

Terms of Reference
Evaluability Assessment Consultant
Aquaculture Investment Impact Evaluation

1. Background

SEBI Livestock (SEBI-L) will support the Gates Foundation to design and manage an impact evaluation of its aquaculture investments in Kenya, Nigeria, and Tanzania. An independent Evaluability Assessment (EA) will be conducted as a precursor and will provide a basis for developing the impact evaluation framework. The EA will assess what is feasible and credible given existing data, implementation realities, timelines, and operational constraints, and will recommend the strongest feasible evaluation design (or combination of designs).

2. Objective

The objective of the EA is to recommend the most feasible and rigorous evaluation approach (or combination of approaches) for the aquaculture investment across selected countries based on:

- Portfolio goals and impact
- available data and data quality
- implementation context and operational issues
- budget and timeframe

3. Scope of the work

The EA Consultant will work with SEBI-L and the Gates Foundation to complete the following tasks:

A. Inception

- Participate in a kick-off meeting to confirm decision needs, priority questions, target interventions and expectations for attribution/contribution and comparability.
- Produce an EA Inception Report including workplan with timeline

B. Desk review and intervention mapping

- Review relevant documents (e.g., project proposals, investment documents, MEL frameworks, ToCs, monitoring reports).
- Map interventions by country, intended pathways for impact (ToC) and key assumptions
- Conduct key stakeholder interviews with targeted grantees to gather input

C. Data landscape

- Identify key primary and secondary data sources including routine monitoring data and national level data (e.g. market/price data)
- Identify key gaps and propose practical data strengthening actions (e.g., minimal additional data needed to support attribution and harmonised indicators).

D. Methods assessment and recommended design options

- Assess the suitability and feasibility of different evaluation designs

- Identify best mix methods approach and 1–2 credible fallback options if constraints arise
- Recommend approach for evaluation and baseline data collection

4. Deliverables and timeline

Contract duration: from June to August 2026

The timeline below will be refined at the inception meeting with the consultant but should fit within the consultancy period. The deadlines will be agreed with consultant and included in the inception report (Deliverable 1).

Deliverables:

1. **EA Inception Report** – workplan with detailed approach, deadlines and number of days per deliverable
 - Due: within 1 week of contract start
2. **Design Options Brief (draft)** - Including recommended approach(es), assumptions, minimum data needs, comparability approach, risk/mitigation plan
 - **Presentation and feedback meeting** (SEBI-L + Gates Foundation)
 - **Final EA Report** - Finalised brief incorporating feedback with recommendations for evaluation design

6. Reporting and Management

The Consultant will report to **TBC** and will work closely with designated SEBI-L staff and Gates Foundation Project Officers.

7. Travel Requirements

The EA consultant is expected to work remotely.

8. Third Party Involvement

No third-party involvement is anticipated for this consultancy. The Consultant will carry out all tasks personally and will not subcontract, delegate or otherwise pass on any part of the work to another individual or organisation without the prior written approval of the SEBI-L Director.

9. Performance Indicators

Performance will be assessed against the following indicators:

- **Timeliness:** delivery of all outputs by the agreed deadlines in the Inception Report
- **Quality:** Final EA Report provides clear and feasible recommendations and meet the description provided in the scope of work
- **Rigour:** evaluability assessment is evidence-based and transparent, with clear documentation of data sources, data quality limitations, rationale for recommended approach and consideration for risks

- **Responsiveness:** regular communications with SEBI-L and incorporation of feedback

10. Application information

The deadline for applications is 12 June 2026.

Please submit a cover letter, CV, and a proposal outlining the number of days per deliverable and daily rates in pounds (GBP) to sebi@ed.ac.uk.