

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND IRRIGATION

REGIONAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROGRAM FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

ROADSHOW FOR PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ON WORLD BANK/RCRP

PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES & PROCEDURES

THEME: “ENHANCING EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN RCRP CONTRACTS”

1. Introduction

The Government of South Sudan, through the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI), has received funding for one project to address key water sector challenges in South Sudan: the Climate Resilient Flood Management project that is included in the Phase 1 of the Regional on Climate Resilience Program (RCRP) for Eastern and Southern Africa. Total potential project financing for South Sudan RCRP Phase 1 is US\$ 215M for a period of 5 years (2023 – 2028).

2. Background

South Sudan is a global hotspot of flood risk, ranking 7th in the world for share of population exposed to riverine floods. Significant floods in 2019 and 2020 were surpassed by record floods in 2021, which affected between 800,000 to 1.2 million people and displaced more than 300,000 people. Economic damages are estimated to be around US\$ 671 million. The country lacks flood forecasting and early warning systems to provide accurate and timely information and decision support necessary for flood risk management (FRM). The hydrometric monitoring network is extremely weak.

3. World Bank support to flood and drought management in South Sudan

The World Bank Water Global Practice through the Regional Climate Resilience Project (RCRP) will finance the project through grants from the International Development Association (IDA). Resources will be allocated towards water sector priorities in South Sudan, implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI), to strengthen institutions and information at national and sub-national levels to better manage water resources.

4. Project Development Objective of the Regional Climate Resilience Program

To improve the management of water-related climate impacts at selected sub-river basin in South Sudan. The Project is structured around five components.

- **Component 1** focuses on disaster risk management and early warning systems, and on climate financing to leverage additional investments (US\$ 8 million).
- **Component 2** responds to invest in large transformational and sustainable infrastructure investments that are critical for improving the management of climate change impacts on water resources (US\$ 187 million).
- **Component 3** focuses on ensuring that the most vulnerable populations are better protected from climate risk through enhanced access to information and adaptive social protection programs, with a particular focus on gender inclusion (US\$ 8 million).
- **Component 4** corresponds to Project management (US\$ 12 million).
- **Component 5**, the Contingent Emergency Response (CERC) mechanism. This will only be activated when a state of emergency has been declared by the government.

5. Project Activities: summary of Big Ticket Procurements:

Civil works. Works will be confirmed after conclusion of feasibility and design studies. Possible Works may include:

- i) contracts for construction of dams;
- ii) construction of new Haffirs and rehabilitation of several improved Haffirs;
- iii) construction of flood management system such as dykes/levees;



- iv) construction, rehabilitation/upgrading, installation, training and hand-over of 27 hydrometric stations;
- v) renovation of Project Implementation Unit (PIU) offices.

Goods and Non-Consulting Services. Goods and non-consulting services will include contracts for the supply of various irrigation and hydro-meteorological equipment.

Consulting Services. Consulting Services shall include the following but not limited to:

- i) establishment of water information management system WIMS & develop hydro-informatic program in MWRI;
- ii) detailed design of 27 hydrometric stations and technical standards and guidelines for hydrometric stations;
- iii) develop and provide training on flood infrastructure technical aspects and IWRM including transboundary water management;
- iv) develop National Water Resources Master Plan;
- v) feasibility study for Maban Flood Management System, including participatory assessment;
- vi) support the legal, regulatory and institutional framework for climate resilient WRM (e.g., technical standards and guidelines related to project; procedures for review and approval of feasibility studies; oversight of E&S);
- vii) update feasibility study and design for Kinyeti Multipurpose dam; viii) development of national technical standards & guidelines related to the project; ix) long-term contracts for project implementation, consultancy services for: capacity building and awareness creation, assessment of capacity needs of the water sector, analysis of gender gap, overall project quality control and supervision; and consulting services third party monitoring agency.

6. Procurement Framework, Strategy and Market Approaches

Procurement under the RCRP will be carried out under the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, and the current Edition, September 2023 available at www.worldbank.org/en/projectsoperations/products-and-services/procurement-projects-programs. During the proposed roadshow session, bidders will be taken through a summary of the World Bank procurement processes for IPF Borrowers, for the three categories of procurement: Goods, Works and Services. Emphasis will be placed on how to submit a competitive bid/proposal and on common mistakes bidders make that results in avoidable rejection of their bids/proposals.

The market approach for the construction/rehabilitations of dams, hydrometric stations, dykes, haffirs, flood and drainage management systems will be open international. High value consultancy assignments shall also be opened to the international market as well as most of the activities requiring a high degree of technical expertise. The World Bank requires the use of rated criteria as the default approach for most international procurements, enabling a more strategic approach to procurement using non price factors (to evaluate quality, sustainability and innovative aspects of bids) in the decision making. Appropriate technical specifications (conformance and/or adequate performance requirements), commensurate with the type, value and risk of assignments will be used for most of the processes.

7. Participation The informative session is free. It will take place both in person and through zoom virtual conferencing.

Date: 29 th February, 2024 - Time: 9:30am – 1.00pm GMT (Cairo time)	
<p><u>In-person</u> Venue: Palm Africa Hotel, Stadium Road, Juba, South Sudan</p>	<p><u>Virtual</u> Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/95701042511?pwd=b2RGT2tQL0ZGK3c5VHVKY2JWUVdzUT09 Meeting ID: 957 0104 2511 Password: 975341</p>

8. Registration

Interested participants are requested to register in advance using the form available on the link below. Please download the form, fill it out and submit to the email address crfm.procurement@gmail.com Link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OfdZ7hWL_WMwTXshsToU6aSTyFf6U6sSj9tL3n3Zp8/edit and confirm their preferred format for attendance. If you have challenges with the link, send us an email so we can send the registration form to you.

Kindly submit your registration latest by **Friday, 16th February 2024.**

