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ADVERTISEMENT CALLING FOR NATIONAL INGOs TO SUBMIT CONCEPT NOTES FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH STROMME FOUNDATION (SF), IN SOUTH SUDAN, FOR THE PERIOD 2019 – 2023.

Background

Stromme Foundation (SF) East Africa, has been implementing various Programmes in South Sudan through local partners (NNGOs) for the past 16 years. SF is a Norwegian-based international development organization working towards a world free from poverty. The organization's key implementation areas include Education and Livelihoods Programmes implemented through local partner organizations. The context of the SF South Sudan programme is quite challenging. Decades of neglect and years of civil war, has left the country with a shattered infrastructure, a large diaspora of some of its best talent, and generations of youth who have never had an opportunity to attend school. Even after the signing of the peace agreement in 2005, the country has been subjected to devastating floods, recurrent droughts, and occasional famines. While independence was achieved through great sacrifice many parts of the country are still under developed.

Stromme Foundation launched its Programmes in South Sudan due to the very high poverty levels and vulnerability in the underdeveloped areas. There was a stark development contrast between Northern and Southern Sudan. Unlike Northern Sudan, education levels were really low, there were no good roads (in fact, no tarmac), schools with untrained teachers, no electricity in most parts, and no piped water in most areas. SF started working in Southern Sudan since 2001, but got officially registered under RRC on 31st May 2011.

With this background ***Stromme Foundation needs to Recruit New Implementing Partners*** who will be able to achieve the below stated thematic goals under the overall goal: 'Social-economic empowerment of marginalized communities in South Sudan through education and microfinance service provision' in the next five years of its Regional strategic plan (SP) 2019 - 2023.

Introduction

Stromme Foundation is a Norwegian based international development organisation that has since 1976 worked to help people in Asia, South America, West and East Africa get out of poverty. Stromme Foundation East Africa is in its last year of its current strategic plan and therefore seeks to recruit local partners that it will work with in its new 2019 – 2023 strategic plan.

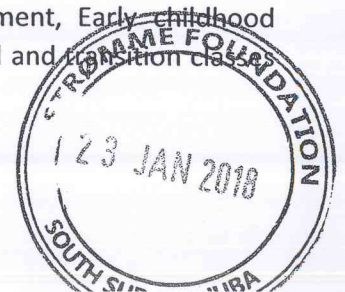
SF works with local non-governmental and community based organisations. Program sustainability is ensured through a rights-based approach that aims at community empowerment to realise and claim their rights and actively participate in their development process. SF places rights-holders at the core of programs to ensure success and sustainability. It stands for its core values of human dignity, justice and solidarity.

SF seeks partners in the countries of Uganda, Tanzania and South Sudan who shall work with them in the five-year strategy period in a holistic/integrated manner under the following vision and themes:

Vision: A World free from poverty

Overall Goal: To eradicate poverty

In order to realise its vision and mission, SFEA will implement key interventions in education and economic inclusion in the next strategic plan. The program interventions will include Adolescent girls empowerment program (Bonga), Non-formal technical vocational skills training for youth employment, Early childhood development program with a focus on children between ages of 3-8 years in Pre-school and



for primary (1st–2nd grade) and Savings and Credit groups integrated with Food Security with a major focus on women. The cross-cutting areas include Disability Inclusion, Environmental sustainability, Gender Equality, Peace building and HIV/AIDS.

THEMATIC GOAL	INTERVENTIONS that will be supported
1: STRONG CIVIL SOCIETY AND PUBLIC SECTOR	Empower individuals and communities to claim their rights
	Promote partnerships and accountability of duty bearers
2: INCLUSIVE QUALITY EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING FOR MARGINALISED AND DISADVANTAGED GROUPS	Ensure inclusive quality education and lifelong learning (formal and non-formal)
	Empowerment and life skills training for adolescents
	TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) with strong labour market linkages, especially for youth
3: STABLE LIVELIHOODS AND DECENT INCOMES FOR THE RURAL POOR	Value chain and enterprise development
	Ultra-poor through strategic graduation, partnerships

Strømme Foundation East Africa plans to support interventions in the following regions:

Uganda: Greater Mpigi (Mpigi, Butambala, Gomba); Busoga (Namayingo, Mayuge, Luuka); Karamoja (Kaabong & Kotido); West Nile (Moyo, Yumbe) and Acholi (Nwoya, Amuru) sub-regions

Tanzania: Arusha region (Monduli & Longido); Dar-es-salaam region; Singida region (Ikungi, Iramba and Manyoni) and; Dodoma region (Chamwino & Bahi).

