



Terms of Reference for consultancy services to develop a learning brief regarding Productive Use of Energy (PUE) and other renewable energy technologies.

1.0 About Oxfam:

Oxfam is a global movement for change that empowers people to create a secure future, just and free from poverty. We believe that everyone has a right to safety, security, a livelihood, and a say in decisions that affect them. In Uganda, our Vision is to see Uganda free of inequality and Injustice: A society where people, particularly women and young people, claim and exercise their rights and responsibilities and influence decisions that affect their lives. Our work is guided by the Country Strategic Framework (CSF) (2021-2030), organized around four themes: Governance and Accountability, Resilient Livelihoods, Humanitarian preparedness and response and Gender Justice and Women's Rights. All the themes work towards influencing policy and practice, youth and women empowerment, inclusive participation in decision-making at various levels, and capacity strengthening of national and local actors.

2.0 About the SUSTAINED project

Oxfam, Mercy Corps and CARE together are implementing the SUpporting STRonger Access to INnovative Energy Solutions in Displacement Settings (SUSTAINED) project. SUSTAINED in collaboration with I Can SS, CECI (RLO), Vision Fund (FSP), Tulima Solar, D'light and Pesitho (ESCO) through appropriately sequenced and intentionally integrated supply and demand side interventions informed by market needs. SUSTAINED interventions are designed to facilitate the safe entry and existence of quality private sector actors in displacement settings to create viable energy markets, whilst providing quality control functions to ensure vulnerable populations can access quality products and services built on reliable and sustainable infrastructure. SUSTAINED brings together the global leadership, influencing capacity, technical expertise, and implementation experience necessary to partner with an extensive array of stakeholders to adapt, and scale evidence-based interventions in Bidi-Bidi, in the Yumbe district, in the West Nile region of Uganda.

SUSTAINED ensures a high level of sustainability through the adoption of a **Market Systems Development (MSD) approach**, to respond to the clear need for linkages to facilitate the entry of quality private sector actors into displacement settings and an **ecosystem approach**, to support the development of an enabling inclusive environment required for a clean energy marketplace for refugees in Uganda. Finally, SUSTAINED is **intentionally integrating gender perspectives** to ensure inclusive growth and opportunities for all market participants, including refugees, women, and marginalized groups. In its first 12 months, SUSTAINED will deliver proof of concept for the market systems approach to energy access in Uganda's refugee settlements, achieving measurable market expansion in two settlements, generating evidence and learning, influencing policy and positioning for scale.

2.1 Project Purpose

SUSTAINED project aims to increase access and use of quality, reliable, affordable, and clean energy sources - for electricity, cooking, and income-generating opportunities – for 10,000 households, refugees (50% women) and surrounding host communities (70:30 split, also 50% women) over 12 months. To achieve this goal, SUSTAINED is implemented through integrating demand activation and supply intervention and establishing an enabling environment for off-grid solutions.

Below are the three specific outcome-level objectives:

Outcome 1: Increased access to off-grid solar (OGS), productive use of energy (PUE), and clean cookstoves (CCS) by households and enterprises in refugee hosting areas - DEMAND activation

Outcome 2. Sustainable market for OGS, PUE, and CCS established in the Refugee hosting areas - SUPPLY To improve access to market strengthening de-risking facility for private sector actors (Supply Side)

Outcome 3: Enabling policy, regulatory and coordination environment for off-grid renewable energy solutions improved in refugee hosting areas

2.2 About Productive Use of Energy (PUE)

Productive uses of energy (PUE) refer to powered devices that can be used in commerce, industry, and agriculture. In the latter sector, PUE can be used as capital to grow, process, and store produce. PUE can help refugee communities achieve self-reliance and improve their standard of living. In working to increase the supply and uptake of off-grid PUE, it is important to prioritize renewable and low-carbon technologies.

3.0 Purpose for developing a learning brief:

To effectively implement SUSTAINED Project interventions, Oxfam has identified 40 Village Loans and savings Associations, 2 cooperatives, and 15 farmer groups, giving preference to those with 60% or more women members and women in leadership roles, and assessed their capacity and determined any gaps and opportunities for collaboration / support. Following in identification and assessments, 57 enrolled groups have undergone rigorous awareness sessions (through group sessions, market exhibition, radio talks and village rides-boda boda talk talk) on Production Use of Energy (PUE) products and clean cooking services to enhance their understanding on the benefits and utilization of PUE energy services and clean cooking products.

Therefore, with the SUSTAINED project funding, Oxfam in Uganda seeks to develop a learning brief detailing lessons learned that will inform continuous project improvement towards access and uptake of Productive Use of Energy (PUE) and other renewable energy technologies.

