
TERMS OF REFERENCE

BASELINE SURVEY IN MARIDI AND IBBA STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY

BACKGROUND

Action Africa Help International (AAH –I) is a Non-Profit Organization registered in Kenya and will consequently be registered in other countries of operation - Sudan, Uganda and Zambia. AAH has supported community-based projects in South Sudan for the past several years, in the sectors of health, agriculture and civil society. These have largely been in three counties – Maridi, Mundri and Yei, Equatoria Region. Main activities of AAH –I in South Sudan are centered on;

- The provision of technical, logistical and support structures for primary health care.
- Provision of technical, logistical and support structures for a food and income security projects.
- Technical support to the logistics sector of the refugee care program in South Sudan.

Between March 2017 2005 and February 2018, AAH –I implemented the regional Primary Health Project in the Counties of supporting Maridi county Hospital and establishing Boma initiative systems in 47 Bomas in Yei, Morobo, Mundri West, Maridi & Ibba counties. The main objective of the RPHC project is to: Sustainably improve access and quality of basic health services in the five Counties of Maridi, Ibba, Mundri West, Morobo and Yei in former Western and Central Equatoria through awareness creation, capacity building of health personnel, provision of clearly targeted health services and improved management

The Boma Initiative is a Government framework for strengthening community systems for health services delivery. The initiative concept accordingly consists of the following components.

- 1) Strengthening the community-based institutions, namely; the Bomas Health Teams and the Boma Health committees.
- 2) Empowering the community through the community-based institutions to prevent and mitigate key causes of mortality and morbidity, namely; maternal and child hood diseases, water and sanitation related diseases, TB/HIV/AIDS, malaria and STI, psychosocial problems and improve health seeking behavior.
- 3) Establish systems and structures for community-based planning, monitoring and evaluation and reporting and learning, namely; community-based management information systems, community supervisory systems and community feedback mechanisms.
- 4) Enhance local capacity for conflict mitigation and peace building through; conflict sensitive planning and management, building community institutions for dialogue conflict management and promoting inclusive development using targeted livelihoods interventions.

The overall goal to which this project will contribute is **“improved quality of life”** for the community of Maridi, Ibba, Mundri, Morobo and Yei Counties, South Sudan.

A baseline survey is considered necessary to determine the baseline parameters in terms of; health services utilisation patterns, knowledge attitudes and practices and preferred solutions to problems

related to health services delivery at community level. These findings will help re-define priority areas of intervention, develop appropriate implementation guidelines, modify project indicators (if need be) and form the basis for future project evaluation and impact assessment.

Objective

Action Africa Help International intends to carry out a baseline survey on regional primary health care project, due to be implemented in the counties of Maridi, Ibba, Mundri, Morobo. The survey will be conducted with active participation of local authorities.

The baseline survey criteria will be the current Government of South Sudan health development plan and health policy. The objective of exercise will be to:

- 1) Determine causes of morbidity and mortality and health services utilization pattern for common illnesses.
- 2) Determine coverage of health seeking behaviors for maternal and child health and environmental sanitation, malaria control, etc.
- 3) Identify constraints related to access of health services at community level and the proposed measures for improvement by the community
- 4) Develop conflict profile which could influence health services delivery outcomes and the potential dividers and connectors.

Methodology

Key informant interviews, site visits, direct, literature review, etc. are proposed amongst the methods to be used for the baseline study. The consultant(s) will however provide leadership and bear responsibility for the process, the findings, the comments and the content of the final document. An administered questionnaire targeting women will be deployed to significant sample of homesteads to determine coverage's, KAP on key health services delivery programs.

Period of the survey

The survey contract will be from 17th – 21st March 2018. Key activities are stated below;

Statement of work

The consultant shall carry out the following activities, but not limited to them:

The consultant will use data from standard database computer program to write the survey reports for community survey. Detailed of the tasks are outlined below.

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| Task 1 | Write two separate reports (community survey and EPI survey) on the findings in draft form. |
| Task 2 | Present findings to stakeholders (in a participatory stakeholders' workshop), for endorsement. |
| Task 3 | Write final reports on the findings, including the changes recommended by stakeholders. |

OUTPUTS

The main expected outcome of the consultancy is the draft baseline survey report of two separate reports; Community survey and EPI survey, made available not later than 21st March 2018.

The draft reports will be presented to stakeholders in Maridi in a stakeholder's workshop who will propose any necessary changes which will be factored to developed the final reports in four hard copies and 2 CD copies.

Proposed Timing:

The study will take place over approx. 16 days starting from 17th to 21st March 2018

Description of tasks (activities)	Duration (in days)
Consultation with stakeholders in the county	1
Development of survey tools	1
Training of field survey teams	3
Conducting of field assessment	3
Data entry	2
Writing of reports (three separate reports; health care, education and production)	2
Circulation of technical reports to stakeholders	1
Conduct stakeholders' workshop	1
Compile final reports (three separate reports)	1
Subtotal	16 (5)

Total Number of working consultant days – 16 (4) days

AAH-I Responsibilities:

AAH-I will meet the travel costs and transport costs for field travel, as well as accommodation costs in the field and any costs related to production of the study report. AAH-I shall also avail necessary project documents (Current South Sudan development plan and Health Policy, Project proposal, progress reports etc.) and relevant stationery for stakeholders' workshop.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The interested candidates are requested to submit:

1. Technical proposal document which shows how the consultant intends to carry out the survey.
2. Financial proposal.
3. Samples of previous work on assessments/surveys.
4. Curriculum Vitae of the consultant

All the above documents should be submitted to procurement@actionafricahelp.org with the title **SURVEY** on the subject line on or before **19th March, 2017**.

EVALUATION AND AWARD OF CONSULTANCY

Eligible proposals will be evaluated based on full and open competition, in strict adherence to the Scoring Criteria detailed below:

Criterion	Score
Interpretation of scope of work	20 points
Suitability of the proposed Methodology	30 points
Experience and expertise in similar assignments	30 points
Financial Proposal	20 points

AAH South Sudan reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal received without giving reasons and is not bound to accept the lowest or the highest bidder.