

## **Service Description / Terms of Reference**

### **Short Term Expert**

**Project:** SUCOSA 2022 - 2024  
**Title:** Assessment of Cooperative Development Centres and Recommendations  
**Country:** South Africa  
**Activity-No:** 2024-008

DGRV – Deutscher Genossenschafts- und Raiffeisenverband e. V. (German Cooperative and Raiffeisen Confederation) is the national apex organisation and top-level auditing federation of the German cooperative sector with headquarters in Berlin and Bonn. The International Relations Department (AIB) of the DGRV in Bonn carries out projects to promote cooperatives in Latin America, Africa, and Asia on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

#### **Background**

In South Africa, DGRV is implementing a project to support sustainable development of the cooperative sector. Partners in this project are amongst others various Government Departments on a Provincial and National Level to provide trainings and structures to the Cooperative Sector.

In the Eastern Cape Province, the Provincial Department responsible for the Development for Cooperatives has established so called Cooperative Development Centres in 4 selected Municipalities a few years back. Together with the provincial Department DEDEAT it was agreed, during a workshop in early 2024, to assess existing CDCs and to make recommendations on their future operations especially linked to agricultural coops and offered services of the CDCs.

#### **Objective of the Consultancy**

The objective of the assignment is to provide consultancy for making the assessment of the existing CDCs and giving recommendations.

CDCs are under-utilized, under resourced and lacking key co-operative philosophy knowledge on the application and empirical evidence of success in other jurisdictions.

The consultant will bring in international experience and knowledge as a reference point of assessing existing parts and on how they can be enhanced. The consultant will also identify key parts that are missing to recommend measures and interventions that are necessary to optimize the impact of CDC and their self-sustenance. The other important part is looking at potential financing and structures to ensure independence of these centers.

#### **Tasks of the expert**

- Assessment of CDCs in the Eastern Cape of South Africa,
- Recommendations for their future with regards to:
  - Development and support to co-operatives.

- Financing of CDCs.
- Structures managing and governance of the institutions.
- Institutional ongoing capacitation of CDC practitioners.
- Ideal CDC model.

### **Deliverables / Outputs**

- Assessment Report of CDCs in the Eastern Cape.
- Recommendations informing CDCs future.
- Report about the short-term assignment with recommendations for further steps.
- Report findings validation by stakeholders' workshop.

### **Management of the short-term expert assignment**

The assignment will be managed by the International Relations Department of DGRV, Bonn, in close cooperation with the country office in Pretoria, South Africa. The DGRV office in Pretoria is responsible for the coordination with the South African partners as well as for the organizational and technical implementation of the activities.

Working language is English.

### **Procedure and Time Frame**

The work shall be performed over the period 15<sup>th</sup> of July to 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2024. A total of up to 14 working days including preparation and reporting/follow-up are estimated. This includes approximately 8 days in South Africa, 2 Travel days and up to 4 days of preparation and report writing.

### **Have we piqued your interest?**

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