



MUNDRI RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (MRDA)

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ADVERT SOIO-ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICE

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

Position:	Socio-economic consultant
Reports to:	Programme Manager
Locations:	Yirol Wes/ Yirol East/Awerial/Terekeka Counties
Project:	Building Resilience and Enhancing Livelihoods (BREL) of Conflict affected households in South Sudan
Timeframe:	4-Weeks
Desired Start date:	12 th October-13 th November, 2020

Introduction

Mundri Relief and Development Association (MRDA) is a national NGO founded on 26th of September 1991 and has strong thematic focus on; peace building, food security/livelihoods, education, WASH and women economic empowerment. MRDA is currently implementing the project, ***Building Resilience & Enhancing Livelihoods of conflict affected households in South Sudan*** in Lakes State in; Yirol West, Yirol East and Awerial Counties respectively and Terekeka County of Central Equatoria State with funding from the Norwegian Peoples Aid. The project is designed to improve the resilience of the target households related to economic/natural/conflict shocks in order to contribute to livelihoods through improved household production/ /increased/diversified income sources. MRDA is therefore seeking the services of a consultant to carry out a socio-economic assessment in; Yirol West/East/Awerial counties and Terekeka County.

Purpose of the Socio-economic assessment

Overall objective:

The study is to collect and document information on existing socio-economic situation, level of education, physical infrastructure condition, existing natural and human resources as well as community's perception about the most important problems confronting them.

The broad objective of the assessment is to provide information on the; social, economic and cultural profile insights of the study area. It will focus on collecting and on analysing relevant information in terms of sources/level of income, food security situation, access and control to available productive resources, conflict including GVB at household level. The information gathered is expected to be informed by both quantitative as well as qualitative data at the household/community levels, which ultimately will be used to determine the extent that the BREL project will contribute to, ***"improved food security, livelihoods and incomes of conflict***



affected households” of the targeted communities in Yirol Wet/Yirol West/Awerial Counties in Lakes State and Terekeka County of Central Equatoria State.

Specifically, the objectives of the socio-economic assessment are:

- To assess people’s perception on their rights to land and other resources while ensuring reference to gender.
- To ascertain existing natural resources-based conflicts causes, effects and local resolution mechanisms at various levels and potential for strengthening such institutions.
- To analyse access and control over resources- (formal and informal institutions) at various levels governing the distribution and use of land and other resources with reference to roles, functions, inclusiveness and power relations and the livelihood security of different socio-economic groups.
- To assess the need and means of the community to enhance their capacity to collectively and effectively participate in and influence policy decisions.
- To identify resource use regimes, systems, pattern/ season variations, mobility as well as the interactions arising.
- To assess the needs/capacities of the communities/households pertaining to equitable distribution of resources and enhanced productivity by analysing the present resources management systems.
- To collect and analyse the relevant information of existing situation of project’s targeted beneficiaries (including disadvantaged households and the impact of Covid 19 to target beneficiaries/project implementation), service providers, and/or related stakeholders.

Methodology

The desired methodology for conducting this socio-economic survey is participatory approach involving stakeholders (Local Authorities, State officials, County Authority officials during the process of the data collection. The consultant will however provide leadership and bear responsibility for the process, findings, the comments and the content of the final document. The methods of data sources should be based on both quantitative household interviews and qualitative data collection techniques involving key informant interviews (KII), focus group discussion (FGD) and literature reviews for secondary data. The design and implementation of the socio-economic survey must also ensure that principles of gender equality, inclusion and non-discrimination are considered and acted upon throughout, and that the meaningful participation of the most vulnerable groups as well as other key stakeholders is promoted in the design and implementation of the study.

Scope of work.

The scope of the survey is limited to collecting data (HH data, KII/ FGD data) which may also include reference to very credible secondary data sources relevant to the study objectives within the target Counties. To accomplish the scope of work of the assessment, the consultant will perform the following duties:



- Holding consultative meeting with MRDA senior management staff based in Juba as well as those at the field level and also other key stakeholders including relevant government offices within the target locations.
- Submit socio-economic inception report to MRDA senior management.
- Holding focus group discussions (FGD), use of household questionnaires with the project direct beneficiaries and stakeholders (Local leaders, government officers etc).

Reporting

The consultant will be required to report on regular basis to MRDA senior management staff on progress of the assessment which will have the overall responsibility of the assessment.

Qualifications/experience:

Required

The successful candidate should:

- Have an advanced university degree or the equivalent, with advanced education in Social Science, Development Studies, Statistics, M&E, development studies, qualitative and quantitative research studies with at least 5 years of experience in conducting similar research for socio economic studies, with a specific competency in humanitarian emergencies setting.
- Have significant experience in undertaking surveys using quantitative and qualitative methods (Design and Methodologies, staff recruitment and training, field supervision and data analysis/write up).
- Be familiar with the use of mobile data collection tools (MDC) and able to upload and manage cloud data as required by the organization. The firm should have its own devices for data collection (SMART PHONES/ TABLETS).
- Familiar with statistical data analysis tools such as SPSS, Stata.
- Able to work in difficult and hostile environment.
- Have experience in negotiating tangible ideas with opposing parties.
- Able to manage work stress while keeping high performance.
- Able to travel long distance in rough roads with minimal nutritional support.
- Able to facilitate these activities remotely in case of travel ban due to Covid-19.
- Be fluent in English with excellent writing and presentation skills.
- Experience in conducting trainings with Covid-19 measures.
- Experience/exposure to similar contexts.

Desired

- Previous experience in South Sudan of similar job is added advantages.

All applicants should include the following:

- Technical proposal: The technical proposal should include;



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- Brief explanation about the lead/associate consultants with particular emphasis on previous experience in this kind of work.
- Understanding of TOR and the task to be accomplished
- Proposed methodology
- Draft work/implementation plan
- A written submission on understanding of TOR, methodology/approach the consultant will use; time/time-bound activity schedule/financial issues (budget, number of people he/she will hire, costs per activity line – people, logistics etc.).
- Organizational (if it is a company applying) or personal capacity statement (if it is an individual that will hire data collectors).
- Resume and 3 references.

The evaluation criteria are based on technical and financial criteria:

- Known reliability in delivery of timely and quality services.
- Relevant field/ country experience.
- Relevant sector specific technical experience and qualifications (60%).
- Relevant monitoring and evaluation experience.
- Cost/budget (40%).

Submission

Interested applicants should submit application by email to: onjerinwa@gmail.com and copy pdata07@gmail.com/juyikuru@gmail.com

Or hand delivery to the MRDA Office at Munuki Block "C" located along Gudele Road Opposite Antipas Pharmacy Building on Friday **18th September, 2020** before 5:00 PM South Sudan local time.

