

Request for proposals

Subject	Final evaluation NICHE/SSD/162 project
Agency	CINOP Global

I. Introduction

CINOP Global, together with consortium partners UNESCO-IHE and Alterra (Wageningen University) has been chosen to implement the WASH project entitled "Capacity building for skills and knowledge in WASH training courses and research". The project is funded by NUFFIC under the NICHE¹ programme.

The requesting partner of the project is the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI) in cooperation with Amadi Rural Development Institute (ARDI) which is under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.

The project objectives are:

- **Overall objective:** To strengthen training and research capacity in South Sudan that will contribute to the improvement, extension and sustainability of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) service delivery and outreach and hence to a reduction of water born and related diseases as well as boosting socio-economic development.
 - **Specific objective 1:** Amadi Rural Development Institute delivers good quality education and appropriate training and research services in the fields of water, sanitation and hygiene which is business oriented, gender sensitive and responsive to labour market demands and innovations (with specific emphasis on quality enhancement of O&M technicians and inspectors).
 - **Specific objective 2:** MWRI develops comprehensive policies and strategies for and provides strategic leadership in: the implementation of training programmes and carrying out of research services in the WASH sector that are responsive to labour market demands, O&M needs and innovations and take into account gender sensitive issues.

The project started in July 01-2012 and its closure date is June 30-2018.

Due to the situation in South Sudan, the implementation of project activities slowed down up to a certain extend. Therefore, the donor NUFFIC approved an extension period of one (1) year. Later on, another additional six (6) months were also granted.

¹ NICHE = Netherlands Initiative for Capacity Development in Higher Education

II. The assignment

1. Purpose

As the project is about to end, it is considered valuable to conduct an external project evaluation.

CINOP Global is looking for a reputable independent consultant (who has not been involved so far in any of the project activities) to conduct this final project evaluation.

Due to the insecurity situation in South Sudan and related limited accessibility of ARDI, the project has been partly implemented in Amadi and partly in Juba. This was not according to plans.

The purpose of this final project evaluation is to investigate the project in retrospect in order to assess its achievements and assess whether and to what extent it has been implemented taking into account the reality of the project context.. It is an exercise that will critically judge the progress made thus so far by measuring performance with regard to reaching the initially set objectives. In addition, all findings and lessons learned (positive as well as negative) will be presented during a validation workshop to the stakeholders to enable them make decisions in future.

2. Scope

Notwithstanding the broad scope for the evaluation, it will focus on a number of specific issues, which are listed below:

- (a) Assess whether and to what extent the implementation of the project has contributed to realising the project (overall and specific) objectives as stated in the project proposal;
- (b) Evaluate the practical coordination and management of the project between the project partners, with special emphasis as regards the coordination and management on the South-Sudan side;
- (c) Assess sustainability of the project outputs;
- (d) Assess the cooperation between MWRI and Ministry of Food Security (including ARDI) and the outputs of this cooperation;
- (e) Assess to what extent the security situation and travel ban have influenced the implementation and subsequently the attainment of the project objectives;
- (f) Assess future perspectives and suggest possibilities and conditions for continued development and operations of MWRI beyond the NICHE project;
- (g) Identify lessons-learnt (could be positive and negative).

3. Approach

The evaluation will be based on:

- Desk research: a review of project documentation as there are project proposal, annual progress reports, mission reports, products developed during the project;
- Field work: conducting interviews with stake-holders, defined as persons and institutions in South Sudan and in the Netherlands, directly or indirectly involved in the NICHE project
- Collection and analysis of any other relevant information.

Nota bene: it will not be possible to travel to Amadi Rural Development Institute due to insecurity. ARDI staff is mainly based in Juba. The pilot of the curriculum developed during the project is conducted at MTC in Juba instead of in Amadi.

4. Evaluation Ethics

The evaluation will be guided by the following ethics:

- Guarantee the safety of respondents and the research team;

- Apply protocols to ensure anonymity and confidentiality of respondents;
- Ensure any other evaluation team members are briefed on ethical issues;
- Ensure compliance with legal codes governing areas such as provisions to collect and report data, particularly permissions needed to interview or collecting information from different sources;
- Store securely the obtained information.

5. Proposed timeline of the evaluation process

TYPE OF WORK/ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF DAYS
Data collection / Desk research	2
Preparation for field work	1
Field work (interviews and data collection)	5
Draft report write up and preparation validation workshop	4
Validation workshop	1
Final report write up (including feedback and input gained during validation workshop and project management team)	2
TOTAL	15
Deadline for submission of final report: June 15, 2018	

6. Outputs

The following deliverables should be made available:

- A detailed study design, including methodology, workplan and timeframe;
- A draft report (electronic copy)
- A final report incorporating feedback/input from validation workshop and project management team (one bound hard copy & electronic copy)

7. Management arrangements

The whole evaluation process will be supervised/managed by CINOP Global Resident Programme Coordinator, based in Juba in consultation with CINOP Global Project Director, based in 's-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands.

III. Profile of the consultant

We are looking for a reputable consultant who is based in South Sudan and has the following qualities:

- Profound understanding of the situation in South Sudan;
- Demonstrated experience in project evaluations, and report writing (sample of previously evaluation reports could be requested);
- A background in organizational development and vocational education;
- Experiences in the WASH sector is considered as an advantage;
- Good English, oral communication and written skills;
- Sound facilitation skills;
- Ability to work in a difficult context.

IV. Applications

If you are interested in this assignment, please send your CV, cover letter mentioning your availability and required documents as listed below to Mrs Marina Versluis at the following e-mail address: nichessd162@gmail.com

Please mention "final evaluation NICHE/SSD/162 project" as subject line in your e-mail.

The applicant will include in his/her application the following documents:

1. Technical proposal
2. Budget proposal (specifying day fee, costs for accommodation and other expenditures)
3. Proposal for the validation workshop: organisation technicalities; budget

Deadline for submission of proposals is: May 25, 2017

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews.