

Entomologist short-term consultancy to support and inform pest management in Abkhazia

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Action Against Hunger - Spain, as part of the Action Against Hunger International network, is an international non-governmental, private, apolitical, non-confessional and non-profit organisation.

At this time Action Against Hunger is looking to contract an entomologist for a short-term consultancy to support and inform its pest management response that is being supported by the EU under its European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD). The response aims to support efforts in Abkhazia to tackle problems associated with the **Brown Marmorated Stink Bug** (BMSB) *Halyomorpha halys* (Stäl) (Heteroptera - Pentatomidae).

At the initial stage Action Against Hunger plans to support the coordination of the pest response, train agricultural practitioners and raise awareness among the public (and specifically farmers). Possible support to crop treatment and other measures will be determined following the consultation and based on coordination with other stakeholders.

The consultant entomologist will be required to provide technical support and advice to Action Against Hunger and key stakeholders on the most effective way by which to address the problems related to the BMSB. The short-term consultancy will for be for a period of 20 working days and will provide a comprehensive overview and analysis of the situation and generate recommendations for future interventions.

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