

FCA South Sudan Country Office (SSUCO) Country Context Analysis Terms of Reference

1. Introduction and background

Finn Church Aid (FCA) works to enable people to break the circle of poverty and violence. We are a rights-based actor, a faith-based Finnish organization with 70 years of experience, with operations in 15 countries, and a member of the global ACT Alliance. FCA is Finland's largest NGO in development cooperation and 2nd largest provider of disaster relief. Our action is guided by international human rights standards and principles. We realize our mission and vision through development cooperation, humanitarian assistance, and advocacy work. We contribute to positive change by supporting people in the most vulnerable situations within fragile and disaster-affected areas. We consider three thematic areas as central to sustainable change: the right to peace (R2P), livelihood (R2L) and quality education (R2QE).

Our Mission: Action for human dignity.

Our Vision: A world comprised of resilient and just societies where everyone's right to peace, quality education and sustainable livelihood has been fulfilled.

Our Values: Unconditional love for our neighbors; Unyielding hope; Courage; and Respect.

FCA South Sudan since the start of its intervention has been implementing projects in all the 3 thematic areas of Right to Peace, Right to Livelihood and Right to Quality Education. FCA's geographic focus locations in South Sudan are the greater Jonglei state, Lake state and Central Equatoria state. Under its education pillar, FCA has constructed a number of permanent and temporary learning spaces, distributed scholastic materials, built the capacity of teachers, provided the necessary support to ensure a continued teaching-learning process in its target locations. Regarding its livelihoods work, FCA has been providing both in-kind food and unconditional cash distributions, skills training, and inputs for agriculture and fisheries for the target right holders. In terms of peacebuilding, FCA has been supporting the implementation of the South Sudan Council of Churches led Action Plan for Peace. Along with this, FCA has been facilitating community initiated peace processes with youth, women and the custodians of customary institutions, which are mainly the traditional community leaders and religious leaders in Jonglei.

FCA South Sudan is seeking a consultant to carry out a context analysis in South Sudan. The overall aim of the country context analysis is to better understand the country context and align its programmatic interventions to the context.

2. Assignment

The purpose and objectives of the context analysis in South Sudan

The purpose of the country context analysis is to better inform the FCA country level programming in its strategic priority areas. By compiling existing and new information on FCA intervention's thematic areas, the analysis will guide the future development of an integrated and country context tailored systematic programming in the areas of R2P, R2L, and R2QE.

Specific objectives of the country context analysis are:

- ∂ To map out the overall human rights situation and the national development priorities,
- ∂ To provide an understanding of the linkages between peace, quality education, and livelihood through a rights-based lens in the context of South Sudan.
- ∂ To provide guidance on identifying the duty-bearers and rights-holders relevant to FCA's work and analyzing their capacities and challenges.

The scope of the context analysis

The analysis will cover the three regions (the greater Bahir El-Gazal, the greater Upper Nile and the greater Equatoria regions) of South Sudan and assess the broader country context focusing on the FCA's thematic areas of interest.

The process and methodology of context analysis

The guiding principles of the **FCA Guideline and Format – Context Analysis** will inform the consultant's approach and methodology.

The Process

In the context analysis process, the consultant will employ at least the following process steps:

- 1) Prepare work plan for the country context analysis at SSUCO.
- 2) Conduct a desk review of existing policies, programmes, and strategies specifically focusing on the FCA priorities areas. The specific areas are given in the **FCA Guideline and Format – Context Analysis**.
- 3) Recruit and guide local level consultants to gather primary data from the three greater regions of South Sudan, if deemed necessary.
- 4) The consultant will develop interview guide protocols, based on the FCA Guideline and Format – Context Analysis. FCA is responsible to set up logistics and appointments both in Juba and in the field locations.
- 5) The consultant's work will be coordinated by Peace and Reconciliation Advisor of FCA South Sudan Office, and will work closely together and under the supervision of SSUCO management and programme department. The consultant will handle its own expense as budgeted in the financial proposal. FCA will cover the travel costs of its own team members related to the field visits undertaken as part of the context analysis process.

Methodology

FCA's right-based context analysis will be based on primary data from the right holders and duty bearers, desk review of the secondary data from relevant sources and context-specific observations. In addition, the consultant with potentially hired local level consultants will conduct focused group discussions with FCA and its partner organizations in South Sudan. FCA's approach emphasizes mainstreaming of gender, human rights, conflict sensitivity and climate/environment in all its work.

NOTE: The country context analysis will be guided by FCA Guideline and Format – Context Analysis. Please make a request through a separate e-mail to get this document to admin.ssuco@kua.fi. Please carefully read this guideline and follow it.

4. Qualifications of consultant

The consultant is required to have the professional and technical qualifications listed below. Only the applicants who hold these qualifications will be shortlisted and contacted. Advanced degree (MA, M. Phil or Ph.D. in one of the following subjects: development studies, education, peace and conflict studies, economics, social sciences or related fields.

- ∂ Experience in conducting country context analysis as a sole evaluator or team leader.
- ∂ Excellent research, analytical, report writing and advocacy skills relating to a right to peace, right to quality education and right to livelihoods in a right based approach through a conflict sensitivity and do no harm lens.
- ∂ At least ten (10) years of work experience in research related to conflict dynamics and/or education and livelihoods in fragile contexts.
- ∂ Proven knowledge of the context of South Sudan, or experience working in fragile contexts.
- ∂ Experience in the use of rights-based, participatory and gender-sensitive assessment/ research methodologies.
- ∂ Excellent knowledge of English, including the ability to set out a coherent argument in presentations and group interactions;
- ∂ Capacity to communicate fluently with different stakeholders (civil society, government authorities, local communities, project staff);

5. Consultancy dates, Deliverables and payment modality

Consultancy dates with Deliverables

Deliverable	Duration
Desk/ literature review and analysis	4 days
Field assessment	17 days
Draft report	5 days
Final Context analysis report	4 days
TOTAL DURATION	30 days

Deliverables

The consultant submits the following reports on agreed deadlines.

- ∂ Draft report, 20-30 pages.
- ∂ Final report 30-35 pages with annexes including:
 - Data collection and analysis tools etc. that were used.
 - Participant lists, etc. (gender aggregated data) that were used.

All data collection process will be completed in September 2018 and the final report submission is October 30, 2018.

Payments modality

Deliverables	Payment %
Upon approval of the work plan	30%
Upon reception and approval of draft report	30%
Upon reception and approval of final report	40%
Total	100%

6. Implementation and contractual arrangements

Following the signing of the contract the selected consultant will sign:

- ∂ FCA's code of conduct,
- ∂ FCA's Child Safeguarding Policy documents.

All the payments are conditional to the reception and approval of the above mentioned deliverables.

7. Bids assessment criteria

The bids will be assessed against the following criteria:

Qualitative award criteria	%
Skills/expertise of the consultant	40%
Methodology for structuring, data collection & analysis	20%
Organization of tasks and timetable	10%
Budget	30%
Total	100%

7. Tender procedure

Consultants that meet the qualifications, skills and requirements mentioned above should submit their expression of interest, which should include a letter of confirmation of interest, maximum 7 pages technical narrative proposal, financial proposal, CV, 3 references and 2 samples of similar work.

How to apply

Please send all documents consolidated into one PDF file for technical proposal as attachment 1 and financial proposal as attachment 2 to the following e-mail address: admin.ssuco@kua.fi or submit directly to Finn Church Aid Office at Juba Na Bari, Bilpham Road, Juba, South Sudan by midnight 15 July 2018. FCA will contact the shortlisted candidates after the completion of reviewing proposals. The assignment begins as of 1st September 2018.