

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

Consultant Technical Advisor



1. Introduction

Mtandao wa Jamii wa Usimamizi wa Misitani Tanzania (MJUMITA), the Community Forest Conservation Network of Tanzania, is seeking the services of a consultant Technical Advisor to support implementation of the EU-funded project Integrated Forest and Biomass Energy Solutions for Tanzania (IFBEST) project

IFBEST aims to address the dual problems of deforestation / forest degradation and unsustainable charcoal production. The project's overall objective is 'Environmental sustainability is enhanced through sustainable forest management and wood-fuel production in Tanga Region.' The project is active in 13 villages in four districts and is implemented by the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) and MJUMITA, in collaboration with the four local government authorities (LGAs) of Handeni, Kilindi, Mkinga and Pangani. Further details can be found on the project website: <https://www.tfcg.org/what-we-do/conservation/nguu-and-tanga-coastal-forests/>

MJUMITA is seeking applications from qualified consultants to support and guide implementation of the project, with a particular focus on the development of sustainable forest-based enterprises in project-supported villages, primarily charcoal, but also including timber, honey and other forest-based products. Full Terms of Reference (ToR) for the role are provided below.

1. Administrative issues

The consultant will be contracted for a total of 40 days up to 30th November 2026. Services and deliverables shall be provided to the project team on a needs-drive basis, in accordance with the ToR.

MJUMITA will pay a consultancy fee based on a daily euro rate. Consultants resident in Tanzania will be paid in the Tanzanian Shilling equivalent. Costs of international travel (if required), domestic travel and related costs for project support will be reimbursed against receipt and per diems will be paid at project-approved rates when away from home. Invoices will be submitted in arrears on a semi-annual basis. The value of each instalment shall reflect the number of days worked and reported on, accompanied by time sheets, receipts for expenses incurred and an accommodation record to support any request for per diems.

Withholding tax will be deducted from the fees element of each invoice at a rate of 15% and paid to the Tanzania Revenue Authority by MJUMITA. MJUMITA shall provide a Withholding Tax Certificates for all deductions made.

2. Application procedure

Suitable qualified applicants are requested to submit:

1. a current CV (maximum 3 pages) highlighting key qualifications and expertise aligned with the ToR; and
2. a cover letter with any additional information, and providing a daily consultancy rate in euro (EUR).

These should be emailed before 1st May 2025 to: The Executive Director, MJUMITA via info@mjumita.or.tz. The outcome will be communicated by 7th May 2025 to all applicants, whether successful or otherwise.

Terms of Reference - MJUMITA Technical Advisor

Scope of work

The MJUMITA Technical Advisor will perform the following functions to support the Integrated Forest and Biomass Energy Solutions for Tanzania (IFBEST) project:

- Provide technical guidance to the Project Manager and project staff; and advise the MJUMITA Executive Director on all outputs using previous experience or, if needed, by reviewing published research.
- Provide specific technical support to the following project Outputs:
 - **Output 2:** Charcoal production and other nature-based enterprises contribute to well-governed and environmentally sustainable forest management, including:
 - Work package 2.1: Train producers on sustainable charcoal production and/or other nature-based enterprises, including improved kilns, good governance, formalisation, compliance and business skills.
 - Work package 2.2: Support woodfuel producers and women to implement village savings and loans associations.
 - **Output 3:** Increased capacity of civil society organisations in Tanga to promote and advocate for good forest governance and sustainable wood-fuel production, including:
 - Work package 3.1: Build the capacity of Tanga's CBOs, including MJUMITA networks, to promote and advocate for good forest and land governance and sustainable woodfuel production.
 - Work package 3.2: Strengthen networking between communities in Tanga and elsewhere to promote and advocate for good governance in CBFM and sustainable woodfuel production.

Time allocation will be approximately two thirds on Output 2 and one third on Output 3.

- In addition:
 - provide written inputs as requested into Terms of Reference for short-term consultants and researchers, project manuals and procedural documents, reports to the donor and other written outputs.
 - assist in the formulation of project workplans and budgets.
 - carry out other reasonable project support duties as contract time permits, at the request of the Executive Director, Project Manager or TFCG Technical Advisor.

Location

The MJUMITA Technical Advisor may be based Tanzania or overseas. He/she will be expected to visit the project sites once during the assignment, for approximately one week. Other support will be provided remotely.

Minimum qualifications and experience

- Master's degree in relevant field (natural resources, environmental sciences, forestry, geography, etc.)
- 20 years of work experience in conservation and rural development, with a focus mainly in East Africa.

- Personal knowledge and experience from Tanzania's small-scale forestry sector, including community-based approaches.
- Demonstrated experience in providing technical support on sustainable woodfuel production.
- Experience in biomass energy marketing.
- Fluency in English with at least some knowledge of Swahili

Additional expertise in the following is desirable:

- advocacy
- community-based forest management
- community-based forest product enterprises
- project evaluation
- remote sensing and GIS

Reporting to:

MJUMITA Executive Director.