

**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM PROSPECTIVE CONSULTANTS FOR
THE END OF PROJECT EVALUATION FOR EU'S RESILIENCE RECOVERY FOR FOOD
& NUTRITION IN AKOBO, BOR, & PIBOR – JONGLEI STATE.**

1. Introduction

Date: 16/06/2020

ZOA has been implementing the PROACT project (contract no. is DCI-FOOD/2015/369 548) funded by the European Union for the past 4 years in Jonglei State in the areas of Akobo, Bor and Pibor in a total of 5 Payams. With an average of 7 people per household, it is estimated that the project reached 14,000 people as direct beneficiaries.

PROACT is a food security and livelihoods (FSL) project implemented by ZOA in Bor and Pibor and its partner Nile Hope in Akobo. The project focused on improving agriculture productivity of vulnerable Households (HH) and building their resilience to withstand periods of social and economic stress caused by external shocks common in their area of residence. Currently this project is in its final phase and as part of ZOA's commitment to the European Union, we are looking for a consultant to lead the evaluation of the project based on established priorities¹ of the European Commission². The focus of the evaluations is to: (a) Determine the relevance and level of achievement of agreed upon project objectives, targets and overall **results** of the PROACT project, to assess effectiveness and efficiency in the implementation of the project and examine the impact and sustainability of the PROACT project in the context of an evolving cooperation policy with an increasing emphasis on **result-oriented approaches**³. The evaluation essentially will provide an understanding of the cause and effects links between activities and results.

The purpose of this Terms of Reference (ToR) is therefore to provide a framework for planning and conducting the Final Evaluation for the PROACT project, Livelihood support towards early recovery and resilience. The Final Evaluation will use both quantitative and qualitative methods to ascertain the impact of the project. It will also assess what factors enhanced and/or limited achievement of project targets as well as documentation of the results achieved and lessons learned for future programming.

2. The Evaluation objective

The main objective of the evaluation is to provide ZOA and its partner Nile Hope and the European Union, the South Sudan Government, I/NGOs, the wider public with: an overall independent assessment of the past performance of the ProACT project. The outcome is also critical to ZOA as to be used for the successor 4 years project "Strengthening Smallholders' Resilience in Greater Upper Nile Project".

The lessons learnt and recommendations from this evaluation, especially in strengthening ability of vulnerable HH to produce sufficient staple food, building resilience against climate related crop-failures, increased access to healthy and diverse types of food as well as to farm-input supply systems

for seeds, tools and fertilizers, will assist ZOA, its partner and stakeholders to enhance the outcome of the new project.

3. The Scope

The evaluation will cover the three project locations; Akobo, Bor and Pibor

4. The Evaluation Team

Required expertise and qualification

The consultant must have the following expertise and qualifications:

- 1) **PHD or Master's Degree in Agriculture/Rural Development, International Development Research, Development Studies** or in relevant field with substantial hands on experience in project evaluation will be considered.
- 2) Extensive expertise, knowledge, and experience in the field of evaluation of humanitarian programme in general and FSL in particular.
- 3) Demonstrated experience / knowledge of the areas of operation
- 4) Experience of programme design/formulation, monitoring and evaluation.
- 5) Extensive experience in Eastern and Southern Africa,
- 6) Fluency in English.

5. Required Documents

Interested Consulting firm(s) or Individuals must prepare and submit the following documents;

- Letter of expression of interest (bear in mind that you will be called to prepare a detailed EOI).
- A detailed curriculum Vitae of the Lead Consultant and his / her cooperate partner(s)

6. Selection Criteria

Upon evaluation of the consultants submissions, ZOA will select the 4 best applications and share with them the entire evaluation ToR. They will be invited to submit a detailed expression of interest and the best submission will be selected and awarded the contract to undertake the PROACT end of project evaluation.

7. Further instructions

The Consultant / firm shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid documents and ZOA shall, in no case, be held responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the submission process.

Each consultant / firm will participate in and submit one set of submission. This rule applies equally to consulting firms within the same group of firms with the same ownership.

Consultants / firms shall prepare and submit their submissions independently and without any connection, knowledge, comparison of information or arrangement, direct or indirect, with any other consultant or firm.

The consultant or firm is expected to carefully examine the contents of its submissions. Failure to comply with the requirements of the call for expression shall be at the consultant's or firm's own risk and shall be rejected.

ZOA has ZERO TOLERANCE TO SEXUAL HARRASMENT, EXPLOITATION & ABUSE. Any consultant / firm known to have indulged in such practice now or during this submission process will be disqualified with the immediate effect.

8. Process to be Confidential

Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of submissions and recommendations for the award of the contract will not be disclosed with the process of evaluation. Any effort by a consultant / firm to influence ZOA's processing of the submissions or award decisions may result in the rejection of its submissions.

Information contained in and with the call for expression of interest is considered proprietary in nature and is to remain confidential between ZOA and the consultant / firm. Access to these materials shall not be granted to third parties without the prior written consent of ZOA.

9. General Conditions and Disclaimers

This Call for expression of interest is simply an invitation to submit a submission in accordance with this document. This Call for expression of interest does not constitute an offer of any kind on the part of ZOA.

No contractual or other legal obligations arise on the part of ZOA to any consultant / firm by this Call for expression of interest or the submission by a consultant / firm nor is any legal relationship created between ZOA and any consultant / firm until such time as an agreement, if any, is subsequently reached with a consultant / firm.

ZOA reserves the unilateral and exclusive right to modify or cancel this Call for expression of Interest at any time without any obligation to any consultant / firm and makes no guarantee that the process initiated by this call will continue.

10. How to apply

Interested consultants and consultancy firms are required to submit their application clearly marked "Application for PROACT End of Project Evaluation Consultancy" by email to

recruitment.southsudan@zoa.ngo by **17:00** (East African Time) on **Tuesday, 23rd June, 2020**.

Incomplete and late submission will not be considered.

For inquiries regarding the advert, please contact m.kiwombojjo@zoa.ngo

NB. Only successful candidates / firms will be contacted.