

Narrative Report

Service Provider	<i>International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF), the Netherlands</i>
LoA Title	<i>Service to strengthen small-scale fishery communities and produce a related global information product in the context of the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines)</i>
Geographic Scope	Nigeria
Service Provider Focal Point	<i>Sebastian Mathew</i>
LoA Start to Finish Date	<i>31 March 2021 – 30 September 2022</i>
LoA Expenditure	Total 20 000 Euro

Summary of LoA

The Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) have been developed through a participatory approach in which civil society organizations played a major role, with the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) as a key driver in this context. Also in the implementation of the SSF Guidelines, small-scale fishers and fish workers, through their organizations, are main drivers of change and play a major role in the "bottom-up" processes"

ICSF reconstituted in 2017 and is now focusing on taking relevant international instruments to influence decision-making processes at subnational, national and regional levels. The goal of the newly-registered ICSF is to strengthen fishery communities comprising men and women in marine and inland fisheries in both developed and developing countries and to influence decision making processes at various levels in a spirit of dialogue, partnership and collaboration. The new phase will complement the completed projects, specifically to educate indigenous youth in Brazil and to revitalize Ghana's national platform of small-scale fisheries stakeholders, but also to social development and small-scale fisheries communities, a particular focus.

Nigeria was added considering that it has the largest population of small-scale fishing communities in Africa, especially to raise awareness about the SSF Guidelines among small-scale fisheries actors and to establish linkages with other small-scale fisheries initiatives in Nigeria that are working in partnership with ICSF at the national and regional level. It is in this context that the Lagos State University will enable small-scale fisheries actors to actively participate and engage in relevant national and regional processes that contribute to securing sustainable small-scale fisheries in the context of the implementation of the SSF Guidelines.

The main objective/output was to strengthen capacity of small-scale fisheries communities at local level in Nigeria to actively engage in securing sustainable small-

scale fisheries in the context of the implementation of the SSF Guidelines. The outcome was to develop capacity of small-scale fishery leaders applying a human rights-based approach; leaders and members of fishworker organizations (FWOs) are educated on human rights standards; and national policies of relevance to small-scale fisheries and fishing communities are influenced through advocacy and the formulation of a draft policy document on SSF.

Funds to achieve the major outcome were provided to the Lagos State University and used to conduct the following activities:

- Consultative engagements with small-scale fisheries stakeholders to develop a draft document on national policy on SSF
- Training and capacity-building of FWOs and SSF leaders to educate their members and align their organizations and communities with the human rights standards
- Develop informational materials and articles to address communication gaps in promoting the SSF Guidelines, including final training and capacity development materials and communication materials for public experience sharing, with pictures, links, quotes etc.

The project was completed over a period of a maximum of Eighteen months after signature of the present Agreement by both parties.

Expected activities (per original plan)	Original completion date	Completed as per original plan	Revised completion date
Country level activities initiated in Nigeria	01 April 2021	Completed	
Outline for Guide on chapter 6 finalized	01 June 2021	Completed	

Country level activities concluded in Nigeria	30 June 2022	Completed	
Country reports prepared	20 September 2022	Completed	
Finalization of Guide on chapter 6	25 September 2022	Completed	
Final report prepared and submitted to FAO	30 September 2022	Completed	

Please provide a concise account of the implementation of the LoA including details relating to the following:

- **Products delivered and/or activities completed**
- **Issues or challenges you experienced**
- **Opportunities that you were able to take advantage of**

Products delivered and/or activities completed:

Under the LoA, the following products and activities were delivered and completed, respectively:

1. Conducted workshop to create awareness on the importance of SSFs and for the Implementation of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) with a wide range of state and non-state actors particularly the fisher folks.
2. Formed two Working Groups and conducted technical sessions to produce a communiqué which has been finalized.
3. Conducted capacity building workshop on advocacy for state and non- state actors.
4. Produced and submitted a background (synthesis) paper with information on the country case study under Illuminating Hidden Harvests towards incorporating relevant elements of the SSF Guidelines to enhance fisheries governance, food security and poverty reduction in local communities.
5. Communication tools including a brochure on small-scale fisheries and the Guidelines in four languages: English, Yoruba, Hausa and Pidgin English; posters, banners and souvenirs - T-shirts, notepads and biros, sports bottles, tote bags, cups and caps on the SSF Guidelines and IYAFA 2022 with assistance from FAO Nigeria office. Detailed report and production available in the submitted Final Report.
6. Workshop Concept Note, detailed agenda and programme for the two workshops and Terms of Reference (ToR) for SSF Working Groups.
7. Established Nigeria Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines Alliance Network.
8. Produced various reports from activities in the LOA:
 - a. Final report and two articles submitted to Samudra, of which one has been published (find link to article below in Appendix 6) and one article submitted to

