

Veterinaires sans Frontieres - Germany

End of project Evaluation Consultancy

Social-Economic Reintegration of Children involved in armed conflict and prevention of the recruitment of Children to Armed Forces and Groups

South Sudan

Background

VSF Germany is an international Non-Governmental Organization, providing humanitarian aid and development assistance to pastoralists and vulnerable communities in areas where livestock is of importance. In the region, VSF Germany implements activities in South Sudan, Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania and Ethiopia. With support in animal health, agriculture, marketing, food safety but also with developing the capacity of communities and governmental institutions or initiating peace and conflict resolution we work towards food security and strengthened livelihoods of pastoralist communities.

Since March 2015, UNICEF has supported VSF Germany to implement the project “Social-Economic Reintegration of Children involved in armed conflict and prevention of the recruitment of Children to Armed Forces and Groups” in Boma state (Pibor, Lekuangole, Vertet and Gumuruk counties), South Sudan. The project aims at improving access to better livelihoods, by giving alternative livelihoods to beneficiaries. The project reached 1524 Children Associated with Armed Forces and Groups (CAAFAGs) and 1,457 other Most Vulnerable Children (MVCs).

Children in Boma state, South Sudan, have been involved in and or affected by armed conflicts in various forms over period of years, with devastating consequences on the children themselves as well as on the wider community. Hunger and insecurity have increasingly been recognized as major factors compelling children to join armed forces and armed groups. Enrolment into armed forces has been a strategy to ensure immediate survival and to earn a living. The approach of this project was effective prevention of enlistment of children and social reintegration through socio-economic intervention.

The expected results of the project were:

- ✓ Children and adolescents formerly associated with armed forces and groups and other vulnerable children are reintegrated into their communities through restocking with small ruminants, fishing, agricultural activities and beekeeping.
- ✓ Children and adolescents formerly associated with armed forces and groups and other vulnerable children have improved access to alternative income through vocational skills training and small business start-ups.
- ✓ Children and adolescents formerly associated with armed forces and groups and other vulnerable children have basic knowledge in business skills.

VSF Germany now seeks the services of a consultant to undertake an end of project evaluation of the project in Boma.

The evaluation exercise will be conducted in Pibor, Lekuangole, Verthet and Gumuruk Counties of Boma State, South Sudan. Specific locations will be selected based on appropriate sampling coverage.

The assessment is expected to take about 16 days from the start date. The Consultant/Consultancy firm should develop a feasible costed work plan/activity schedule covering an approximately 16 days and submit as integral part of the proposal for this consultancy.

Expected profile of the consultant

- Vast experience in community based business enterprises evaluations.
- Excellent statistical data (qualitative and quantitative) analysis.
- A university degree in business or related fields.
- At least five years' experience in conducting livelihood/business surveys and project evaluation..
- Knowledge of post conflict development/livelihood initiatives is an added advantage.
- Readiness to travel to, and across South Sudan and independently conduct direct standard assessment activities.
- Previous experience doing similar assignment in South Sudan is an added advantage.
- Strong analytical skills and ability to clearly synthesize and present findings, draw practical conclusions, make recommendations and to prepare well-written reports in a timely manner.

Application

VSF Germany will evaluate the proposals and award the assignment based on technical and financial feasibility. VSF Germany 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. Only those shortlisted will be contacted. Any subcontracting of the consultancy will not be accepted.

Prospective candidates may technical and financial proposals to the following Email addresses: juba@vsfg.org indicating on the subject line "SERRAC EVALUATION". Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews. The selection exercise will be done on a rolling basis, and once suitable candidates are identified, the process will stop.