

Terms of Reference - Multi-Sector Needs and Markets Assessment in selected locations in South Sudan

Specific Locations and target groups <i>(Final locations will be sampled together with the selected consultant)</i>	South Sudan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eastern Equatoria – Budi, Kapoeta East, and Magwi counties - Ruweng Administrative Area – Jau county - Central Equatoria – Juba County (Luri and Rajaf Payams) - Greater Pibor Administrative Area-Pibor County - Upper Nile – Ulang, Maiwut and Fashoda counties - Jonglei – Akobo County
Types of Emergency and Crisis	Conflict, Floods, Drought (Refugees, IDPs, Returnees and Host Communities)
Period of the task	4 September 2023 – 30 September 2023
Priority Sectors	Food Security and Livelihoods, Nutrition, WASH and Protection

i) Background

DanChurchAid (DCA) is a decentralized Danish NGO, which primarily works with local and international NGO partners, and it is a strong member of international networks/ alliances, including churches. DCA's headquarter is in Copenhagen, and it has offices in 20 countries worldwide but supports projects/ programs in at least 25 countries. DCA Goals are closely interconnected and enable us to work flexibly and adaptively across contexts. We are multi-mandated, working across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus while bringing together people, diverse partners, and other actors to realize our goals. DCA's international work thus promotes long-term solutions from the earliest stages of a humanitarian crisis, introduces prevention measures in development contexts, and supports emergency response when needed. We align interventions with the aim of reducing short-term humanitarian needs and supporting conflict prevention and peace efforts while simultaneously investing in recovery and long-term development. We address structural barriers and engage and advocate with policymakers for sustainability and change.

DCA South Sudan directly implements Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) focusing on both mine clearance and risk awareness commenced and works through local partners in implementing Food Security and Livelihoods, peacebuilding, gender and protection, through the Nexus approach. DCA works with local communities and is increasingly involved in building the capacity of partners, communities, and local government duty-bearers. DCA's South Sudan office is based in Juba and implements programs through its partners in Jonglei, Upper Nile, Eastern Equatorial, Unity, and Central Equatorial states.

DCA is preparing to apply for funding opportunities to ECHO HIP 2024 in collaboration with its partners to further scale up the food security and nutrition activities, multipurpose cash, WASH, and protection interventions in Eastern Equatoria, Ruweng Administrative Area, Central Equatoria, Greater Pibor Administrative Area, Upper Nile and Jonglei states in South Sudan. Therefore, DCA and its potential consortium partners wish to conduct an in-depth assessment of needs and markets that will result in adaptive and effective multisectoral and forecast-based humanitarian actions for refugees, IDP returnees, and host community members.

ii) **Purpose and rationale of the Multisector Need and Market Assessment**

- To provide an empirical overview of the status and developments regarding humanitarian needs and markets across the locations stated above in light of accessibility to basic services.
- To enable evidence-based engagement with the donor and partners in the humanitarian sector.
- To feed and strengthen advocacy efforts on humanitarian response and early recovery
- To support better planning and implementation of emergency and longer-term programs by allocating scarce resources based on need and community capacity.

iii) **Specific Objective of the task**

The specific objectives of Multisector Needs and Market Assessment are twofold:

Multisector Needs Assessment (MSNA): The specific objective of the multisector needs assessment is to provide a well-documented multi-sector and context-specific needs, preferences, and gaps analysis for vulnerable, crisis and natural disaster-affected refugees, IDPs, returnees and host communities which can inform the ECHO HIP 2024 proposal.

Key Issues

- Analysis of multisector needs of vulnerable, crisis and natural disaster-affected communities mainly refugees, IDPs, Returnees and host communities in Jonglei, Upper Nile, Eastern Equatorial, Unity, and Central Equatorial states.
- Analysis of the gaps in food sources (*Food gap and NutVal Analysis*)
- Analysis of food security vulnerability based on standard food security indicators (*FCS, Reduced Coping Strategy Index, Dietary diversity Score and Livelihood Coping Strategy Index*)
- Analysis of the contribution and role of MPCTs in meeting the multisector needs of the targeted population.
- Analysis of geographical coverage gaps and other sectoral gaps in WASH, ESNFI, protection and especially for refugees, IDPs and returnees in Jonglei, Upper Nile, Eastern Equatorial, Unity, and Central Equatorial states. (*Based on Sphere Minimum Standards*)
- Mapping possible emergency livelihoods and early recovery interventions that are suitable for the areas and that are in line with ECHO (and other donors) priorities.

