# Terms of Reference (ToR)

# Consultancy for SQUEAC Survey – Rubkona County, South Sudan

# World Relief South Sudan

**Date of Advert: 28 May 2025**

**Application Deadline**: June 17, 2025, 4:30pm CAT

**Contact Email for Submission**: FCharles@wr.org

# 1. Background

South Sudan continues to face alarming levels of acute malnutrition, with the national Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) prevalence reaching 17.4%—exceeding the WHO emergency threshold. Projections indicate worsening conditions, with over 2.1 million children expected to suffer from acute malnutrition between July 2024 and June 2025.

Rubkona County, situated in Unity State, is among the hardest-hit areas. The county is battling IPC Phase 4 emergency levels, compounded by conflict, recurrent flooding, disease outbreaks, limited healthcare access, and food insecurity. A cholera outbreak and widespread diarrheal diseases have further stressed the already fragile nutrition and health systems.

To improve access to and coverage of nutrition services, particularly Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM), World Relief (WR), in partnership with Solidarite’s International (SI), seeks a qualified consultant to lead a SQUEAC (Semi-Quantitative Evaluation of Access and Coverage) survey in Rubkona County.

This assessment is planned as part of an integrated, multi-sectoral program, and its implementation is contingent upon the availability of funding and final donor approval.

# 2. Objective of the Consultancy

The overall objective is to assess the coverage and accessibility of CMAM services in Rubkona and identify barriers and enablers affecting access, with actionable recommendations for improved service delivery.

Specific Objectives:

* Analyze both qualitative and quantitative data to assess current CMAM coverage for SAM and MAM.
* Quantify CMAM service coverage and determine whether it meets Sphere standards.
* Identify barriers—social, cultural, geographic, and operational—that hinder access to CMAM services.
* Identify enablers and boosters that facilitate access to care.
* Build the capacity of local staff to understand and apply the SQUEAC methodology in future assessments.

# 3. Scope of Work and Methodology

The consultant will lead all stages of the SQUEAC assessment, including:

* Secondary data review and hypothesis development.
* Qualitative data collection (KIIs, FGDs, participatory mapping)
* Quantitative data collection (household surveys, service utilization data).
* Coverage estimation and statistical analysis.
* Capacity building of local teams.
* Validation and dissemination of findings.

# 4. Deliverables

* Inception Report
* Training Materials
* Preliminary Findings Report
* Final SQUEAC Report
* Presentation Materials
* Cleaned Datasets

# 5. Timeline

The consultancy is expected to run from July 1 to August 25, 2025, including desk review, data collection, analysis, reporting, and dissemination.

# 6. Required Qualifications

* Master’s degree in Public Health, Nutrition, or a related field.
* 5–10 years of experience in nutrition coverage assessments, preferably using SQUEAC.
* Proven experience in CMAM programming in emergency settings, ideally in South Sudan or East Africa.
* Proficient in qualitative and quantitative methods, including analysis using SPSS, Stata, R, Excel, or NVivo.
* Strong understanding of humanitarian and nutrition challenges in South Sudan and in the region.
* Excellent communication and facilitation skills with diverse stakeholders.
* Skilled in writing clear, actionable reports and recommendations.
* Collaborative, adaptable, and able to manage competing priorities.

# 7. Reporting and Coordination

The consultant will report to the Health and Nutrition Coordinator and coordinate closely with World Relief Nutrition and MEAL teams throughout the assignment.

# 8. Budget and Payment Terms

The consultancy budget will cover professional fees, travel, accommodation, and field expenses. Payment will be made in three tranches:

* 30% upon contract signing and submission of inception report.
* 30% upon completion of data collection and preliminary findings report.
* 40% upon approval of the final report and deliverables.

# 9. Ethical Considerations

The consultant must:

* Secure informed consent from all participants.
* Uphold confidentiality and data protection.
* Adhere to safeguarding, PSEA, and ethical research principles.

# 10. Application Requirements

Interested candidates should submit:

* Technical proposal outlining understanding of the ToR, proposed methodology, and work plan.
* Financial proposal detailing all costs.
* CVs of lead consultant and team, if applicable.
* Samples of previous similar work.
* Three references from recent clients.

# 11. How to Apply

Please send your application package to FCharles@wr.org with the subject line:
“*Application for SQUEAC Consultancy – Rubkona County*”.

# 12. Additional information

Please access the detailed Scope of Work (SOW) here: [SOW for SQUEAC Survey\_May 2.2025\_final.docx](https://worldrelief-my.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/g/personal/wterefe_wr_org/EbkcQL9QROVCuXHwcei4C4sB7yb58GPRPqALwtYG4SBKPQ?e=gxyA4g)