**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED**

The consultant will work within the framework of the Division’s work on water and poverty reduction, and more specifically for IFAD-funded project “More Effective and Sustainable Investments in Water for Poverty Reduction” to be implemented in several countries. The project goal is to reduce rural poverty of smallholder farmers through guidance and technical support to improve the quality, impact and sustainability of IFAD investments in agricultural water management (AWM) to be more effective and better adopted by populations. This includes improved knowledge and assessment of the potential for scaling up of AWM solutions, improved capacities in AWM through capacity development, mentoring and the development of support services; and improvement of the effectiveness and impact of public and private sector investment and policies in AWM through multistakeholder engagement processes.

The main tasks of the consultant will be to assist in the inception phase of the project, which focuses mostly on a needs assessment which will guide the project activities in the years to come. Specifically, the consultant will contribute to the following:

- Identification and recruitment of country teams and international technical experts
- Development of the needs assessment methodology
- Organization of a consultation meeting with IFAD CPMs and Regional Directors
- Organization of the project inception workshop (expected to be in Addis Ababa) and preparation of inception workshop report
- Conduct selected country missions for stocktaking, stakeholder assessment and national consultations
- Preparation of needs assessment report in collaboration with country teams
- Preparation of work plan and budget for implementation phase
- Contribute to other activities as requested in the framework of the Water and poverty work stream of the Division

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

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