Multisector Market Assessment (MSMA): The specific objective of the MSMA is to find out whether markets could supply sufficient goods and services to affected populations to meet their basic needs. This question relates to markets now as they presently exist as well as if and when these populations receive cash grants.

Key Issues

- How is the market for core goods affected by the crisis, floods, droughts, communal conflicts?
- Can Supply Meet Demand? (*Availability, Storage, Capacity of traders if there is increased demand*)
- What goods and services are Multi-Purpose Grants (MPG) or e-vouchers suitable for? (*These are the 'Core Goods.'*)
- How familiar or willing are local market actors to participate in MPCTs programmes in the selected counties?

- Which core goods and services (Food, WASH, NFIs, Nutrition and Protection) are available in local markets used by affected populations?
- Are the core goods and services of 'reasonable' quality and price available in the selected Counties? (*Price trend analysis for primary and secondary markets; inflation trend analysis and forecasts*)
- Can the affected population access supplies safely? (*Disaggregate by gender age, and disability*)
- What risks are there for people trying to access local markets or that prevent people from trying in the selected counties and by vulnerable groups (e.g., women, elders, disabled people)? What constraining or enabling factors affect the local markets?
- What infrastructure and environmental factors need to be considered when contemplating a CTP / WASH and nutrition in the selected Counties?
- Are capital and financial services readily available to market actors in the selected Counties? (FSP Mapping)

iv) Methodology and Sampling

The targeted states and, counties/payams/IDP camps/refugee camps will be subjected to quantitative household surveys and, to a lesser extent, key informant interviews and focus group discussions as part of the assessment methodology. The formula for calculating sample size per individual district target is 95% confidence with a 10% error margin. People affected by displacement, i.e., IDPs, host communities, refugees, and returnees, will comprise the sampling frame. The sampling formula will be applied exclusively to each area/county/IDP camp/refugee camp, and not to the target states' total population. Locations will be chosen based on the presence of DCA, as well as identified drought/floods/crisis/refugee/IDP hotspots and locations that are/would likely enter a "crisis" or "stressed" or emergency phase. Data will be collected on a digital data management platform using smart mobile devices/tables. For analysis, the consultant should use secondary data sources and any other information that is needed, especially from UNHCR, IOM, OCHA, and REACH.

v) Ethical Consideration

All questionnaires and interviews will begin by obtaining the interviewee's consent (s). The purpose, confidentiality, and anonymity of the survey, as well as the fact that participation is entirely voluntary, will be explained to potential respondents. The interviewer will then explicitly request their permission to conduct the survey. Those who decline to participate will be excluded with respect. During the whole data collection process, the consulting firm/consultant must stick to all of these ethical standards. DCA's Child Protection Policy will be strictly followed. If DCA's Child Protection Policy is not followed, not only will the agreement be cancelled, but DCA will also take action to make up for any damages or losses caused by not following the policy.

vi) Expected deliverables and Schedule

- Final submission of Proposals from consultants – 16 August 2023
- Award contracts to winning firm/consultant – 4 September 2023
- Submission of Inception report – 18 September 2023.
- Data Collection: 21 September 2023 – 1 October 2023
- Submission of draft Report – 15 October 2023
- Final Report Submission – 29 October 2023.

vii) Evaluation Grid

- Understanding of the TOR (10 points)
- Experience of the Firm in related work (30 points)
- Professional team composition accounts (25 Points)
- Methodology and time frame -schedule (35 points)
- Financial proposal (30%) The consultant must prepare detailed itemized fees, data collection and administrative costs etc.

viii) The consultant/s profile should include:

- Extensive field experience in the needs assessment of humanitarian/development projects for key donors ECHO, US-DoS BPRM and USAID (BHA), EU etc.
- Extensive practical knowledge of nutrition and food security interventions in an emergency context, particularly in refugee settings.
- Relevant post-graduate qualification related to the assessment work (MA/MSC in Food security, nutrition, agriculture, Development studies and related field).
- Extensive understanding/knowledge of and experience with various guidelines and standards relevant to refugee and cash/voucher interventions (SPHERE, UNHCR guidelines, etc.)
- Excellent report writing skills (may be required to produce examples of previous work)
- Excellent communication and facilitation skills and experience
- Fluency in English
- Ability to manage the available time and resources and to work to tight schedules

ix) Submission of technical proposal and financial proposal

Interested Individual Consultants or Consulting Firms are invited to submit Technical and Financial Proposals to ssk.recruitment@dca.dk by **16 August 2023 (05:00 PM GMT+2)** mentioning 'HIP 2024 Multi-Sector Needs and Markets Assessment' in the subject line of the email. Only short-listed applicants will be communicated.