3.1 Overall objective for conducting the assignment:

The overall objective is to develop a learning brief on access, uptake and productive use of quality, reliable, affordable and clean Energy, clean cooking and other renewable technologies with a focus on savings groups, farmer groups, cooperatives and individuals including women and youth.

3.2 Specific objectives include;

- Assess factors hindering access and uptake of access and uptake of renewable energy technologies, people's needs and their ability to pay, affordability and gender considerations.
- Identify challenges and opportunities regarding the access and uptake of renewable energy technologies in Yumbe district.

4.0 Content Scope of the assignment:

A successful consultant will be required to carry out the following activities/tasks:

- Identify key learning points especially, the potential of savings groups, farmer groups, and individuals including women and youth regarding the uptake of Productive Use of Energy (PUE).
- Determine the roles and responsibilities that should be played by the different stakeholders to ensure success of the SUSTAINED project.
- Conduct comprehensive consultations with relevant stakeholders involved in the project to triangulate existing literature (desk review).
- Detail recommendations from the various insights learned which will inform future programming and the learning strategy or approach.

- Specify the expected learning outcomes, including the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that participants should acquire
- Assess existing PUE interventions linked to program work with a focus on current and ended projects, across different partners (CARE, Oxfam and Marcy Corps) in Bidibidi settlement

4.1 Geographical scope

The assignment will be conducted in Yumbe district covering 1 zone in Bidibidi refugee settlement (Zone 1) and 3 sub-counties (Kulikulinga, Kerwa, Romogi) in the host communities.

4.2 Time scope

This assignment is expected to be completed within 17 days after the contract signing date.

4.3 Key points for consideration:

- The learning brief is strategically positioned to complement the wider consortium (Mercy Corps and Care) learnings in determining areas of improvement in PUE and other renewable energy technologies.
- The learning brief should be precise and concise.
- The timeline for delivery of this assignment is strictly by meeting learning brief submission date.

5.0 Methodology:

This assignment will employ participatory approaches to ensure inclusive stakeholder engagement, rigorous data collection and analysis. A mixed approach of both quantitative and qualitative methods especially, primary data collection and literature review will be adopted.

The sampling approach will be purposive with a focus on savings groups, farmer groups, cooperatives, individuals including women and youth and key stakeholders of the SUSTAINED project. It will also be guided by the principles of inclusivity, diversity, and representation, where voices from marginalized and vulnerable groups are adequately captured.

6.0 Key deliverables:

- Assignment inception report
- Draft of the learning brief.
- Final learning brief (not exceeding 12 pages).

7.0 Timeframe:

This assignment is expected to be completed within 17 days after the contract signing date.

Activity	Week			No. of days
	W1	W2	W3	
Consultant to sign a contract for the assignment				01
Review of documents, development of the inception report and data collection instruments/tools				02
Presentation of Inception report and data collection tools				01
Training of research assistants, pre-testing of study instruments and Data collection (fieldwork)				07
Data analysis and report writing				02
Submission of the draft learning brief to Oxfam in Uganda				01
Power point presentation of the findings to Oxfam and partners for validation				
Incorporating comments on the draft learning brief				02
Submission of the final learning brief				

8.0 Qualification and experience of the consultant/team

Oxfam is looking for a qualified consultant, or team of consultants with a background in Energy Economics, Statistics, Education, Social Sciences among others and experience in renewable energy and developing such learning briefs. Additionally, he or she should demonstrate the capacity to undertake the type of services sought within the indicated timeline and available budget. A master's degree in the same field is preferred for this assignment.

9.0 Supervision/management of the assignment

The consultant shall be technically supervised and coordinated by the Energy and Extractives Industries Coordinator. The consultant shall report to the Energy and Extractives Industries Coordinator who directs the exercise in terms of information requirements, backstopping and corrective actions during this consultancy.

10 Payment

The consultant/team will be paid in accordance with Oxfam consulting policy which stipulates 20% upon submission and approval of the inception report and 80% upon successful completion and acceptance of the final deliverables. The professional fee shall be subject to a 6% withholding Tax deduction for local consultancies.

11 Submission of Technical and Financial Proposal

Interested candidates should submit the following application documents:

- A technical proposal detailing:
 - Their understanding of the ToR and how they plan to execute the assignment.
- Financial proposal.
 - Your financial considerations to execute the assignment.
- A copy of the CV/s of the consultant/s bidding to conduct the work.

In case of any inquiries, please send an email to the submission email address indicated below.

Please send your applications by 27th May 2025 to ugandalogistics@oxfam.org.