

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS/ BY-PRODUCTS VALUE CHAIN
CONSULTANCY OF THE PROJECT 'SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION
INITIATIVE IN THE FORMER NORTHERN BAHR EL GHAZAL STATE, SOUTH SUDAN'**

Position	: Livestock Products/ By-Products Value Chain Consultant
Responsible to	: Project Manager – former Northern Bahr el Ghazal
Location	: Aweil Center, Aweil East, Aweil North, Aweil West and Aweil South.
Estimated duration	: 30 days (20 days in the field)
Expected start date	: 20 th October 2019

1.1 Organization's background

Vétérinaires Sans Frontières - Suisse (VSF-Suisse) is an international NGO that has been working in South Sudan since 1995 supporting livelihoods of pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities. VSF Suisse's geographical focus has been in former Northern Bahr el Ghazal State (Aweil East, Aweil West, Aweil Centre, Aweil South and Aweil North Counties), among other states in the country. VSF-Suisse focuses on preventing and alleviating suffering, disease, and hunger, and contributing to socio-economic development and sustainable environment, in areas where livestock, agriculture and related issues play, or could play an important role in improving peoples' livelihoods, food and nutrition security and resilience. VSF-Suisse endeavors to provide communities with holistic management approaches to livestock issues including: healthcare, production management, marketing support and veterinary public health. VSF-Suisse promotes innovative service delivery approaches including capacity building of livestock keepers and farmers through pastoral/farmer field schools; integrating agriculture and livestock as a sustainable means of increasing livestock and agricultural productivity. In addition, VSF-Suisse supports community-based animal health system through training of CAHWs, support to cold chain system and establishment of private veterinary pharmacies model for sustainable animal health services delivery. VSF Suisse mainstreams and integrates cross-cutting issues such as environmental protection, gender equity, HIV / AIDS, and

human protection in its program strategies. VSF Suisse integrates and applies the principles of Conflict Sensitivity, Do No Harm and Accountability to Affected Populations in its programming.

1.2 Project background

In line with its country strategy, VSF-Suisse has received a three-year (2019-2021) grant from the European Union under the Zonal Efforts for Agricultural Transformation-Bahr el Ghazal Efforts for Agriculture Development (ZEAT-BEAD) Component 2 Program entitled '**Sustainable Agriculture and Livestock production initiative (SALPI)**' in the former Northern Bahr el Ghazal state, with the objective to contribute to improved food and nutrition security, livelihood and incomes of small holder agro-pastoralist communities. The project has a strong focus on community driven conflict mitigation and management mechanisms that will be used to navigate the interests of various stakeholders including civil society, religious groups, local authorities, traditional leaders, herders, traders, farmers, youth and women groups etc., and ensure sustainability of the action is embedded in the strengthened community systems.

The project will focus on the following 4 result areas;

- i) Improved food production and productivity
- ii) Improved conflict mitigation capacities of targeted communities.
- iii) Enhanced income diversification
- iv) Improved community resilience

The project will target 10,000 smallholder households in the former 5 counties of Northern Bahr el Ghazal namely; Aweil East, Aweil North, Aweil West, Aweil Center and Aweil South.

2. Objective

The objective of the consultancy is to evaluate and provide technical expertise on livestock products (meat and milk) and by-products (hooves, hides and skins etc.) value chains, processing and utilization as a cottage industry vocation.

2.1 Specific objectives of the assignment

The following specific objectives will be pursued by the consultancy;

1. Carry out a value chain analysis on livestock products and by-products including an assessment of market opportunities through the private sector.
2. Formulate appropriate designs for the establishment of slaughter by-products value chain addition sheds, milk marketing sheds and slaughter sheds/ slabs that are relevant to the context.
3. Support Training of Trainers for lead milk vendors on milk value chain addition, hygienic milk production, milk handling practices, operational dynamics, marketing including nutrition behavior change communication.
4. Support training of lead youths on slaughter by products processing techniques, production management and product marketing skills.
5. Provide specific, relevant and practical recommendations in livestock products and by-products value chain components to refine implementation of the project and documentation of lessons that could be utilized for future similar programming.
6. Produce comprehensive report (s) on the assignment.

