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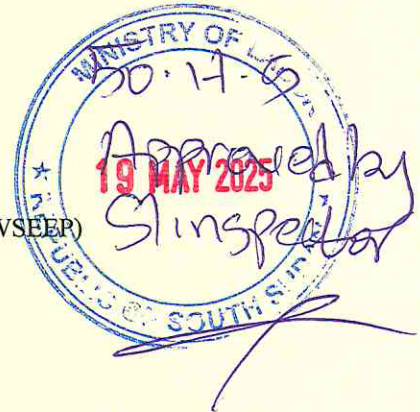
Ref: SS-MGCSW-475928-CS-INDV

Date: 19th May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)**

COUNTRY : Republic of South Sudan
Name of Project : South Sudan Women's Social and Economic Empowerment Project (SSWSEEP)
PROJECT ID : P 176900
Assignment Title : Livelihood & Economic Empowerment Specialist
Reference No. : SS-MGCSW-475916-CS-INDV
Place of assignment: Juba, South Sudan



Background:

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South Sudan Women's, Social and Economic Empowerment Project

Terms of Reference

Livelihood & Economic Empowerment Specialist (1 Position)

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PROJECT ID: P176900
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Place of assignment: Juba, South Sudan
Closing Date: 9th June 2025



1) Background

The Government of South Sudan (GoSS) has received funding grant from the World Bank towards the implementation of the proposed South Sudan Women's social economic empowerment project (SSWEEP) Ministry of Gender Child and Social Welfare.

The SSWEEP aims to increase girls and women's access to livelihood, entrepreneurial and GBV services and to strengthen the government's capacity to provide these services. The project will (a) help lay the groundwork for institution building through its support to the MGCSW at both the national and state levels; (b) assist with basic public service delivery through its work to help women access services to prevent and respond to incidents of GBV; and (c) support resilience and livelihoods through provision of grants, training, and technical assistance aimed at helping women to grow their businesses.

The Livelihoods and Economic Empowerment Specialist, working within the PMU, provides technical guidance and oversight for Components 1 and 2 of the SSWEEP Project. **UN Women is responsible for implementing these activities**, specifically related to the Women's Economic Opportunities Fund (WEOF) and livelihoods-related interventions. The Specialist's role is to ensure effective implementation **by UN Women and its implementing partners**, aligning SSWEEP livelihood activities with the Government of South Sudan's (GoSS) strategies. This alignment aims to enhance the implementation of WEOF and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA), ultimately fostering economic empowerment and sustainable livelihoods for beneficiaries.

The specialist is also responsible for:

- **Risk Management:** Collaborating with the project team to ensure comprehensive assessment, mitigation, and management of Livelihoods projects of component 1 & 2 risks throughout the project lifecycle.



- **Coordination for Best Practices:** Close coordination with UN Women, implementing partners, government agencies, and community-based organizations to adopt best practices in WEOF and VSLA risk management, adhering to World Bank standards.

In essence, the Specialist ensures that **UN Women's implementation** of WEOF and VSLA activities is effective, aligned with government strategies, and manages associated risks according to established best practices.

Component 1: Skills Development for Women's Networks and Groups aims to empower 22,000 women and adolescent girls by providing targeted skills development that enhances their economic prospects and enables effective participation in peacebuilding. This component focuses on selecting beneficiaries in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare (MGCSW) and delivering comprehensive training programs encompassing life skills, group management, peacebuilding and advocacy, and basic literacy. UN Women will oversee the work of NGO partners, ensuring quality and alignment with project objectives, with the ultimate goal of equipping women to advocate for their interests, advance their economic empowerment, and contribute to peacebuilding efforts at all levels.

Component 2: Strengthening Women-Owned Small and Growing Businesses (SGBs) seeks to equip at least 1,200 women with the necessary skills and resources to establish and grow profitable SGBs. UN Women will engage a service provider to operationalize the Women's Entrepreneurial Opportunity Facility, providing tailored technical assistance in areas such as business development, financial management, leadership, and raising financing. This support will include connecting women SGBs with diverse funding instruments and training them to develop compelling business models and financial plans. Government consultation will ensure alignment with national priorities, and the service provider will report directly to UN Women on the progress and impact of the initiative.

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:

The Livelihood & Economic Empowerment Specialist in SSWSEEP will play a pivotal role in advancing the women's social and economic empowerment project by delivering expert guidance and strategic oversight for the development and execution of livelihood initiatives. This position requires the specialist to align program activities with the World Bank's policies, ensuring that interventions are not only inclusive and sustainable but also adhere to global best practices.

The specialist will be tasked with monitoring program outcomes, facilitating capacity-building efforts, and fostering partnerships that enhance women's economic participation, thereby contributing to the broader goals of poverty alleviation and gender equality in the region.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The key responsibilities of the Livelihood & Economic Empowerment Specialist include:

- **Ensure** livelihood and economic empowerment activities implemented through UNWOMEN aligns with national and priorities on women's social and economic empowerment.
- **Provide technical guidance** to project teams, UNWOMEN, service provider(s) engaged, and government institutions on sustainable livelihood interventions.
- **Represent the PMU in livelihood coordination forums** to align interventions with government policies and donor strategies.
- **Facilitate partnerships with UN Women, NGOs, financial institutions, and private sector actors** to enhance sustainability.
- **Liaise with UN Women and service providers to provide strategic inputs** on program implementation and adaptation.



DUTY STATION:

The Livelihood & Economic Empowerment Specialist will be based in the Ministry of Gender Child and Social Welfare, Project Management Unit (PMU), SSWSEEP Project Office Juba, with frequent travel to the States (Wau and Torit) to provide support, supervision and coordination.

The Consultant will be selected using Individual Consultant's Selection (ICS) method as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers ("Procurement Regulations") dated July 2016 and as revised in September 2023 and is open to all eligible applicants as defined in the above-mentioned Procurement Regulations.

A signed Expressions of interest (EOI) and CV in the prescribed format with 3 reference persons must be sent to PMU-SSWSEEP/MGCSW by 9th June 2025 at 16 hours (Juba local time). The subject line must be clearly marked as "Application for Livelihood & Economic Empowerment Specialist" and submitted by email or hand delivered to;

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Juba, Na Bari – Next to Indian Embassy,

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This Job is for South Sudanese Nationals only.

NB: Qualified Female Candidates are Strongly Encourage to Apply

