

**Publication**  
**Invitation 1/2009 LAO481/NP/13**  
**Mid Term Evaluation Mission**

**Project Title:** Strengthening food security in remote highlands, Phonexai District, Luang Prabang Province, Lao PDR  
**Donor:** European Union  
**Implementing partner:** CESVI  
**Contract Nr.:** Food/2005/106-372

**A. Description of the action and objective of the Mid Term Evaluation Mission (MTEM)**

**1 Background**

“Strengthening food security in remote highlands, Phonexai District, Luang Prabang Province, Lao PDR”, is a European Union (EU) funded project implemented by CESVI, an Italian NGO.

The project has started in April 2006 and has the long term objective of contributing to improve food security in Northern Lao, focusing on the most remote and poorest mountain areas of the Phonexai District, in the province of Luang Prabang. The main goals of the activities are: increasing food availability and cash income, reduce endemic disease incidence, and improve land communication between villages and the district centre (see also Annex 1, Project Logical Framework).

The direct beneficiaries of the project are 1,600 families of 24 villages in Phonexai District.

**1 Location of MTEM**

The MTEM will take place in the project’s target area in Phonexai District, Luang Prabang Province, Lao PDR.

**1 Period and Duration of the MTEM**

The MTEM will start the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2009 and finish the 20<sup>th</sup> of April with the submission of the final report.

List of activities:

- Briefing in Luang Prabang and Phonexai District offices
- Project Evaluation
- Draft Report
- Debriefing in Luang Prabang and Phonexai Offices
- Final Report

**1 Economic retribution required for the MTEM**

The economic retribution will be no more than € 5,000.00 (Five Thousand Euro). This amount includes transportation and accommodation costs.

## 1 Objectives of the MTEM

The overall objective of the MTEM is to identify and assess the outcomes of the project, and to provide recommendations for the final period of the action.

## 1 MTEM Topics

The consultant will be in charge of the assessment of the project, and will be required to coordinate his activities with CESVI Laos staff and with the Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office (PAFO) of Luang Prabang.

The Mid Term Evaluation will analyze the project's following five dimensions:

- Pertinence and quality of the project design;
- Effectiveness of project implementation;
- Effectiveness of the action;
- Impact;
- Sustainability.

## 1 Output of the MTEM

The consultant is expected to provide a report based on the objectives and topics described in paragraphs 4 and 5.

## B. Selection of the applicants

At least three applicants will be short-listed according to the following weighted criteria:

### 1. Qualifications of the applicant (annex CV) (40%)

The applicant should possess:

- A degree in a discipline that is directly relevant to or provides basic skills in food security;
- Relevant country experience in food security analysis;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- Excellent analytical and report-writing skills;
- Excellent knowledge of English;
- Knowledge of Lao or Thai Languages is an asset.

### 2. Methodology proposed for the MTEM (60%)

The applicant must provide a detailed description of the evaluation methodology he/she intends to implement for the MTEM (maximum two pages).

The pre-selected candidates will be invited to submit a proposal for a negotiated procedure concluding with the selection of the final winner.

*All documents (CV and Methodology) must be submitted to the following e-mail address not further than March 9<sup>th</sup> 2009: [recruiting@cesvi.org](mailto:recruiting@cesvi.org)*