South Sudan: Jubek state – Juba, Rejaf, Mongalla; Terekeka state – Terekeka, Tali and Gemeza and; Yei River state – Yei, Lainya and Kajokeji; Aweil state – Aweil Central and; Imatong state – Torit Central and Torit West; and Maridi state – Maridi Central.

Who is Eligible:

Eligible Partners should:

- Have local registration in the country of operation. Any potential organizations must be legally registered with the state and with proof of registration with the relevant authorities for at least two years
- Be an independent, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization working at the local level and /or National level. Priority will be given to capable organizations already operational in the geographic area of concern and have a functioning office located in the appropriate district.
- Demonstrate commitment to working with the poorest of the poor.
- Shared or common vision or purpose at the level of shared work.
- Be local NGOs that have been legally constituted for at least two years, have functional board, competent management and field staff.
- Demonstrate previous experience implementing similar activities with a brief description of past activities with references to be contacted.
- The organization's target group fits SF's target group (women, children and / or youth, as defined in the Strategic Plan)
- The organization is committed to working in line with SF's cross-cutting issues (Gender Equality, Environment and Climate Change, and Inclusion of persons with disability)



- Demonstrate experience and ability to track, manage and use internal and external resources for expected results.
- The organization's book of accounts have been audited for at least one year.
- Demonstrate institutional capacity and quality to successfully carry out the proposed activities (including internal structures and systems for administrative management, existence of reliable financial system to demonstrate organization's ability to manage grants).
- Accountability to Rights-holders– Involve the Rights-holders(Children, Youth, Women) in planning of the interventions.
- The organization has a clearly identifiable physical location with basic logistics to enable operations
- The partner has a good reputation among donors and local authorities and communities.
- Be able to demonstrate financial reliability and share audits audited by a reputable firm in the last three years.
- Compliance to the principles of transparency, good governance and zero tolerance to corruption.
- The organization works in one of SF's chosen countries and areas of intervention.
- The organization's programmes can be aligned with one or more of SF's thematic goals and intervention lines
- The organization is committed to keeping children safe and willing to abide with SF's Child Protection Policy, including the requirement to appoint a partner Child Protection Officer
- Demonstrate to implement intervention lines in an integrated approach using a rights-based approach to development; ability of lifting people out of poverty, sustainability of results after exit of Strømme Foundation and sustainability plan.
- Be able to provide at least three reference persons/organisations worked with and their contacts.

Organisations that can demonstrate the above criteria should access Concept outline details from either the organisational web-page (<http://www.stromme.org>) or send a written request to the following email address: **ICTEastafrica@stromme.org**.

All Concepts should be submitted by **20th January 2018** to either of the following addresses:

1. **The Regional Director, Strømme Foundation EA, Plot 25 Bukoto Street, P.O.BOX 27200, Kampala.**
2. **The Country Team Leader, SF South Sudan, Juba Office; located at Hai Neem near UAP Equatoria Tower.** For South Sudan CC email to: robert.monoji@stromme.org and hand deliver hard copies to the Juba office.
3. **Email address: ICTEastafrica@stromme.org**

Applications sent by email must be confirmed by written correspondence sent by express courier within 48 hours of their sending.

A short list of three institutions for each sub-region will be compiled in accordance with the SF Guidelines and subjected to further assessment. One partner will be selected to implement in each sub-region per country and will be requested to present a more detailed five-year proposal.

Planned schedule for Expressions of Interest:

Advert Date:	23 rd Jan, 2018
Submission of Concept:	5 th Feb, 2018
Initial short List:	19 th Feb, 2018
Further Assessment dates:	From 22 nd Feb. 2018
Notification of Successful Organisations:	1 st March, 2018

