

## Research Context and Justification

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CARE has worked in Haiti since 1954, implementing programs spanning from emergency response and recovery to long-term development. CARE Haiti focuses on building local capacity and resilience and addressing gender discrimination and social injustice. Decades of experience in Haiti have allowed CARE to develop long-term relationships in local communities and a solid understanding of how local culture and values interplay with programming to ensure maximum impact. CARE's current emergency response capabilities include: 1) life-saving emergency food assistance; 2) market-oriented, agriculture-based livelihoods recovery/development through enhanced access to formal and informal services; 3) nutrition for mothers and children; 4) community-led disaster risk reduction and management; 5) addressing gender-based violence.

CARE-Haiti is planning to prime for the upcoming USAID/BHA-funded Development Food Security Activity (DFSA) – targeting the Central Plateau, the Northeast, the North and the South. The development of the technical proposal will require solid evidence-based data from both primary and secondary sources. CARE is thus looking for an independent consultant – with sound experience in qualitative research – who can support the data collection process, analysis and reporting. The data collection will target the following sector: Agriculture and Livelihoods (on-farm/no-form), Maternal Health and Nutrition, Gender and Youth, Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience, WASH, Financial Inclusion (saving groups), Social Protection and Live-Saving Safety Nets.

## Qualitative Research Objective & Expected Deliverables

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The objective of the qualitative research is to collect reliable data to inform the pre-design and development of the new Haiti USAID/BHA-funded DFSA proposal.

*Key expected deliverables are:*

- The secondary literature review is conducted – using recent and relevant data sources – and information gaps are identified;
- Secondary data are analyzed, and results are organized into findings, tables and bullets points by sector in compliance with guidance provided by research guidance.
- The primary data (which will be collected by CARE) is thoroughly analyzed and organized into findings, tables and bullets points by sector in compliance with guidance provided by research guidance.;
- The analytical report compiling both secondary and primary information is produced in French and English.

## Research Methodology

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CARE will define the research methodology for primary data collection including, but not limited to data collection tools development, data collection protocol, data reporting outline,

geographic targeting, FGD participant selection, and identifying the number of FGDs and KIIs to be conducted.

For the secondary literature review, methodology will be defined by the consultant with the support of the country office. This will help to collect relevant existing information in each thematic area and on each implementation zone through a review of existing relevant documents that will also allow us to identify data gaps to be addressed by the primary data collection.

**Geographic Zones**

The following geographic zones will be targeted by the qualitative research. Please note that the list of communes is subject to change.

Department	Commune
Northeast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ouanamithe</li> <li>– Ferrier</li> <li>– Terrier Rouge</li> <li>– Trou du Nord</li> </ul>
Central Plateau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cerca la Source</li> <li>– Hinche</li> <li>– Thomassique</li> <li>– Boucan Carre</li> </ul>
North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limonade</li> <li>– Grand Riviere du Nord</li> <li>– Acul du Nord</li> <li>– Limbe</li> </ul>
South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Torbeck</li> <li>– Cavaillon</li> <li>– Camp-Perrin</li> </ul>

**Key Proposed Research Questions**

Key research questions per sector is provided in the FGD and KII check lists developed for the purpose. Data collection protocol will provide guidance and expectations with regards of data quality, analysis and reporting. The consultant will review and discuss the research questions with the country office staff with the support of the HQ focal points.

**Timeline**

The research will be conducted over the period of September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 25<sup>th</sup> – including data collection, analysis, reporting and validation of findings. Please see the timeline below for more details:

Period	Actions	Person responsible	Support/Back up
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Develop the detailed methodological approach	Consultant	CO and HQ Staff
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Consolidate the data collection tools for both primary and secondary data	Consultant & CO staff	HQ Staff
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Literature Review, analysis and summary per sector	Consultant	CO Staff
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	Primary data consolidation, analysis and summary per sector	Consultant	CO and HQ Staff
Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Compilation report: organize results from secondary and primary data findings, tables and bullets points by sector	Consultant	CO and HQ Staff

### Consultant Qualifications

The Independent Consultant should have sound experience in qualitative and quantitative research, clear knowledge of field assessments, and experience using different social research tools and techniques. In general, the consultant should satisfy the following criteria:

- At least three (03) relevant experiences in conducting qualitative evaluations, social-science research or related fields;
- More than ten (10) years of experience in design, monitoring and evaluation of relevant programs;
- Minimum of five (5) years of experience in facilitation; data analysis and reporting;
- Thorough understanding of the reality of the rural communities of Haiti;
- Fluency in English and French required.