



ENVIRONMENT GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE (EGI) UGANDA
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**TO CONDUCT A RAPID ASSESSMENT SURVEY ON UNDERSTANDING THE
IMPACT OF COVID 19 ON LIVELIHOODS OF TOURISM HOST COMMUNITY IN
WESTERN UGANDA**

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1. Introduction

The Environment Governance Institute (EGI) is a not-for-profit non-governmental environmental organization dedicated to promoting the sustainable management of the environment and natural resources in Uganda.

Through lobbying, research, and community education, EGI works with government, communities and local leaders to ensure that natural resources are utilized in a way that promotes equitable development, environmental conservation, and respect for human rights.

In August 2020, Environment Governance Institute got funding IUCN Save Our Species which is co-funded by the European Union to implement a project *“Empowering communities for sustainable alternative livelihoods and ecosystem conservation in the Murchison belt during and post COVID 19”*

The project is being implemented within the five districts of Hoima, Kibale, Masindi, Kiryandongo, and Buliisa which fall under the Murchison falls national park green belt Western Uganda.

The main objective of the project is to build the resilient capacity of tourism host communities to adopt and embrace alternative livelihoods and promote

conservation amidst pandemic and environmental disasters in Murchison falls green belt.

2. Main Target group

The main target groups of the project are; the tourism host communities around the tourism sites in Murchison falls landscape; The cultural and religious leaders, who are the traditional custodians of these sites; and Community Environmental Groups and tourism associations that have been affected by the loss of tourism activity

3. Proposed Activity:

The project is in its initial stages of implementation and EGI is therefore seeking services of an experienced resource person to conduct **A Rapid Assessment Survey** within the tourism host communities to establish the magnitude and impact of COVID 19 on their livelihoods and to assess the impact this has on conservation of the key biodiversity ecosystem.

The **Rapid Assessment Survey** must build on the preliminary assessments conducted by Uganda Wild Life Authority (UWA), Ministry of Finance and other reputable publications produced on the impacts of COVID 19 on Tourism and the economy.

The Rapid Assessment Survey will be used to enable EGI to determine the current livelihood options, the most suitable approach and the best livelihoods that can be adopted by communities and guarantee the conservation of key biodiversity habitat. The proposed activities will be trained on the communities so as to enable them diversify their livelihoods and promote the conservation of Murchison falls national park.

The project targets to guarantee the protection of five key species and key biodiversity ensure the key biodiversity habits for five species are protected and they include lions, elephants, chimpanzees, leopards and Mountain gorillas.

4. Objectives of the Rapid Assessment Survey:

1. To determine the magnitude and the impact of COVID 19 on the livelihoods of tourism host communities in Hoima, Kibale, Masindi, Kiryandongo, and Buliisa districts.

2. To identify and propose the alternative livelihood options, suitable for the communities and identify the approach to be used for increased adoption and acceptability of the livelihoods. that can diversify them from encroaching on conservation
3. To identify the conservation needs of Murchison falls national park green belt and reduce reliance of communities their reliance on tourism activities
4. To identify communities, district leaders and tourism association to work with EGI in administering this project

5. Key tasks for the consultant:

1. Review the reports and assessment on the impacts of COVID 19 on tourism with focus on Murchison falls Belt in the districts of Hoima, Bullisa, Masindi Kibaale and Kiryandongo.
2. Interview tourism host communities and tourism associations to identify the alternative livelihoods that they can be supported on to adopt
3. Interview with the district, sub county development officer and representatives from Uganda Wild Life Authority
4. Prepare draft report for EGI comments.
5. Prepare and submit the final report for EGI.

6. Scope of the work:

The **Rapid Assessment Survey** report will document the impacts of COVID 19 on tourism host communities in Murchison falls national park belt in the districts of Hoima, Bullisa Hoima, Kibale, Masindi, Kiryandongo, and Buliisa.

The survey will also document the best approach and methods of engaging with communities while diversifying the alternative livelihoods

The survey will further ensure to assess the possible impacts the project will have on threatened species identified above

7. Target Group for the survey report:

The target groups are the EGI project staff, donor agencies, duty bearers (technical and political leaders) at local government level, Civil Society Organizations and Community Based Organisations.

8. Methodology:

1. **Interview:** Interview will be conducted by the consultant with, a sample of stakeholders that may include district leaders, Community development officers, tourism host communities and Wild Life Authority representatives.
2. **Review of the impacts of COVID 19 documents on tourism literatures such as;**
 - ✓ The Ministry of Finance assessment on impacts of COVID 19 on tourism
 - ✓ The Uganda Wildlife Authority Assessment of COVID 19 Impacts
 - ✓ Assessment for alternative livelihoods option for affected communities
3. **Report analysis and production:** The consultant is expected to analyze the reports gathered from different stakeholders. After analysis, the consultant is required to submit both a soft copy and hard copies to EGI.
4. **The consultant will also determine the methodology of how he/she will use to achieve the objective of the Rapid Assessment**

9. Deliverables:

1. Rapid Assessment Survey report, hard copies (50 copies)
2. Soft copy of the Rapid Assessment survey.

10. Timeframe:

The exercise is expected to commence on 1st September 2020, it will take 10 days including report writing.

11. Profile of the consultant:

The successful candidate will have;

- Track record of a good understanding on environment and tourism sector in Uganda
- Experience in developing rapid assessment survey especially in the field of wild life conservation

- Knowledge and experience on participatory research work and engagement at different levels
- Good facilitation and data collection skills
- Good analytical and writing skills

Interested and qualified candidates should submit Cover Letter and CVs to the address below on the address and not later than 4th of September 2020 2020 at 5:00pm.

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