



Project Impact Assessment and Endline Evaluation Consultancy Terms of Reference (ToRs)	
Dates	August 20 th through September 9, 15 working days in total for the dietary change and economic feasibility assessments and endline evaluation consultancy, including preparation, data consolidation, analysis, and reporting
Agency	Veterinarians Without Borders (VWB-VSF) Canada UAP-Equatoria Tower, 6 th Floor Wing B, Juba- South Sudan
Project Locations	Panyagor and Pongborong of Twic East County (Jonglei State) and Magwi and Torit Counties in Eastern Equatoria State

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1. Background information

1.1. About VWB/VSF Canada

Veterinarians without Borders/ Vétérinaires sans frontières – Canada (VWB/VSF) is a charitable, humanitarian organization, founded in 2005, whose mission is to work for, and with, those in need to foster the health of animals, people, and the environments that sustain us. This organization engages in activities around the world related to the health of farm animals, urban domestic animals, and wildlife, as well as public and ecosystem health. See www.vetswithoutborders.ca for more details.

1.2. About the FIT Project:

VWB/VSF Canada in partnership with Basenet is implementing a pilot project on Edible insects farming in Eastern Equatoria (EEQ) and Jongolei States through research under the Funds for Innovation and Transformation (FIT) from the Global Affairs Canada. The FIT project and its proposed research seek to mitigate the effects of malnutrition and gender-related challenges in Jongolei and EEQ through the production and marketing of edible insects. It is anticipated that, farming of insects in a controlled environment can address current challenges in insect collection practices. This will lead to the increased consumption of insects. It will also improve their availability throughout the year rather than just seasonally. Moreover, insect farming constitutes a sustainable livelihood activity due to the relatively low necessity for equipment, feed, time, labour, money, and skill required. Engaging women's groups and youth in innovative insect farming will offer access to a protein- and calorie-rich food source for household (HH) consumption. In addition, this will provide a source of disposable income to meet family expenses, strengthening both nutrition and food security.

2. About the Consultancy assignment

VWB/VSF Canada is seeking for experienced and proven Consultant with practical knowledge and experience in qualitative evaluations, research or reviews and demonstrated knowledge and understanding of socio-economic development in relation to food and nutrition security derived from farming/rearing of edible insects. The consultant will support in conducting a final evaluation of the project and carry out some other 2 studies in relation to nutrition and economic feasibility of edible insects farming in the target project locations. An experience food security Specialist Consultant to provide technical evaluation of the Edible Insect Farming for Improved Nutrition and Incomes in South Sudan project, a 10-month research project implemented in Eastern Equatoria and Jonglei states.

The Consultant will report to the Project Manager, the successful candidate will provide locally relevant evaluation techniques and tools using the provided project monitoring matrix and indicator performance tracking table for the design and development of evaluation tools. The Consultant will work closely with the project team to develop the evaluation tools and advice on other relevant methodologies to use.

The purpose of this assignment is to conduct dietary and economic feasibility assessments and endline evaluation to find out what impact the FIT project is making and has made on the lives of the targeted communities supported by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) in South Sudan. The consultant is expected to conduct three separate assessments and carry out





the following specific roles and responsibilities:

a) **Economic feasibility study of village-level adoption of insect production technologies, and the potential contribution of edible insect farming to households.**

- Assess insect production costs vs incomes from sales to determine whether insect production/harvesting is an economically viable enterprise for the rural households. The consultant is required to ask broader questions to address socio-economic impacts as well.

b) **Dietary Change Assessment:**

To conduct dietary change assessments or nutrition surveys to show the dietary and nutritional status of the targeted communities, especially:

- Assess how the targeted communities prepare insects as food for the households (insect food preparation techniques) and this contributes to improved nutrition.
- Assess the frequency of consumption of edible insects in the targeted areas (Dietary Intake per day per a household;

c) **Endline Evaluation**

Conduct an endline evaluation to find out what impact the FIT project is making and has made on the lives of the targeted communities in the targeted locations. The report will include the following: the project's relevancy and effectiveness, the factors that influenced the achievements of the intended goals and objectives, lessons learned, conclusion and recommendations etc...

3. **Methodology**

The methodology is expected to employ participatory techniques to data collection, triangulating qualitative data from key stakeholders: women, men, girls and boys participating in the program (ensuring balance of gender, age and diversity), as well as staff from partner agencies and government staff.

It is expected that Participatory techniques will be used to gather most data. This may include:

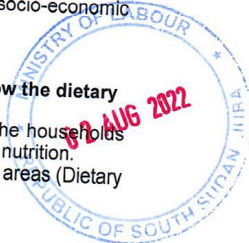
- Desk review of key project documents including Narrative Proposal, Performance measurement framework (Logframe) and relevant reports; meeting minutes, training reports and Inception Meetings report; Situation Reports; narrative reports; Needs Assessments reports, etc. as may be provided by the Project Manager.
- Focus group discussions with project beneficiaries (women, men, boys and girls) benefiting from the different project activities.
- Observations and corresponding analysis from consultants
- Key Informant interviews with project partner staff and relevant government officials.
- Own research into subject matter pertaining edible insects that will be useful for providing insight for the assessments.

