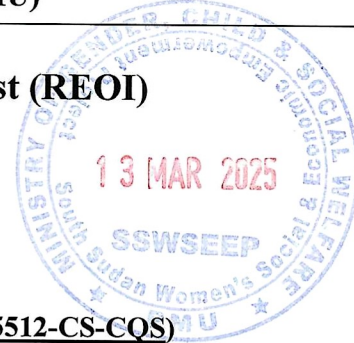




Republic of South Sudan
Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare (MGCSW)
Project Management Unit (PMU)

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
COUNTRY: Republic of South Sudan
PROJECT: SSWSEEP
PROJECT ID: 176900
CONSULTING SERVICES: Baseline Survey Services for SSWSEEP.
DUTY STATION: Juba- South Sudan



Ref: REOI – FOR BASELINE SURVEY SERVICES:(SS-MGCSW-2475512-CS-CQS)

The Government of South Sudan has received financing from The World Bank through the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare (MGCSW) towards the cost of the South Sudan Women's Social and Economic Empowerment Project (SSWSEEP).

The Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare in partnership with the World Bank have agreed to contract the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNWOMEN), UNOPS and other Implementing Partners to lead in the implementation of various Components and subcomponents of the project.

A Project Management Unit (PMU) has been established within the MGCSW for the SSWSEEP with the primary task of project management and overseeing the performance of Implementing Partners under an output agreements and other service providers, stakeholder outreach and communications, fiduciary and procurement management, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), community engagement, and risk management related to social and environmental safeguards, fiduciary oversight as well as maintaining infrastructure quality and standards.

Based on the aforementioned, the SSWSEEP is seeking to use a portion of the proceed of the funds to finance the hiring of **baseline survey services** for SSWSEEP and a broader **sectoral assessment** to provide benchmarks for measuring progress and analyse the socio-economic and institutional challenges in South Sudan related to the socio-economic empowerment of women and adolescent girls. This information will help to fine-tune the implementation strategy, address critical gaps, and measure project's performance in line with the results framework to ensure successful delivery of the project.

The planned procurement schedule subject to change is as follows:

REOI Published on:	13 th /03/2025
Clarification to Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)	17 th /03/2025 – 28 th /03/2025
REOI Closing date	4 th /04/2025 - (04:30 PM) Juba local time
Evaluation of Expression of Interest and shortlist	4 th /04/ 2025 - 11 th /04/2025
Selection of the Most Qualified Consultant – By ranking.	15 /04/2025
Notification to successful firm and non-successful providers	16 th /04/2025
Request for Technical and Financial Proposals - from the top-ranked firm	17 th /04/2025
Contract Negotiation – (Financial proposal and other contract terms)	23 rd /04/2025
Notification of Award	25 th /04/2025
Signed Contract	30 th /04/2025

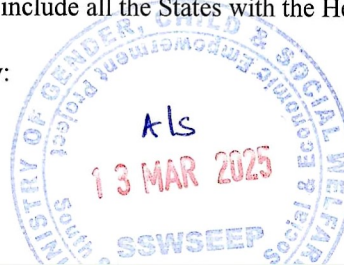
The Project Development Objective (PDO):

To increase girls and women's access to livelihood, entrepreneurial and GBV services and to strengthen the government's capacity to provide these services.

Project Implementation Areas:

SSWSEEP is being implemented in three (3) states as follows: Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria and Western Bahr El Ghazal for component 1, 2 and 4. However the Services for Survivors of GBV will include all the States with the Helpline Centre located in Juba.

The Project Components: The Project has four (4) components namely:



- (i) Community Empowerment Support to Women and Girls
- (ii) (ii) Women’s Entrepreneurial Opportunity Facility
- (iii) (iii) Services for Survivors of GBV; and
- (iv) (iv) Institutional Capacity Strengthening and Project Management.

Assignment Objectives:

The overall goal of this assignment is to conduct a **baseline survey** for SSWSEEP and a broader **sectoral assessment** to provide benchmarks for measuring progress and analyse the socio-economic and institutional challenges in South Sudan related to the socio-economic empowerment of women and adolescent girls. This information will help to fine-tune the implementation strategy, address critical gaps, and measure project’s performance in line with the results framework.

In order to successfully execute these objectives, the MGCSW intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to contract Consulting Firms for a Baseline survey services through a competitive bidding process. The most qualified consulting firm by ranking will be provided with the details of activities in the TOR enshrined with the Request for Proposal (RFP) dossier.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) will directly coordinate and oversee the assignment to be undertaken by the selected firm. The service provider for Baseline services will be “the Consultant” for the assignment and solely responsible for all deliverables and successful completion.

Duration of the assignment is two months from start date

The MGCSW now invites eligible Consulting Firms (“Consultant”) to express their interest to provide Baseline survey services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- a) At least 8 years of general proven experience designing and implementing large-scale household surveys (2,000+ households) and/or Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) assignments for development projects.
- b) Extensive knowledge of complex building projects, including of the associated technical and fiduciary aspects. Prior experience supervising the engineering aspects of civil works and construction projects would be an advantage, as well as prior experience with monitoring large scale infrastructure programs in remote areas, civil works/ building engineering skills and experience with asset verification and technical audits.
- c) Specific experience: must show evidence of; A solid portfolio of successfully completed assignments involving both quantitative (household surveys, structured interviews) and qualitative (focus groups, key informant interviews) research. Experience developing gender-sensitive survey instruments, with particular attention to ethical and cultural considerations for collecting data on sensitive issues such as GBV.
- d) Experience in monitoring of social risk issues and active engagement with beneficiaries, Indigenous NGOs, local communities and other relevant skills will be required. Relevant experience includes: social and environmental safeguard compliance as well as communication and relationships with the community and experience with the design, implementation and/or monitoring of grievance redress or citizen feedback mechanisms in development projects.
- e) The technical and managerial organization of the Consultant. Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications, and number of key staff (Do not provide CV of staff). Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested consultancy is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank’s ‘Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers’ July 2016 and last revised September 2023 [Procurement in investment Project Financing; Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services], setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other consultants in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The nature of association, whether it is a joint venture or a sub consultancy, should clearly be stated. In case of joint venture, the Consultant leading the joint venture should be mentioned.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Qualifications Selection (CQS) set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 10:00 to 16:00 hours South Sudan time on all working days.

Expressions of interest (EOI) should be sent to the address below (only by e-mail) not later than by Friday 4th April 2025 at 4:30 P.M (South Sudan Time) marked clearly as – “Expression of Interest for Baseline Survey”

Attention: **The Procurement Department**
 Project Management Unit (PMU)
 South Sudan Women’s Social and Economic Empowerment Project,
 Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare,
 Juba, South Sudan.

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