



Consultancy for Capacity Building Training on Specific Value Addition for small holder farmers group under the COMMUNITY-DRIVEN RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CDRD) PROGRAMME REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Project: CDRD – COMMUNITY-DRIVEN RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Location: Magwi (Eastern Equatoria State), Nimule (Eastern Equatoria) and Yei (Central Equatoria State) respectively

Duration: 3 days per each of the locations

Expected Start Date: 18th May, 2026

Reporting to: CDRD Project Manager, AVSI Foundation – South Sudan

1. Background

AVSI Foundation (AVSI), an international NGO founded in 1972, with headquarters in Italy, implementing cooperation projects in emergency and development contexts across 39 countries. The mission of AVSI is to work towards development that is sustainable and capable of responding to the real needs of people. To this end, it works on projects focused on the challenge of education, in which the individual is accompanied and becomes the central character of their own development and invests a lot of energy in promoting organizations within civil society.

AVSI has been active in South Sudan since 2005 and currently implements post-conflict recovery and resilience building projects in the States of Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria and Lakes in the thematic areas of Education, Nutrition, Agriculture and Food Security, Livelihoods and Peacebuilding with climate change action and gender mainstreaming as crosscutting theme.

The AVSI Foundation in South Sudan is implementing a project titled **COMMUNITY-DRIVEN RURAL DEVELOPMENT**, funded by the GIZ aims to **Improve Farming System Resilience for Smallholder Households' Empowerment** in the target location of Magwi and Yei counties of Eastern Equatoria and Central Equatoria respectively.

It focuses on increasing climate resilience and sustainability of agriculture/farming systems in Yei and Magwi counties to empower smallholder households

1.1 Overall Objective: To contribute to improved performance of the farming system in Yei and Magwi Counties.

1.2. Project Specific Objectives

- **SO1:** Smallholder farmer households' climate-smart agriculture capacities enhanced in Yei and Magwi Counties by end of 2026.
- **Intermediate Outcome 1.1:** Increased productivity and diversification of agri-food value chain enterprises undertaken by smallholder farmers.
- **Intermediate Outcome 1.2:** Increased adoption and application of climate-smart solutions/innovations by smallholder farmers.

To realize this goal, AVSI seeks the services of a qualified **consultant or consulting firm** to design and conduct a **comprehensive 9-day training on Agriculture Value Addition for 200 CDRD project beneficiaries in Magwi, Nimule and Yei, of Eastern Equatoria State and Central Equatoria respectively.**



SN	Locations/Counties	State	No. of participants
1	Magwi County	EES	50 members (2 SHFs groups)
2	Nimule	EES	50 members (2 SHFs groups)
3	Yei	CES	100 members (4 SHFs groups)
		Total	200

The training will build capacity of the participants on practical knowledge and skills in agricultural value chain upgrading and value addition to the smallholder farmers, agribusinesses, cooperatives, and value chain actors across project locations.

2.0. Purpose of the Assignment

The purpose of the consultancy is to **develop and deliver a hands-on, practical training program** to equip CDRD project beneficiaries with technical and business skills in **Agricultural value addition mainly on simsim oil extraction, groundnut paste making and bakery making**, enabling them to facilitate sustainable agribusiness development and market competitiveness among beneficiaries.

2.1. Objectives of the Consultancy

2.2. Overall Objective

To enhance the capacity of RURALSS project beneficiaries in facilitating value addition for increased income, product competitiveness, and resilience of smallholder farmers in magwi and Yei counties.

2.3. Specific Objectives

1. To build the technical and conceptual capacity of 200 project beneficiaries in designing and implementing agribusiness value addition activities.
2. To enhance participants' skills in processing, product diversification, and quality assurance in selected commodities (Simsim, Gnuts, and Bakery).
3. To strengthen participants' ability to train smallholder farmers in value addition and entrepreneurship.
4. To improve understanding of market access strategies, product branding, packaging, and certification processes.



3.0. Scope of Work

The consultant/firm will be responsible for the following key tasks:

3.1. Preparation and Training Design

- ✓ Develop a **detailed training curriculum and facilitation plan** aligned to the CDRD project objectives and contextual agricultural development priorities.
- ✓ Prepare training modules and materials, including manuals, presentations, and case studies, covering:
 - Concepts and principles of value addition and value chain upgrading.
 - Process efficiency, product differentiation, and quality control.
 - Market mapping, pricing, and branding strategies.
 - Practical demonstration on processing and packaging methods for **Simsim, Gnut, and Bakery products**.

3.2. Training Delivery

- ✓ Facilitate **(9) days** of participatory and practical training sessions for **200 CDRD** project beneficiaries in Magwi and Yei counties excluding travel days.
- ✓ Use a mix of **lectures, group work, case studies, role plays, and field demonstrations to ensure hands-on learning**.
- ✓ Conduct theoretic **pre- and post-training knowledge assessments** to measure learning outcomes.
- ✓ Lead **three field-based practical sessions** on:
 - Gnuts paste/oil processing and packaging
 - Simsim paste/oil processing and packaging
 - Bakery products making

3.3. Field Demonstration

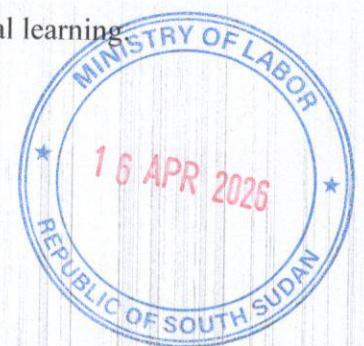
- ✓ Facilitate **three field visits** to relevant agribusiness processing sites for experiential learning
- ✓ Demonstrate proper handling, hygiene, and equipment use in value addition.

