



Humanitarian Needs Assessment Programme areas of Jonglei State Terms of Reference (ToR)

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1. Background

Christian Aid works globally for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity, and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality. We work with partners to implement integrated and innovative programme to address Poverty, Power including using our Prophetic voices. In South Sudan, through our local partners including Africa Development Aid (ADA) and ACT Alliance members in South Sudan to achieve transformation from violence to peace and saving lives of crisis affected communities.

Christian Aid in partnership with Africa Development Aid (ADA) plans to undertake a comprehensive needs assessment to inform an emergency response programming in selected Counties of Jonglei State. The Needs Assessment will cover Humanitarian Assistance, Food Security & Livelihoods, Nutrition and Protection (CP and GBV). This assessment will focus on a combination of IPC 4 Counties in Jonglei, as well as those that have experienced repeated displacements over the past years because of floods and protracted conflict that exacerbated the chronic household food insecurity and chronic malnutrition. Protection concerns have also been on the increase due to the broken social fabrics. With reported violence ranging from sexual violence, early marriages, child neglect & abuse, separation of family members, among others.

The Assessment: The selected Counties in Nyirol and Akobo, Jonglei state that are chronically in Crisis (IPC Phase 4) acute food insecurity, Emergency (IPC Phase 4). It is therefore significantly important that a mix of both desk reviews of important to know the relevant clusters/ OCHA and other actors' information and household level information and tools are used.

2. Overall objective

To provide updated information on humanitarian needs and priorities for Humanitarian assistance, Resilient livelihoods and Protection among vulnerable crisis affected communities in these selected Counties of Jonglei State with the aim of contributing to a more targeted and evidence-based humanitarian response.

Specific objectives

Identify multi-sector needs to inform

- Priority humanitarian assistance needs and response strategies per sector
- Programming response planning based on identified needs and population group
- Profiling different household vulnerability and needs per sector?

3. Scope of Work.

The scope of work for the consultant will include but not limited to uncovering the following in the report.

- Assess the severity and underlying causes of household food insecurity and nutrition; What has been the impact of the crisis on the area?
- Determine the level of market functionality with the possibility of supporting cash-based responses including financial service providers, price trends & terms of trade
- Assess households' demography and food insecurity classification including intra-household's relations.
- Determine key challenges and risks associated with the most food insecure and malnourished groups including gender specific protection related risks and concerns
- Identify the different protection needs and risks of diverse women, men, girls, and boys and establish priorities.
- Estimate the severity of conditions faced by diverse women, men, girls, and boys and establish priorities.
- Create a common understanding of differences in needs and reflect the diversity of conditions faced by population groups in the community, including older women and men, persons with disabilities and others.
- Identify existing capacities and resources of vulnerable crisis affected persons/ households.
- Inform emergency or longer-term/multi-year programme responses to close gaps between different population groups status and the desired state.
- Direct and indirect impact of household food insecurity on nutrition status, water access
- Assess household income levels, sources and use including assets possessions including coping strategies

- Locally expressed vulnerabilities and capacities
- Cross-cutting issues (Localization, HIV/AIDS, Gender, Environment, Conflict Sensitivity etc.)

4. Methodology

Christian Aid and partner (ADA) including other relevant stakeholders on the ground recommends coordination with actors participating in all coordination platforms. A data collection process led by the consultant at the onset, to finishing is strongly recommended in the two counties. Regarding data collection, the assessment should adopt a mixed method approach to gather data. A household survey will be conducted to collect data that is statistically representative at County and/or payam level of the average household in the Counties Nyiröl and

Akobo of Jonglei State. In addition to the assessment of 2 Counties (*Nyirrol and Akobo*), an additional sampling frame will be developed to be able to gather representative data at the level of the State. For both level, respondents are profiled by population group/ status to understand the needs of the different population's groups, focusing on IDPs, Returnees and Non-Displaced Communities (host communities). Following the household survey, a set of focus group discussions (FGDs) and individual interviews with People with Knowledge (PwK) on the key humanitarian needs and community/ household coping strategies will be conducted to provide in-depth understanding and case studies on the vulnerabilities of population groups, as well as help further contextualize and triangulate household survey findings.

4.1. Data Collection

Secondary data such as statistics should be from the 2008 population census data extrapolation to inform the assessment design and respondents sample size. IDPs, Returnees identification and non-displaced populations sampling should be based on humanitarian documents and datasets such as IOM DTM data, OCHA's latest Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) document. These documents are crucial references to identify caseload figures of affected populations in the different Counties and hot spot payams/ villages.

Primary data collection will be implemented following a mixed method: on the one hand, a household survey representative at household level in selected villages; and at County level some Focus Group Discussions and Persons with Knowledge on the assessment objectives to give more in-depth understanding and better details about targeted population groups' vulnerabilities. To ensure coordinated and real time data collection and cleaning, the incumbent shall use any appropriate open data platform/ software such as Kobo and Power BI

5. Deliverables

- Mutually approved methodology and assessment tools
- 3 Reports – Inception, first draft after data collection, final as per the Scope and reporting template provided by Christian Aid and partner
- One Needs Assessment datasheet/ set per sector
- Maps (as needed)
- Recommendations of short, mid, and long-term food security & nutrition interventions including protection

6. Time span

The assignment is expected to be carried out for a period of **14 Consultancy working days**

7. Institutional arrangements

The consultant will report directly to the Christian Aid Emergency Programme Manager and Africa Development Aid (ADA) programme director. CA and ADA will provide relevant background documents necessary for the assignment including previous reviews and evaluations

8. Qualifications & Experience

- At least a master's degree in a relevant field in Humanitarian Action, Agriculture Economics, public policy, development studies and
- At least 5 years professional experience in monitoring and evaluation of multi-sector programme
- Relevant multi-sectoral programme management
- Working knowledge of cash-based response and digital platforms, particularly Kobo for data collection
- A deep understanding of the South Sudan context
- Strong track record in research, policy development, management and programming development, and localization of humanitarian response
- Participatory techniques and approaches
- Ability to work in complex, insecure environments and be flexible.
- Be security conscious.

Skills and Competencies

- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Must be result oriented, a team player, exempting high levels of enthusiasm, tact, diplomacy, and integrity
- Excellent communication skills, written and oral
- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal and professional skills in interacting with government and development partners.
- Skills in facilitation of stakeholder engagements / workshops

9. Application process.

Interested and qualified candidates should submit their application package (Expression of Interest, CV, report of similar work, technical Proposal including budget) to yiek.ada@gmail.com and copy JubaProcurement@christian-aid.org not later than **19th February 2021**, at 5:00 PM EAT. However, due to the urgency, applications will be reviewed on rolling basis.