

**TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR**

**FINAL EVALUATION**

**Rehabilitation of nutrition, health and food situation for the most venerable people in**

**Eastern Equatoria State – South Sudan”.**

## **Background**

Caritas Torit is a social development wing of the Catholic Diocese of Torit created in 2013 to handle social development programs in the Diocese with its main office in Torit.

Fondation Caritas Luxembourg (FCL) and Caritas Torit have a common background of collaboration in implementing projects especially in Eastern Equatoria in the areas of Water, Hygiene and Sanitation, Education (Vocational Training), Women Empowerment, Peace Building, Community Empowerment, Capacity Building for Non-State Actors, Health and Food Security since 2006.

In a consortium with Caritas Switzerland, SNV, and Caritas Luxembourg, Caritas Torit implemented a food security programme funded by European Union (EU) from 2010 to 2013.

In 2014, Caritas Luxembourg funded a food security building project in Isohe (Construction of a training centre - Agriculture Knowledge for Improved Livelihood (AKIL) implemented by Caritas Switzerland in collaboration with Caritas Torit. From the end of 2014 to date Caritas Luxembourg funded directly Caritas Torit to implement various projects and they were:

- Project 30944 WASH emergency project implemented in Palotaka and Nimule
- Project 30945: Strengthening food security and nutrition status and improving livelihoods of the most vulnerable population in Eastern Equatoria State Palotaka
- Project 30946 Rehabilitation of nutrition, health and food situation for the most vulnerable populations in Eastern Equatoria State (Isohe, Ikwoto County)
- Project 30947 Emergency Health Care for IDPs in Melijo Camp/Nimule
- Project 30948 Emergency aid to IDPs in Ikotos and Torit Counties
- Project 30949 Rehabilitation of Health and Nutrition services in South Kapoeta

In 2016 Caritas Torit solicited funds from Fondation Caritas Luxembourg (FCL) to improve food security and nutrition of the communities in AKIL centre through the implementation of the project ***“Rehabilitation of nutrition, health and food situation for the most venerable in people in Eastern Equatoria State – South Sudan”.***

The project duration was 12 months (January – December 2016). However the project did not start on time because of disagreement arising from the community regarding land ownership. Again in November again disagreement with the community resulted to 2 weeks suspension of implementation of activities. Insecurity resulting from armed conflict in July further affected the implementation of the project for two more months (July and August). Due to these challenges, the project has then been extended to end 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

## Overall project objective

To contribute to poverty reduction by improving nutrition and food security for the poorest and most vulnerable in Eastern Equatoria State

## Specific objective

Nutrition and food security situation for **2,000** households (HH) is improved.

## Expected project results

1. Nutritional and health status of the most vulnerable population, especially children under 5 years, has been improved.
2. Hygiene situation of households has been improved.
3. Agricultural and animal production has been improved and diversified.
4. Technical and organizational capacities of the partner has been strengthened.

## Project intervention area

- The project is implemented in Ikwoto and Kidepo Counties (formerly Ikoto County), Imatong State.
- The food security component supports 20 groups, in which, 4 are in Kidepo County (2 in Chahari payam and 2 in Chorokol payam) and 16 in Ikwoto County (8 in Ikwoto Centre payam and 8 in Isohe payam).
- The nutrition activities cover all Bomas of Isohe payam (Woroworo, Lohotor, Dito, Isohe Central, Ibunyak and Olufe) and Kidepo Valley County. The beneficiaries of the nutrition programme are children under 5 years and lactating mother mainly from 6 Boma of Isohe Payam.
- The water and hygiene programme targeted the population in Isohe centre mainly with rehabilitation of water points and hygiene promotion.

## Project activities

Main activities implemented included:

- Training and support to 30 Growth Monitoring Volunteers (GMV) and 100 lead mothers
- Organization of 30 education sessions to nutrition
- Organization of 40 growth monitoring activities and nutrition assessments
- Distribution of supplement and complementary feeding
- Production and distribution of soy milk and weaning flours
- Organisation of 24 Village Child Days
- Referencing the most serious cases to health centres and nutrition services
- Organization of sensitization activities to nutrition and hygiene promotion
- Rehabilitation of drinking water points
- Procurement and distribution of agricultural inputs
- Establishment and support to 200 kitchen gardens
- Support to 5 horticulture groups
- Organization of training sessions
- Support to 10 groups of diversified agriculture (small poultry, goats rearing and piggery)
- Institutional support, capacity building in finance and projects management.

