



## **Terms of Reference for Final Evaluation**

### **USAID/OFDA Funded Livestock Emergency Response Program Phase III (LERP III), South Sudan**

#### **Background**

Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany (VSF-G) is an international Non-Governmental Organization, providing humanitarian and development assistance to pastoralists and vulnerable communities in areas where livestock is of importance. VSF-G supports in animal health, livestock related agriculture, marketing, food safety, drought responses and mitigation, capacity development of communities and governmental institutions, peace and conflict resolution with the ultimate aim of livelihood security of pastoralist communities. In the region VSF Germany implements activities in the Republic of South Sudan, Kenya, Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia.

VSF Germany has been supporting pastoral livelihoods in South Sudan since 1998 working with communities in Upper Nile, Jonglei, Warrap, Eastern Equatoria, Western Bar el Ghazal and Lakes States through times of emergency and recovery to sustain, protect and restore livelihoods by direct provision; and capacity building for improved production and productivity, diversified production as well as local peace mechanisms and governance.

The traditional and umbrella approach to viable pastoral livelihoods has all along been Community Based Animal Health Service, implemented in integration with various approaches that apply local as well as international humanitarian and development standards, practices and guidelines.

The civil war that broke out in South Sudan in December 2013 reversed an improving food situation into acute food insecurity and further escalating it into emergency and crisis status in about 87% of the country, and risk of famine in a significant number of counties.

VSF-Germany partnering with VSF Suisse with funding from U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) has been implementing the Livestock Emergency Recovery Program phase three ( LERP III) in the most conflict affected region of Greater Upper Nile (Jonglei, Upper Nile and Unity States) beginning August 2017 with the aim of contributing to improved food and nutrition security of vulnerable conflict-affected, displaced, and returnee populations in South Sudan

VSF Germany and its partners intend to evaluate the performance of the Livestock Emergency Recovery Program and are seeking the services of qualified and experienced project evaluators.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this terminal evaluation is to examine the program performance against the planned results; and specifically:

- a) To determine the appropriateness, relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of the veterinary program;
- b) To assess the quality and comprehensiveness of the program design and implementation;
- c) To document lessons learned, success stories, case studies and perceived and real as well as unmet needs;
- d) Generate baseline data and information for subsequent interventions.

## **Scope**

Provisionally, the evaluation will cover 8 payams (2 per county) in four randomly selected counties (one from each state and one additional from any one of the state depending on the existing situation) where feasible. It will be conducted in the project areas and will include both beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries. Key evaluation questions will be formulated using the project objectives and indicators, and project quality parameters.

## **Methodology**

The evaluation design will include participatory evaluation methods and employ a mixed approach with both qualitative and quantitative methods. The consultants will be required to submit a detailed draft evaluation design and methodology which will be reviewed and finalized with the effort of the program personnel.

## **Outputs**

- A detailed study design, including methodology, work plan and timeframe;
- Inception report;
- A draft report incorporating feedback from the debriefing sessions;
- A final report incorporating feedback on the draft report (one bound hard copy & electronic copy).

## **Timeframe**

This evaluation is expected to be completed in 25 working days including inception report, desk review, field assessment and report writing. The first draft report will be expected within 10 days after the field exercise is completed. A final version should be submitted within five days of receiving feedback on first draft. .

## **Management**

- The consultancy will be guided, managed and technically advised by the Country Program Manager of VSF Germany;
- The consultancy is technically and administratively fully accountable to VSF Germany;
- Specific areas for the study will be selected in consultation with VSF's field staff;
- Field travel arrangements and immediate supervision will be carried out by VSF Germany & VSF Suisse in their respective areas of operation.

## **Qualification**

The two-person evaluation team will consist of a team leader who will be a veterinarian and a support researcher who will preferably be an anthropologist or social scientist. Prospective evaluation teams are encouraged to include a mix of gender.

The team should collectively demonstrate the following set of qualities:

- Extensive experience implementing humanitarian relief programs in complex emergencies in the Horn of Africa;
- Experience in carrying out two or more major humanitarian evaluations for a major donor, international NGO, or international organization.
- General familiarity with the political and humanitarian context in South Sudan, particularly over the past 3 years
- Experience in developing or applying protection measures;
- Extensive practical experience in implementing activities aimed at pastoral livelihood;
- National consultants are encouraged to apply.

## **Administration**

Interested candidates should submit their profile and or curriculum vitae, a technical and a financial proposal. The financial proposal should comprise comprehensive professional fees; travel and accommodation will be covered by VSF Germany.

Applications should be sent to the following Email addresses: [admin\\_hr@vsfg.org](mailto:admin_hr@vsfg.org) and [juba@vsfg.org](mailto:juba@vsfg.org) **strictly** indicating on the subject line “**LERP EVAL 2018**”. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews. The deadline for submission of applications is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Identification of successful candidates will be done on a rolling basis, and once suitable candidates are found, contracting will commence.