Reporting

- ✓ Prepare and submit a **comprehensive training report**, including:
 - Summary of methodologies used
 - Participant evaluation results (pre/post-test)
 - Key lessons learned and recommendations
 - Photo documentation of training sessions

4.0 Expected Deliverables

S/N	Deliverable	Description	No days	Timeline
1	Inception Report	Detailed training plan, curriculum, methodology, and work schedule	1	Within 3 days after signing contract
2	Training Materials	Manuals, PowerPoint slides, practical guides	2	3 Before training begins
3	Training Delivery	2 days of theoretical and practical sessions + 1 field demonstrations excluding travel days per location	3	As per schedule



4	Evaluation Report	Pre & post-test results and participant feedback	End of training
5	Final Report	Comprehensive report summarizing content, process, and outcomes	Within 7 days after training

5.0 Duration and Location

- **Duration:** 11 days (Inception report, Training material organizations, 3 days training, reporting + 2 travel days)
- **Location:** Magwi & Nimule, Eastern Equatoria State EES and Yei of Central Equatoria State CES.
- **Proposed Dates:** 18th – 28th May 2026

6.0 Participants

A total of **200 CDRD project beneficiaries** from AVSI's operational counties (Magwi, Nimule, and Yei) will attend.

7.0 Consultant Qualifications

The consultant or firm must demonstrate the following:

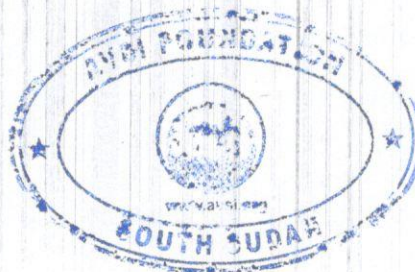
- Minimum of **Master's degree** in Agribusiness, Food Science and Technology, Agricultural Economics, or related field.
- At least **7 years of experience** in value addition, Agri-processing, agribusiness development, or value chain upgrading.
- Proven experience in **training or curriculum development** for capacity building in agribusiness.
- Demonstrated experience in **practical processing and product development** (especially simsim paste/oil extraction, Gnuts paste/oil extraction, and bakery products making).
- Strong communication, facilitation, and report-writing skills.
- Experience working in **fragile or post-conflict contexts** (preferably in South Sudan or East Africa).

8.0. Budget and Payment Schedule

Payment will be as agreed at contract agreement.

8.1. Payment Terms

- 30% upon approval of the inception report and training plan.
- 70% upon successful delivery of training and submission of final report accepted by AVSI.





8.2. Logistics and Support

AVSI Foundation will:

- Provide logistical support (venue, transport arrangements, stationery, meals).
- Facilitate access to participants and relevant field sites.
- Provide any necessary project background materials.

The consultant will:

- Be responsible for training content, facilitation, and reporting.
- Bring any specialized tools, training aids, or sample equipment for demonstration.

9.0. Proposal Submission Requirements

Interested consultants or firms are invited to submit **technical and financial proposals** containing the following:

A. Technical Proposal

- Understanding of the TOR and approach to the assignment
- Proposed methodology and work plan
- Detailed training content and session outline
- Curriculum vitae (CVs) of lead trainer(s)
- Evidence of previous similar assignments (attach sample reports or client references)

B. Financial Proposal

- Detailed cost breakdown, including consultancy fees and any additional expenses (if applicable)
- All costs must be in **USD** and inclusive of applicable taxes.

9.0. Evaluation Criteria

S/N	Criteria	Weight (%)
1	Understanding of TOR and proposed methodology	30%
2	Relevant experience in Value Chain development, value addition/Agri-processing	20%
3	Experience in training facilitation and curriculum design	10%
4	Qualifications and expertise of the trainer	20%
5	Financial competitiveness and clarity	20%
	Total	100%





10. Submission Deadline and Contact:

- Proposals must be submitted electronically in **PDF format** to: HR.Southsudan@avsi.org cc: dongo.richard@avsi.org. The above documents can be delivered to AVSI Foundation Office AVSI Office in Juba – Jerusalem House.

Subject Line: “RFP – Consultancy for Training in Agricultural specific Value Addition (CDRD Project)”

Deadline for submission: No later than **8th May 2026, 5:00 PM (Juba time)**.

Only shortlisted consultants will be contacted.

11.0 Confidentiality and Ownership

All materials, reports, and data produced during this consultancy shall remain the property of AVSI Foundation.

11.1. Ethical Considerations

The consultant shall adhere to AVSI Foundation’s **Code of Conduct, PSEAH, Child Protection Policy, and Safeguarding Standards**. Any misconduct will lead to immediate termination of the contract.

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