3. Scope of work

The scope of the consultancy includes the review of relevant primary and secondary data, conduct relevant trainings and formulation of appropriate specific designs in line with the SALPI project. The geographical scope of the survey covers the project areas in the former 5 Counties that constituted the former Northern Bahr el Ghazal state.

The scope of the work to be undertaken includes;

1. A desk review of relevant project documents
2. Meeting and interview stakeholders and partners
3. Meeting with VSF-Suisse management and project staff
4. Designing data collection tools and methodologies
5. Produce an inception report
6. Selection and training of key stakeholder groups
7. Formulation of appropriate designs for the establishment of slaughter by-products value chain sheds
8. Compiling and submitting the complete consultancy report and related relevant annexes.

4. Proposed methodology

In carrying out the assignment, the consultant is expected to use best practices and frameworks in food security and livelihoods analysis, Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards and scientific methodologies. In addition, the consultant should ensure inclusivity with focus on women and youth, livestock keepers, traders, value chain actors, key stakeholder engagement, field visits and training. Incorporate feedback from the European Union/ Technical Assistance, VSF-Suisse and its partners (VSF-Canada, and HeRY) in the final report.

5. Key tasks

The specific tasks expected to be performed by the consultant include:

- (i) Develop of the technical and financial proposals.
- (ii) Read and understand the project documents, which include relevant project documents and reports.
- (iii) Develop a clear work plan to undertake the assignment.
- (iv) Meet with VSF-Suisse, VSF Canada and HeRY management and technical teams in Juba, South Sudan to plan for the exercise, develop a time table for field work, and agree on methods that will be used to collect the data.
- (v) Develop tools for the assignment including training plans.
- (vi) Meet with key stakeholders in South Sudan (Juba and Aweil and if need be the EU Technical teams in Juba) as well for concurrence before embarking on the field mission.
- (vii) Provide expertise and take part in training sessions.
- (viii) Produce the final consultancy report including relevant annexes.

6. Duration

Considering the vast project area (5 former counties of NBEG), and the poor infrastructure, it is expected that the assignment will take approximately **30 days**, broken down as follows: **4 days** of travel, **1 day** to review the project documents, **20 days** in the field for data collection, meeting stakeholders, and produce the draft report, and **5 days** to produce the final report.

7. Qualifications and experience of the consultant

The consultant should ideally have the following qualifications:

- (i) Master's degree in Veterinary Sciences/ Animal Production/ Public Health studies or equivalent.
- (ii) At least five years' experience in conducting similar assignments, assessments in the field of food security and livelihood/ livestock.
- (iii) Knowledge in conducting Livestock related studies/ Livestock products value chains surveys.
- (iv) Experience in working with the EU funded food security projects in the East African region will be an added advantage.
- (v) Demonstrated understanding of the South Sudan's political, socio-cultural, and livelihood contexts.
- (vi) Understands Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards.
- (vii) Demonstrated analytical and good writing skills.
- (viii) Good capacity building skills.

8. Application procedure

Interested firms/persons must submit detailed technical and financial proposals (VSF Suisse will cover consultant travel and accommodation costs).

Technical proposal must include;

- Clear explanation of consultant's understanding of the Terms of Reference
- Proposed approaches and methodology to be used and work plan/timetable
- Updated CVs with at least 3 referees of the lead consultant and partners (if any)
- Copies of a similar assignment recently completed

Financial proposal will include budget for the assignment bearing in mind that VSF-Suisse will provide transport and accommodation for the consultant(s) to undertake the assignment.



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9. Submission of application

All the documents must be submitted via e-mail by **15th October 2019** to: jubarecruitment@vsf-suisse.org and copy Office.Juba@vsf-suisse.org. **The application e-mail should indicate on the subject line the Job Title; Livestock Products/ By-Products Value Chain Consultancy**

Deadline for submission is **5:00pm on 15th October 2019**.