

Terms of Reference for VBA Project Curriculum Consultant

VBA Project

The VBA Project Curriculum is part of the products to be produced under the Extension Support Program's Village Based Advisors project in LDRI's Evidence Informed Decision Making Practice.

The official title of the project is *"Building the capacity of County Governments in Kiambu and Embu counties to implement a private sector-led Extension approach to improve food security of small-holder farmers"* (hereinafter referred to as 'the VBA Project'). County governments are therefore key actors in this project due to their role in ensuring food security of smallholder farmers is secured. This contract is specifically **to conduct research and develop a VBA Program Manual develop for county government officials.**

Objectives of Village Based Advisor Project

The VBA Project has 4 main objectives:

1. Improve smallholder farmers' awareness and access to the appropriate maize varieties, fertilizers, and agronomic information
2. Enhance the knowledge and skills of County Governments and private sector staff/ personnel to implement the VBA approach
3. Build the capacity of village based agro dealers to increase smallholder farmer's access to Inputs
4. Build political goodwill and ownership for selected county governments to improve, support, and streamline delivery of agriculture extension services

Key Deliverables

- a. Research study on implementation of the VBA approach in the public sector
- b. A manual for public sector VBA implementors to guide them in them in implementation of the approach.