of the two consultants will focus on one country, either Burkina Faso or Somalia, depending on their experience.

Specific tasks of the Consultants will include:

- Contributing expertise on loss and damage data and policy in Burkina Faso / Somalia, to shape the outline and priorities of the focal country study, and to guide in-country stakeholder engagement.
- Conducting a national stakeholder mapping and review of legislation, policies, programmes and financing instruments in place to address losses and damages from extreme weather events and slow onset climate change processes in Burkina Faso and Somalia respectively. Findings from this assessment will feed into a SPARC policy brief output and guide policy engagement for the project.
- Lead authoring a country-specific SPARC policy brief output on loss and damage in Burkina Faso and Somalia respectively. Other SPARC team members will contribute analysis to the output, and will coordinate its publication. The policy brief will summarise key findings on climate-attributable losses and damages from extreme weather events and slow onset processes in agriculture and livestock sectors; and provide national and international policy recommendations for assessing and addressing these losses and damages that are embedded in a solid analysis of current policy and practice in each country.
- Contributing to a global SPARC report that summarises findings on climate-attributable losses and damages in the Sahel and Horn of Africa with region or country-specific inputs as relevant.
- Facilitating engagement and leading on country consultations with relevant negotiators, ministries of finance, ministries of environment, sectoral ministries, civil society organisations, etc. to:
 - identify and access relevant loss and damage data to be used in the analysis, and
 - disseminate research findings and support policy engagement to facilitate use of the research in processes such as NDC and NAP implementation, in coordination with SPARC technical assistance work in the country.

Requirements

The Consultant should have at least 5 years of relevant post-graduate experience conducting research and policy advisory related to loss and damage, climate finance or climate change adaptation in Burkina Faso or Somalia. A solid understanding of key loss and damage concepts and discourses, and of recent developments in finance for loss and damage, are essential. Past experience assessing impacts from extreme weather events and / or slow-onset climate change processes is a plus.

Timeline

Activity Description	Dates	Estimated number of Consultant days
Map in-country stakeholders and review legislation, policies and programmes in place to address losses and damages from extreme weather events in Burkina Faso / Somalia.	04 – 17 March 2024	4

Support identification of relevant literature and sources of country-specific data on losses and damages from extreme weather events and climate change in Burkina Faso / Somalia in collaboration with the project team.	04 – 17 March 2024	1
Facilitate outreach to key stakeholders in collaboration with other team members and with SPARC technical assistance initiatives to promote the research and engage them in informal consultations.	04 March – 21 April 2024	3
Provide inputs to global SPARC report that summarises findings on climate-attributable losses and damages in the Sahel and Horn of Africa with region or country-specific inputs as relevant	18 March – 07 April 2024	2
Review identified literature and conduct any complementary consultations and qualitative analysis on losses and damages in Burkina Faso / Somalia as required.	18 March – 07 April 2024	5
Draft a SPARC policy brief (10 pages maximum), including analysis inputs from other team members.	08 – 21 April 24	9
Revise and finalise the policy brief based on feedback obtained through peer review	06 – 19 May 2024	1
Participate in conferences / events / bilateral stakeholder briefings / etc. to feed findings into loss and damage related policy processes and NDC implementation activities	16 June – 31 December 2024	5

Deliverables to be provided by the Consultant for payment:

1. Draft policy brief by 21 April 2024
2. Final policy brief by 19 May 2024
3. Documentation of conference / event / meeting participation and dissemination of findings, e.g. meeting notes, recordings, ppt slides, etc. by 31 December 2024

Application

To apply for the Consultant position, please send your CV, expected daily fee rate, and a short description (200-300 words) explaining your relevant experience to Lena Nur (L.nur@odi.org.uk) by 29 February 2024. If you have any questions on the project or the specific position, please do not hesitate to reach out.