The consultant should analyze the impact of the work on the ground to the stated project aims. The project strategy and approach, and the project objectives and outputs as well as their indicators. The following two methods are however recommended to complement the findings. **GAC evaluation Criteria** (Relevance, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Impact and Sustainability) and **BOND Evidence Principles** (Voice and Inclusion, Appropriateness, Triangulation, Contribution, Transparency).

3.1. **Data sources:**

Impact assessment information will be gathered from the following groups/institutions and or individuals:

- Community leaders in respective project locations at different levels;
- Payam administrators;





- Women representatives in project locations;
- Women group leaders at different level of the structure (Boma, Payam, County and State)
- Representatives from the county Relief & Rehabilitation Commission (RRC);
- The youth representatives



3.2. Evaluation Ethics

The dietary and economic feasibility assessments and endline evaluation will be guided by the following ethics:

- Guarantee the safety of respondents and the research team.
- Apply protocols to ensure anonymity and confidentiality of respondents.
- Ensure any other assessment team members are briefed on ethical issues.
- Provide referrals to local services and sources of support for women that might ask for them.
- Ensure compliance with legal codes governing areas such as provisions to collect and report data, particularly permissions needed to interview or obtain information about children and youth.
- Store securely the collected information

4. Key Deliverables of the dietary and economic feasibility assessments and endline evaluation and timeframe.

a. **Inception Report;** the consultant will have to develop and submit an inception report for the Dietary and economic feasibility assessments and endline evaluation. The Dietary and economic feasibility assessments and endline evaluation inception reports (3 reports) will be presented 5 days after the signing of contract by the consultant. The consultant is expected to present in these reports, his methodologies, tools, expected outcome, outputs, overall work plan, suggestions for human resources inputs etc. In these inception reports, stakeholders will have an opportunity to make inputs and adjust the document where those adjustments are needed.

b. **Draft Reports;** The consultant will be required to produce draft dietary and economic feasibility assessments and endline evaluation reports for comments/inputs and or deletion of some areas by the stakeholders before the final report is finalized. The draft dietary and economic feasibility assessments and endline evaluation report preliminary findings will be presented at two levels: First, at the field level to VWB-VSF Canada management to give them an opportunity to make feedback, and secondly at VWB-VSF Canada management at the HQ level.

c. **Final Report;** These will be the detailed and last (3) reports to be produced by the consultant after gathering the views, comments, and inputs from all the stakeholders.

d. **Presentation of findings:** VWB-VSF Canada will organize a stakeholder meeting that bring together key personnel from both BaseNet and VSF Canada. The consultant will then be required to present the key findings in this meeting.

5. Professional skills and qualifications Required

5.1. Education:

- Masters in Social Research, Quantitative economics, Food Security, Agriculture, Entomology, Monitoring and Evaluation, international development, economics or any related field.

5.2. Experience:

- Experience in qualitative evaluations, research or reviews





- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of socio-economic development, learning and knowledge management, resilience building, private sector partnerships building, institutional capacity development and other relevant subjects in South Sudan.
- Demonstrated experience in learning and knowledge management, methodology and tool development, (remote/online) interviewing and (online) learning event facilitation skills.
- Experience in conducting evaluations in South Sudan will be an asset.

5.3. Language and other knowledge and skills:

- Knowledge of the country context, development issues and challenges;
- Excellent proven oral and drafting skills in English, with excellent analysis and synthesis skills. Local language proficiency (Madi, Acholi, Dinka, Lotuko) added advantage.

6. Responsibilities of Parties During the Assessment

6.1. The consultant

- Lead on the overall evaluation process.
- Review available documents and developed evaluation tools.
- Analyse data, and present findings in one-day learning session.
- Compile findings, learnings and recommendations into a report.
- Ensure that analysis of data is constructive, do proper investigation of positive and negative findings, check and account for bias in reporting.
- Submit the 3 reports for the assessments.

6.2. VWB/VSF Canada and Basenet

VWB-VSF Canada and BaseNet will provide the following resources:

- Logistical support during data collection in the field
- Project staff to support the consultant
- Community mobilization in the field
- Facilitation of focus group discussions where language is a barrier
- Air travel to and from project locations (Torit and Mabior)
- Where appropriate, accommodation in the field.



7. Management arrangement

The consultant will report to the FIT Program Manager in Juba and is required to copy the VSF Canada country director in all correspondence during these assessments and evaluation.

8. How to apply

Interested candidates should send in their proposal containing the following

- Technical proposal
- Financial proposal
- Example of similar work in South Sudan
- Resume of consultant/s if applicable.

to this email: taban@vetswithoutborders.ca and copying john@vetswithoutborders.ca by August 20th, 2022 at 5:00PM (South Sudan Local Time).

You can hand deliver your applications to VWB/VSF Canada office at UAP Equatoria Tower, on 6th Floor – Wing B. Considering the **urgency** of this position, applications will be reviewed as they are being received.