Yemaya.

b. Detailed report on two- day national workshop for state and non-state actors to sensitize and raise awareness of the state and non-state actors on the SSF Guidelines accompanied with 10 photos of the workshop and list of participants with their postal address and contact telephone number.

c. Detailed report on training workshop on media and advocacy for the youth and representatives of community-based organizations accompanied with 5 photos of the workshop and list of participants with their postal address and contact telephone number.

d. Detailed report of shared experiences and mobilized resources; synergies developed and efforts coordinated for advocacy of policies and approaches with the regional Global Strategic Framework.

e. Detailed report of extant synergies with WorldFish and collaboration in projects/ programmes to promote sustainable development of SSF.

f. Communiqué of the technical sessions from working groups at the national workshop for state and non-state actors with objectives of identifying the challenges, **benefits, pathways and actions, and recommendations** to the implementation of the SSF Guideline in Nigeria available in the submitted Final Report.

Issues or challenges you experienced.

1. Experienced delayed early buy-in by the Federal Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Nigeria into draft policy briefs due to poor communication/ network facilities.
2. Delayed release of funds caused rescheduling in planning logistics of participants and other arrangements to host the workshops.
3. Several delayed responses from CAOPA caused non-scheduling of a virtual meeting and absence of a representative to participate in the workshops despite sending a formal invitation to the events.

Opportunities that you were able to take advantage of:

1. Copies of SSF Guidelines and Card game-GO small-scale fishing were received from the FAO and shared at workshops.
2. Engagement with the regional AAG in support of the implementation of the SSF Guidelines for Africa.
3. Early engagement with WorldFish (Malaysia and Nigeria) and FAO.
4. Contributed to working paper on small-scale fisheries contributions to food and nutrition security in Nigeria led by Kendra Bryd and published by WorldFish, Malaysia. This is published and cited as : Byrd KA, Fakoya K, Akintola S, Westlund L, Isa S, Cohen PJ. (2022). Small-scale fisheries are an important part of the food system in Nigeria”, WorldFish, Penang, Malaysia.
 - a. Appointment of a Focal Person on Fish Project and a formal unequivocal

support from the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on the SDGs (SSAP- SDGs) to the Lagos State University and the FAO in implementing the SDGS 2 and 14, respectively and the Fisheries Guidelines Policy Development.

