

Call for expression of interest: - delivering Trainings in preparing bankable project proposals for climate change adaptation in water resources sector of South Sudan

1. Background/project description

South Sudan faces a **critical water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)** crisis exacerbated by ongoing conflict, economic instability, and climate change. Approximately **59% of the population lacks access to safe drinking water**, and only **11% have access to basic sanitation facilities**. The situation is particularly dire in rural areas, where over **80% of households** may lack latrines and less than **35%** have access to clean water.

Climate change poses a significant threat to WASH conditions in South Sudan. The country experiences frequent flooding and droughts, which disrupt water supply systems and degrade water quality. These climatic events exacerbate existing vulnerabilities, particularly for women and children who often bear the brunt of water insecurity.

The government has recently signed a **Compact on Water and Sanitation**, aiming to enhance WASH services significantly by 2030, with a goal of becoming **Open Defecation Free**. This initiative is supported by various international partners.

The South Sudanese government is working with international partners to address these challenges through various initiatives aimed at improving WASH infrastructure and promoting sustainable practices. These efforts include:

- Expanding access to clean drinking water through new supply systems.
- Implementing community-based programs that focus on hygiene education.
- Developing flood-resilient infrastructure to withstand climate impacts

For successful implementation of the ambition to implement various initiatives, it is essential to have capacity for developing bankable proposals, which is one of the capacity gaps within the ministry. Hence, it is essential to strengthen the capacity of the staff in the ministry to identify gaps in WASH, flood risk and climate change adaptation sector, and generate concept notes and develop bankable project proposals for facilitating successful implementation of government ambition and to work with international partners.

To facilitate this capacity development training, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI) of South Sudan is working with Save the Children International (SCI) in its already established partnership and this training is part of the cooperation benefited by Save the Children International (SCI) Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs.

2. General information

- Services/Work Description: Trainings in capacity development and preparing bankable project proposals for climate change adaptation in water resources sector of South Sudan
- Source of Fund: Save the Children International
- Consultant level: firm able to deploy an expert described on this ToR section-4
- Training location: Juba, South Sudan
- Duration: two weeks, which includes one week remote pre-preparation work on the framework and inputs for the list of proposals and one week onsite training delivery for selected 8 to 10 staff member of MWRI.

3. Scope of the work

South Sudan is among the counties that underutilized various climate related global funds, such as GCF and inefficient tapping of opportunities from global partners. For effective implementation climate sensitive water resources projects, particularly critical water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), flood risk management, water resources management and others need to have standard and bankable project proposals. In order to implement, MWRI looking for various support, but all support necessitates to have bankable proposals, which must be developed by internal capacity of the ministry.

The key scope of work encompasses: -

No	Time	Deliverables/output	Expected duration to complete
1	Before training	<p>Pre-training preparation on the potential list of ten to fifteen bankable proposal and remote guidance for preparation on the project background documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MWRI will provide a list of eight to ten participants that have the capacity to develop proposals and represent teams from different departments. The selected participants are responsible to populating the background information with the assistant of the consultant.	1 week
2	During the training	Provide technical training and joint development of five bankable project proposals from the list of pre identified proposal titles.	1 week (5 working days)
3	After the training	Generate training report	1 day



Key note: -

- Range of different funding possibilities with different focus and requirements in the water sector. The consultant is expected to review key funding institutions criteria, how they see a project proposal as bankable and share his/her countries' experiences
- Bankability has different meanings for different funding institutions or banks. Hence, the training provider is supposed to provide briefings on the same
- The training should be provided by different banks (WB, ADB, etc.) or other funding institutions context (AFD) or humanitarian organization (e.g. Save the Children) criteria

4. Qualifications of the successful consulting firm

4.1 Expertise academic background

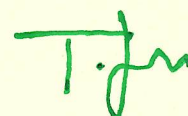
- Assign an expert with a minimum qualification of master's degree with more than 10 years of experience or PhD in Hydrology, Water Resources Engineering or climate change adaptation from the recognized university. Previous engagement as post-doctoral researcher is an advantage.
- Research and publication experience in peer reviewed journals

4.2 Expertise experience

- Experience as technical lead in supporting government institutions, particularly Ministry of Water Resources in African countries for developing World Bank, Africa Development Bank or
- excellent track record on developing high quality project proposals climate change impact mitigation and adaptation in water sectors
- proven experience of developing fundable proposals in climate finance
- has clear understanding and experience of working in government offices or Ministry of Water resources of any African country that has exposure on water supply and sanitation, water resources development, hydrology, climate change, early warning, Water Resources Centre of Excellency, Water Institute, rural and urban water Supply and Sanitation
- Knowledge of

4.3 Years of experience

- Assign an expert that has more than 18 years of experience in the water sector
- Experts with consultancy experience in the UN or international organization system



5. Confidentiality and proprietary interests

The consultancy firm shall not either during the term or after termination of the assignment, disclose any proprietary, part or full of content of the developed or under development proposals, or confidential information related to the consultancy service without prior written consent. Proprietary interests in all materials and documents prepared by the consultants under the assignment shall become and remain properties of **only MWRI**. Any future utilization of part of the concept of the proposal under MWRI will be utilized only by approval of the minister's office. The proposal developed by the participants will be utilized or can only be shared by the minister office.

6. Criteria for selecting the best offer

Upon the advertisement of the Procurement Notice, qualified Consulting Firms are expected to submit both the **expression of interest** (which includes registration-related certificate, CV of proposed trainer and company profile or website link) and **Financial Proposals** via philipakol@yahoo.com. Accordingly, Consulting Firms will be evaluated based on Cumulative Analysis as per the following scenario: -

- Responsive/compliant/acceptable, and
- Having received the highest score out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation. In this regard, the respective weights of the proposals are:
 - a) Technical Criteria weight is 70%
 - b) Financial Criteria weight is 30%

7. Project expenses

7.1 Expense to be payable to the consultant(firm)

- Expertise expense for delivering the service indicated in section-3 of this ToR (indicated in the table)
- Certificates for the participants

7.2 Expense that MWRI is responsible to directly cover

- Renting or arranging training avenue
- Participants DSA
- Consumables (refreshment and lunch) and stationery

Note: Deadline will be
30-NOV-2024

