

Position Expert FARE Approach Consultant

Project Accelerating Food Systems Resilience in South Sudan (AFSRiSS)

Period February 2025 – 30th April 2025

1. Introduction

The project titled "Accelerating Food Systems Resilience in South Sudan (AFSRiSS)" aims to support local entrepreneurs and communities in South Sudan to develop inclusive, equitable, and resilient seed systems, value chains, and agrifood enterprises. The lead partner is the Cooperative Dutch Coalition for Relief and Development U.A, based in the Netherlands, with ZOA Dorcas South Sudan and the University of Juba as partners.

The project will be implemented in the states of Western Bahr el Ghazal, Jonglei/GPAA, and Eastern Equatoria, targeting areas such as Jur River County, Bor South County, Pibor County, and Torit County. Its main purpose is to improve food security and nutrition by enhancing the resilience of local food systems through the development of seed systems, value chains, and agrifood enterprises.

The expected outcomes include improved seed security for smallholder producers and entrepreneurs, collaborative stakeholder networks for value chain development, and an established knowledge, learning, and capacity-building agenda. The project will directly work with 30 local case owners and target 6,000 smallholder food producer households, focusing on women and youth.

2. The objective of the support

FARE Approach Consultant should come from highly specialized field, particularly within the context of South Sudan, and takes a systems perspective with focus on resilience to strengthen the resilience of local food systems for improved outcomes, in particular using the Farmer Agency for Rural Economies for food security and healthy diets. Expertise in this area in general and focused on South Sudan in particular is scarce, with pioneering work led by the University of Wageningen which has been instrumental in the development and implementation of Food Systems Resilience concepts, specifically tailored to South Sudan.

3. Duration

The FARE Consultant will be contracted for a period of up to **60 days** between January and 30 of April 2025. This may be extended 2026 if the consultant successfully delivers the ToR and if ARFSiSS requires continued support. The distribution of the 60 days will be as follows

Tasks	Nb of days	
Getting started	2	First online sessions and agreeing on the FARE cases
State level workshops	12	2-day workshops in the three project States (2 weeks)
On-line part of training	10	The co-facilitation online part of the course and feedback on and editing of assignments (2 weeks)
Face-to-face training	12	Co-facilitation of joint states face-to-face training (2 weeks)
Coaching and overview of FARE outputs	12	Feedback on FARE cases assignments and outputs, with editing to make these presentable.

Follow-up workshops	12	Follow-up workshops (3 States for 2 weeks)
Total	60	

4. Deliverables and Detailed Tasks:

The expert / FARE Approach Consultant hired for this role will be responsible for several key activities aimed at advancing the AFSRiSS project's goals:

Training and Support:

Overall responsibility to develop agri-business strategy for case owners informed by the strategic plan to achieve the project objectives.

Alignment to local priorities and selection of practical cases by screening of identified cases

Facilitate identification of linkages to agri-input dealers for farmers through the action-oriented analyses and action planning for practical cases

Develop and deliver tailored Trainer of Trainer training and in-depth training courses and provide mentorship and Coaching.

Deliver day workshops in states and co-facilitation of face-to-face course training for all case practical case owners

Knowledge sharing with technical institutions at the state level and agribusiness support agencies and training of project ZOA staff and design of appropriate training module for farmers/entrepreneurs in agribusiness and marketing.

Design of project activities for development of market links/supply chains/market chains and any other necessary interventions/linkages.

Sector and supply chain analysis of major agricultural sub sectors/niche markets that have potential in the region. Competitive advantage assessment/other appropriate market based analyses.

Feedback on FARE assignments and outputs, with editing to make them presentable (two weeks)

Provide training and support services to achieve the national Food Systems Transformation (FST) priority on value chain and agrifood enterprise development.

Assist in evidence-based adaptive programming through the development of sense-making workshops, potentially involving the services of expert consultants in coordination with UoJ.

Ensure National and Local Ownership and Strategic Buy-In:

Ensure and advise on increased national and local ownership by South Sudan nationals and experts through integrative project delivery.

Work with / advise on the constructive involvement of key national actors, including the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, to support the project's success.

Networking and Linkages:

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Utilize an extensive network in South Sudan to engage with key food system actors and maintain functional linkages to regional and global debates and agenda-setting on seed systems, value chains, and agrifood enterprise development in contexts of protracted food crises.

Coordination with MEAL Teams:

Collaborate with the ZDSS Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) team and the ZOA international MEAL team support MEAL activities in partnership with seed system, value chain, and agrifood enterprises

Activities are aimed at leveraging the advisor's expertise and network to enhance the impact and sustainability of the AFSRiSS project's interventions in South Sudan.

The advisor shall keep a list of activities she is involved in including an indication of her time expenditure and provide all training reports based on deliverables

5. Points of contact and reporting

The consultant will report to the ARFSiSS Consortium Coordinator and to the ZOA-Dorcas – Director of Program or Country Director in South Sudan. Other points of contact include the Director Finance of ZOA Dorcas South Sudan, and focal points at project partners such as the University of Juba and East West Seed Knowledge Foundation and Integrated Seed Sector Development (ISSD)

6. Qualifications and Selection Criteria:

The consultant should meet the following criteria:

- Proven track record in developing project concept specifically for food systems and agrifood enterprise projects in East Africa and more specific South Sudan.
- Previous integral involvement in similar projects, ideally in a senior advisory capacity.
- Ability to travel to South Sudan.
- Deep familiarity with the Farmer Agency for Rural Economies (FARE) approach.
- Experience working within institutions or organizations that specialize in the FARE approach and its application.
- A minimum of 8 years of experience working in South Sudan, with substantial knowledge of the local context.
- Demonstrated ability to leverage local insights to drive project progress and success.
- Familiarity with the local academic and local institutions landscape

Agreed and signed (also initial every previous page)

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