

# REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

## Ministry of Finance and Planning

### Terms of Reference for Economic Advisor

<b>General Information</b>	
Title of the Assignment	Economic Advisor to Government
Type of Consultancy	Individual Consultant
Description of the Assignment	Based on a comprehensive appreciation of the politico-economy of South Sudan, the task serves to provide macro and micro economic advice and analysis to the Government to support the development of South Sudan's economic policy.
Duration of the Assignment	1 year (renewable based on available funding)
Duty Station	Juba, South Sudan
Starting Date	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2024
Host Agency/Institution	Ministry of Finance and Planning.
<b>Background</b>	
<p>The Republic of South Sudan gained sovereignty from Sudan in 2011 and is currently emerging from a period of prolonged civil conflict, which has disproportionately affected incomes and livelihoods, particularly for vulnerable groups, youth and women, and constrained private sector development. The country's economy is heavily dependent on oil resources, which accounted for 80% of the industry sector's value added and over 95% of total government revenue and exports earnings during 2012-2020.</p> <p>With an estimated 11.2 million people (2020) and a Gross National Income per capita of 351 USD (2021), the country is considered by the Bank as a country in transition since 2012.</p> <p>At the economic front, growth prospects were undermined by desert locusts' invasions, floods, falling global oil prices and the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, real GDP growth contracted by 6.0% in 2020/21 from 13.9% in 2019/20. In addition, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war leading to rising inflation in Uganda and Kenya, which are South Sudan's main market source for wheat and maize, will have serious effects on poverty and humanitarian needs as the country continues to grapple with recent flooding and intercommunal violence. Meanwhile, further increase in global oil prices will significantly improve the country's fiscal and current account balances and improve economic growth prospects.</p> <p>The country's political context is fueled by uncertainties despite the formation of the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU) in February 2020.</p> <p>The Revised National Development Strategy (R-NDS) 2021-2024 reinforces South Sudan's Vision 2040: towards freedom, equality, justice, peace and prosperity for all. This NDS is also viewed as an instrument for the implementation of the R-ARCSS and has five priorities: (i) governance; (ii) development of social services; (iii) a focus on gender, youth and other cross-cutting themes; (iv) economic development including economic diversification; and (v) infrastructure.</p> <p>South Sudan's institutions and processes for public financial management collapsed during the economic and political turmoil of the past decade, as meaningful reforms were impossible. Hence, in transitioning from fragility to stability, South Sudan should enhance its public financial management by developing instruments for credible, transparent and effective budget planning</p>	

and execution, supported by a credible public investment program and prudent macroeconomic management.

### **Objectives of the Assignment**

The key objective of this assignment is to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the politico-economy of South Sudan in a bid to providing macro and micro economic advice and analysis to support the development of South Sudan's economic policy. In addition, the consultancy will participate in aid coordination activities with bilateral and multilateral donors with emphasis on promoting the co-financing of projects and programs, but also perform any other economic advisory function to the Government.

**Deliverables:** The Key expected deliverables of the assignment are:

- Collect and monitor economic data in the country to assess the effectiveness, and advise on the appropriateness of monetary and fiscal policies.
- Analyze the prevailing factors which help determine economic growth and advise government agencies on appropriate policies to increase economic activities.
- Conduct research and develop models to analyze, explain and forecast economic behavior and patterns, and devise methods for collection and analysis of data.
- Provide technical advice on development of economic models and provide feedback to government agencies and partners on technical adjustments to improve model robustness.
- Identify market failures and appraise value for money of policy options.
- Build strong relationships with Government departments, public and private sector organizations in order to guide and shape the geospatial research, analysis and policy making agenda.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

Under the supervision and guidance of the Minister of Finance/Undersecretary of Planning, Ministry of Finance and Planning, the Economic Advisor will:

- Provide macro and micro economic advice and analysis to support the development of South Sudan's economic policy.
- Develop an in-depth understanding of political dynamics in South Sudan and how they impact economic development. In doing, risks assessments and triggers should be done to inform the Government.
- Provide economic support in the development of other program such as public financial management to ensure value for money.
- Monitoring, evaluating, and writing reports, as necessary, on developments in the world economy, and on general economic and development policies with a view to identifying new opportunities for South Sudan.
- Analyze the economic and financial situations of South Sudan, using internal and external information sources, and determine the implications for the programming and updating of Bank Group operations such as defined in the Interim Country Strategy Paper.
- Liaise, develop and maintain working relations with other department within the Ministry of Finance and Planning, as well as with international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.
- Support the Government in the implementation and effective functioning of its sector working focusing on economic functions and social services among others.
- Undertake assigned Economic and Sector Work, focusing mainly on preparing papers on relevant economic and financial issues in the development process.

- Identify, prepare, evaluate and monitor the implementation of macroeconomic program.
- Maintain effective communication with the Bank's sector departments and divisions, and other relevant units in the Bank to ensure a coordinated approach in the implementation of the Bank's program in South Sudan.
- Participate in aid coordination activities with bilateral and multilateral donors with emphasis on promoting the co-financing of projects and programs.
- Perform any other duty requested by the Government.

**Competencies (skills, knowledge and experience required)**

- Hold a minimum of a master's degree in Economics or other relevant fields or related disciplines.
- Have a minimum of five (5) years of specific experience working on African development issues in an international organization, national government, or a reputable organization.
- Good grasp of the developing issues in Great Lakes region, especially South Sudan; experience in macroeconomic management issues and the economics of development.
- Proven ability of lateral and innovative thinking applied to policy problems and develop and implement practical solutions.
- Proven sense of initiative, results orientation, as well as proven teamwork skills and ability to work effectively across sectors.
- Ability to take personal ownership and accountability to meet deadlines and achieve agreed-upon results
- Technical and quantitative skills as an applied development economist.
- Policy dialogue skills, including ability to effectively interact with national authorities and technical and financial partners on policy and aid coordination issues.
- Strong analytical and organizational skills and ability to deliver results on time.
- Problem solving capabilities coupled to innovation skills and change management.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English or French, with a good working knowledge of the other language.
- Competence in the use of standard Microsoft Office Suite applications

**Reporting Arrangements**

- For the day-to-day operational activities, the Economic Advisor reports to the Minister of Finance and Planning, with dual reporting responsibility to the Undersecretary for Planning, Ministry of Finance and Planning.

**Consultant Selection**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks</b>
General qualifications and adequacy for the proposed assignment	30
Similar experience in the area of expertise of the assignment as described in the Terms of Reference and understanding the terms of reference (Brief Proposal to the TOR is required)	50
Experience with international donors	10
Knowledge of the Region (environment of the Assignment)	5
Language capacity (Excellent technical writing in English)	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>