## Evaluation objectives

Caritas Torit is seeking to engage a reputable organization or individual expert (s) to carry out the final evaluation of the project. The overall objective of the End of Project Evaluation is to provide the implementing partner, the donors and other stake holders with sufficient information to make an informed judgment about the performance and overall impact of the project implemented. The final evaluation is expected to assess the extent to which results were achieved against the indicators at the goal/purpose and objective level and prospects for sustainability of benefits from project interventions and established groups. Specifically the evaluation will establish the impact of the project with reference to the following objectives:

- To assess the effectiveness of the project's objectives;
- To assess sustainability of the project (the likelihood of the project continuation after the donor support);
- To assess the relevance of the project (appropriateness of the project in relation to the needs and situation in the state);
- To assess and analyse the emerging impact (positive or negative and directly or indirectly) on the communities for both men and women
- To assess whether the project has addressed gender equality in terms of access, decision-making, women's rights, capacity-building and outcomes from the intervention
- To generate lessons learnt and knowledge sharing practices from all aspects of the project.
- To provide practical recommendations for future planning or alternatives for future program development and new project.

## Methodologies

**Evaluation sites:** The evaluation will be carried out in project locations in Ikwoto and Kidepo Valley Counties respectively.

**Evaluation questions:** The final Evaluation will take into consideration the project's relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability. The consultant in his/her expression of interest will outline the evaluation questions he/she will ask. The final Evaluation analysis will be on the impact and sustainability of the completed.

**Data Collection:** The following methods of data collection may be used in combination to collect all the required information.

- 1) Desk review of project proposal and field activity reports,
- 2) Household interviews, focus group discussions, key informant interviews with stake holders (beneficiaries, non-beneficiaries and other groups), observations and 1 day lessons learnt workshop in Isohe (AKIL Centre).
- 3) And any other methods the evaluator will find necessary.

## Deliverables

- The main expected deliverable is a detailed final report that will be presented to the Caritas Torit Managing Director, Senior Food Security Officer and Caritas Luxembourg Representative detailing the findings of the consultancy and recommendations for future similar interventions. The entire report will be presented in English, including relevant annexes with detailed data.

- The consultant (s) will be expected to submit the final workable plan and the budget for the action in a hard and soft copy once the selection is done.
- After field visit, presentation of key findings will be presented to Caritas Torit.
- Draft report will be expected seven 7 days after the end of the field assessment for comments.
- A final report will be presented 5 days after receiving comments from Caritas Torit and Caritas Luxembourg and will be presented in soft copy and two (bound) hard copies.

### **Proposed duration of evaluation**

The evaluation is expected to commence on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 for 8 days including days in the field.

### **Responsibilities**

The Senior Food Security Officer will ensure overall coordination of the consultancy specifically in the areas mentioned below:

- Provision of transport during field work.
- Provision of reasonable accommodation (lodging) for the Consultant during field work
- Feeding the Consultant during field assessment (breakfast, lunch, dinner and soft drinks)

Caritas Torit accepts no liability for costs arising from sickness, injuries, disability or death. There is no form of any insurance for this assignment.

### **Applicant and requirements**

#### **Requirements**

- 1) 5 years' experience in carrying out similar consultancies and a proven track record of excellent results delivery
- 2) Excellent report writing skills and use of statistic software (SPSS, STAT, Epi Info)
- 3) Proven experience in use of qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis methods,
- 4) Experience in participatory project M&E, baselines and end of project evaluations,
- 5) Strong data collection, analytical and report writing skills,
- 6) Demonstrable capacity to deliver high quality outputs within the proposed timeframe,
- 7) Flexible, innovative and sensitive to cultural values,
- 8) Working experience in South Sudan is desirable.

#### **How to apply**

Interested expert (s) or organization (s) that meets the above requirements should submit the following:

- 1) A technical and financial proposal for the assignment,
- 2) A letter of motivation, curriculum vitae of consultant including relevant qualifications, skills and experience as well as full contact details of three referees.

Caritas Torit and Caritas Luxembourg will evaluate the proposals based on the technical and financial feasibility. Caritas Torit reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without giving reasons. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Send electronic copies of the proposal to Caritas Torit Human Resource Office via email address [hr@caritastorit.org](mailto:hr@caritastorit.org) clearly indicating the subject '**Isohe Food Security Final Evaluation Consultancy**' by March 25, 2017