- b. Demonstrated support by the SSF-GSF AG and AU-IBAR at the workshops. The representatives were explicit in assuring organizational support and explaining opportunities for Nigeria in implementing the Guidelines.
5. Several oral presentations on different themes on Nigerian small - scale fisheries delivered at at the 4WSFC AFRICA, 8th Global Conference on Gender in Aquaculture & Fisheries and at the Sixth International conference for Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (ICFAS 6) and Asian Fisheries Social Science Network Forum One (AFSSRN 1) among others.
 6. Publications of three Book Chapters on SSF:
 - a. Akintola, S.L., **Fakoya, K.A.**, Elegbede, I.O., Odunsi, E.O. and Toheeb, J.L. (2022). Postharvest Practices in Small-Scale Fisheries. In: Galanakis, C.M. (eds.). Sustainable Fish Production and Processing, Academic Press. 79-110pp. <https://doi.org/doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-824296-4.00008-6>.
 - b. **Fakoya, K.**, Oloko. A and Harper, S. (2022). Understanding Vulnerabilnd at ity of Urban Waterfront Communities to Rapid Development: the case of Lagos Lagoon, Nigeria. In: Jentoft, S., Chuenpagdee, R., Said, A.B., and Isaacs, M.(eds.). *Blue Justice: Small-Scale Fisheries in a Sustainable Ocean Economy*. MARE Publication Series, Vol. 26. Springer p.451-467. ISBN 978-3-030-89623-2
 - c. **Akintola, SL. (2022)**. Perception and Reality of Justice in the Small-Scale Fisheries of Nigeria. In: Jentoft, S., Chuenpagdee, R., Said, A.B., and Isaacs, M.(eds.). *Blue Justice: Small-Scale Fisheries in a Sustainable Ocean Economy*. MARE Publication Series, Vol. 26. Springer p.179-198. ISBN 978-3-030-89623-2
 7. Other Synergistic Project activities on SSF:
 - a. Vulnerability to Viability (V2V): Global Partnership for Building Strong Small-Scale Fisheries Communities. The goal of the partnership is to critically examine factors and conditions contributing to the vulnerability of small-scale fisheries (SSF), and to work with SSF communities and other key actors to enhance the social, political, and ecological viability.
 - b. Akintola, S. L., **Fakoya, K. A.**, Danagalan, A. H., Akiode, O., Kappo, A., and Areola, F. O. (2022). *A Situational Analysis of Small-Scale Fisheries in Nigieria: From Vulnerability to Viability*. V2V Working Paper 2022-5. V2V Global Partnership, University of Waterloo, Canada. Link to the working paper is provided here: https://www.v2vglobalpartnership.org/_files/ugd/fd

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- c. Carleton University/International Development Research Centre (IDRC, Canada) funded exploratory program on Gendered Design in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs): Developing an alternative sourced energy fish dryer to improve processing for small-scale female processors in Lagos, Nigeria. Link to activities is provided here <https://carleton.ca/gendesignsteam/projects/projects-in-africa/id57-developing-a-hybrid-fish-dryer-to-improve-processing-for-small-scale-female-processors-in-nigeria/>
8. Created a WhatsApp Chat Group and a social media account on LinkedIn: The Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF) Nigeria Guidelines Steering Committee (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/ssf-ng-steering-committee/>) with members drawn from the comprised of a representative of all key actors in the Small-Scale Fisheries Sector in Nigeria. The Steering Committee is geared toward the implementation of the Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines in Nigeria and the actions and operations of the steering committee are harmonious with the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication.

Please provide any suggestions on follow up actions and next steps regarding the work you carried out

1. Follow-up on recommendations of the inaugural meeting of the Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF) Nigeria Guidelines Steering Committee held virtually in September 2022. These recommendations will be taken in piece-meals to enable concrete outputs and outcomes to be achieved.
2. Specifically, the Chairman will continue to communicate with the Office of the SSAP- SDGs to follow-up on the implementation of SDGS 2 and 14, respectively and the Fisheries Guidelines Policy Development.
3. Continue to use social and local media to amplify communication and outreach.
4. Seek collaborations with the institutions that are involved with the issue of fisheries: Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research (NIOMR) and Nigerian Institute for Freshwater Fisheries Research (NIFFRI), so that way, no one is left out.
5. Documenting advocacy and research activities that have positively impacted small-scale fisheries can aid in the possibility of recommending some of these activities and technologies for scaling up.

Please provide any feedback for the FAO on the administration of the LoA.

Annex

Please provide any supporting documentation, links, photographs, articles, publication or videos that are related to the products delivered/activities completed of the LoA.

APPENDICES	DESCRIPTIONS
APPENDIX 1	National Workshop: Final Report of National Workshop for state and non-state actors; 1A- Ten photos at awareness and sensitization workshop; Concept Note, Programme of events, and list of workshop participants with their postal address and contact phone numbers.
APPENDIX 2	One-day National Training Workshop: Final Report of National Training Workshop on media and advocacy; 2A- Five photos at media and advocacy training workshop; and list of workshop participants with their postal address and contact phone numbers
APPENDIX 3	Communication Products and Tools
APPENDIX 4	Final Report of Regular Engagement with Regional Advisory Groups of the Global Strategic Framework
APPENDIX 5	Final Report of Synergy and Collaboration with WorldFish
APPENDIX 6	Final Report of Background (Synthesis) Paper on SSFs of Nigeria
APPENDIX 7	Links to additional information on workshop reported in social and print media.