**TERMS OF REFRENCE FOR THE IMPACT ASSESMENT OF THE BPRM AND UNHCR FUNDED LIVELIHOOD PROJECT IN AJUONG THOK, SOUTH SUDAN**

Founded in 1933, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) is one of the largest humanitarian agencies in the world, providing relief, rehabilitation and post-conflict reconstruction support to victims of oppression and violent conflict. In South Sudan, the IRC is one of the largest providers of aid for more than 20 years now. Today, the IRC continues to serve communities with emergency relief and reconstruction assistance and operating in both refugee and host communities affected by conflict and hazard crisis. The International Rescue Committee (IRC) has been implementing Economic Recovery and Development (ERD) programs in South Sudan since 2005. In August 2015, the IRC with funding from The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM) and UNHCR livelihoods protection under multi sectors intervention project in Ruweng State (formerly called Unity State) Jamjang County,South Sudan. The projects are implemented in Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps and Jamjang host community under multi-sector interventions. The BPRM-funded three years project started in August 2015 and is now in its final year and to be completed in July 2018.

In addition, IRC has also been implementing the livelihoods interventions which are funded under UNHCR since January 2016 to date. Projects implemented:

**Funded by BPRM**

1. Livelihoods, Protection and WPE Assistance for Sudanese Refugees in South Sudan, from 01 August 2015 to 31 July 2016 – funded by BPRM
2. Increasing access to lifesaving livelihoods, protection and WPE services for Sudanese refugees in Ajuong Thok and Pamir Refugee Camp – from 01 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 – funded by BPRM
3. Ongoing project: Increasing Access to Lifesaving Livelihoods, Protection, and Women’s Protection and Empowerment (WPE) Services for Sudanese Refugees in Ajuong Thok and Pamir Refugee Camp - August 01, 2017 – July 31, 2018

**Funded by UNHCR**

1. Multi-sector *Assistance* to Refugees in Camp Settings 2016 - 2018

The BPRM and UNHCR-funded projects have been implementing by the IRC with close technical and monitoring support from UNHCR Jamjang field office. The projects support cover food security intervention to improve self-reliance and food security status of refugees who face challenges in accessing sufficient amount of food through the year. The projects targeted 50% of the total refugee population with agricultural production activities, business skill development and provision of business start-up capital. The two projects have also supported dialogue and lobbying interventions in pursuit of peaceful co-existence between the host community and refugees to improve the safety and security of the people of concern (PoC).

**Purpose of the evaluations:**

The main purpose of the evaluation is to help IRC management; stakeholders and the donor understand the project performance towards achieving its stated goal and objectives, and to learn from project approaches used. The IRC would like to measure the impact of the livelihoods projects on the lives of the refugees and host community and be able to complementarily design future programs for them.

Based on both quantitative and qualitative analyses, the impact evaluations seek to;

1. **Measure to what extent project activities were implemented, delivered outputs and attained outcomes as per expected results set out in the logical framework.**
2. To what extent has the project provided for and improved livelihoods options/opportunities among project beneficiaries including youths?
3. How is the project enhanced/enhancing women’s engagement in livelihoods activities?
4. How the project implementation approaches/modalities are affecting/affected the achievement of project benchmarks?
5. Which good practices and innovations are (or could be) replicable as effective approaches for similar interventions?
6. Does the project results framework adopted allow for strategic steering and follow-up?

*Specifically;*

How effective is the models/approaches being used by the IRC in executing this project? Are the project objectives achieved/being achieved?

Is there evidence of innovation and use of global best practice?

Are lessons about the design and delivery of the programme being captured, learned and shared within IRC and outside?

1. **Assess the suitability of the different project elements**

Which elements of the project has the most and least impact on the beneficiaries and why?

*Specifically;*

1. Evaluate the degree the project components are *interdependent* and the degree they stand alone, and the effect this has on future sustainability.
2. Which parts of the project appear to give the best *value for money*?
3. Determine how far the different activities implemented were adapted to changing local settings and how they will be sustained after the project closes.
4. How is IRC’s project contributing/contributed to fulfilling/reaching/achieving the objectives of the donor in South Sudan?
5. How has IRC's project contributed to the state and county development priorities and the refugee act in country?
6. **Generate substantive evidence-based knowledge, by identifying good practices and lessons learned that are useful to other interventions and replicable as effective approaches.**

k. *Case studies*: identify good practices and innovations that are replicable as effective approaches.

**Deliverables/outputs:**

The consultant will submit the following deliverables to the IRC:

* An Inception Report, within 4 days after signing the contract; it will detail the methods for data collection and a proposed timeline of activities and submission of deliverables.
* Draft Report, within 5 days after completion of field visits Ajuong Thok; it will be shared with the IRC team to seek comments and suggestions.
* Final Evaluation Report, within 5 days after reception of comments on the draft report and must be received by the 15th May 2018. This will include reports on findings and specific recommendations to IRC and or the donor put together in a narrative report as well as an updated complete log frame matrix, together with a copy of the raw data and photos collected in the process.

**Requirements:**

Interested applicants are expected to submit detailed proposals, including a brief contextual analysis of Ajuonth Thok refugee settlements, illustrating their competencies and clearly articulating the strategies and methods for conducting this assignment. The consultant should meet the requirements;

* Extensive experience in project evaluations. Specific experience with evaluating integrated livelihoods, woman’s protection and protection projects is strongly desired.
* Prior experience working in conflict and post conflict settings and an in-depth understanding of the context of such settings in terms of monitoring and evaluation. Knowledge and experience working in South Sudan will be an added experience.
* Strong past performance references.

**Payment details:**

Payments will be inclusive of all data collection, analysis and report writing activities. Payments will be made upon the satisfactory completion and delivery of each output: 1st payment: 30% of total contract will be paid upon submission and acceptance of the inception report; 2nd payment: 30% of total contract will be paid upon submission of the draft report, and; Final payment: 40% of the total contract will be paid upon completion and the acceptance of the final evaluation report. The IRC will directly facilitate flight to Ajuong Thok from Juba town, and transport within the project sites as well as accommodation while in the field during evaluation exercise.

**Timing:**

Technical and financial proposals should be submitted to IRC by the **15th April 2018**; Field activities are scheduled between 20th April to 10th May **2018**.

**Interested consultants should submit proposals to** The Human Resource and Administration Coordinator, The International Rescue Committee, Goshen House, 2nd Floor | Plot 23, Kololo, Airport Road | Juba, South Sudan; **OR** Email to: [**SS-HR@Rescue.org**](mailto:SS-HR@Rescue.org) under the Title : ***Proposal for the Impact Evaluation of IRC Livelihood project in Ajuong Thok*.**