



**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND IRRIGATIONS
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)**

COUNTRY: Republic of South Sudan
NAME OF PROJECT: The Regional Climate Resilience Program (RCRP) for Eastern and Southern Africa
PROJECT ID: P180171
Assignment Title: Communication and Knowledge Management Specialist
Reference No.: SS-MWRI-358183-CS-INDV
Place of assignment: Juba, South Sudan
Closing Date: Tuesday 23rd May 2023

1.BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Government of South Sudan, through the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI), is preparing a key project to address key water sector challenges in South Sudan: The Climate Resilient Flood Management project that is integrated in the Phase 1 of the Regional Climate Resilience Program (RCRP) for Eastern and Southern Africa (P180171). The Phase 1 of the RCRP aims to improve the management of water-related climate impacts in Eastern and Southern Africa with South Sudan as one of the focus countries. This initial project is meant to help South Sudan prepare for the long-term flood and drought protection measures and investments. It focuses on non-structural measures, including climate resilient water resource management planning, early warning, improved monitoring and forecasting capacities, flood risk mapping, and community level interventions, rehabilitation of existing flood protection and water retention and storage infrastructure, including potential support to natural-capital based livelihood activities in flood-prone areas. Total potential project financing for South Sudan RCRP Phase 1 is US\$ 215M for a period of 5 years (2023 – 2028).

The RCRP project is a led by the government, through the MWRI, and financed by the World Bank through grants from the International Development Association (IDA). Particularly for the case of the RCRP, IDA financing comes from the national allocation to South Sudan and several other windows: i) regional integration (RI), ii) crisis response windows (CRW), and iii) the window for Host Communities and Refugees (HRW). The MWRI has established a Project implementation Unit (PIU) to manage the preparation and implementation of the projects where technical assistance under the project management component is needed to leverage



opportunities for capacity building and to support aspects such as compliance with Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) and the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), fiduciary capacity building, M&E, third-party monitoring (TPM), etc. As part of the World Bank's requirements set out in the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF), PIU needs to be supported by a rigorous Security Risk Assessment/s (SRA) and Security Management Plan (SMP).

A Project preparation Advance (PPA) has been approved for the RCRP Phase 1 – South Sudan and the MWRI intends to apply part of the PPA proceeds towards recruitment of experts who will work alongside with the National staff drawn from the Ministry of Water resources and Irrigation to support the PIU smooth implementation of the RCRP project.

A Project Management Unit (PMU) shall be established within the MWRI for RCRP with the primary task of project implementation and overseeing 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.

The Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation intends to apply part of the proceeds of the grant to fund the position of a Communication and Knowledge Management Specialist to plan, develop and implement the communication and knowledge management strategy and plan related for the RCRP in South Sudan, in line with Ministry's overall communication strategy. He/she will be based in the Project Implementation Unit.

2. Scope of Services and Responsibilities: The scope of services for the position includes but not limited to the following duties and responsibilities:

- Plan, develop, and implement the RCRP communication strategy and associated plan to support effective implementation of project activities for the achievement of RCRP targets, including for female, refugees and hosting communities, etc.
- Work closely with the MWRI, the National Technical Working Group, and relevant stakeholders and partners to prepare appropriate communication strategies for the RCRP at national and subnational levels.
- Develop a comprehensive communication framework to design and deliver coherent and differentiated communications (information, education, and communication materials such as newsletters, fliers, social media messages, etc.) for different target audiences, including refugees and host communities and female project beneficiaries, among others.
- Conduct timely and accurate monitoring and evaluation activities to ensure that the communication objectives are met, and the strategy is effective. Undertake lessons learned review communication experiences and use the findings to inform future engagements in the water sector.
- Oversee the production of a range of communication materials for the RCRP.
- Prepare monthly, quarterly, and annual performance reports



3. Selection Criteria: Selection shall be based on qualification and experience of the candidate and followed by an interview. The qualification and experience required for short listing will include:

(i) • Masters' Degree in Communications, Public Relations, Journalism, or any related field; (ii) At least five (5) years of relevant working experience in the areas of communications strategy development and implementation, journalism, and public relations in reputable institutions; (iii) Prior experience working on donor funded projects will be an added advantage; (iv) Good knowledge of social media and the best ways to utilize each platform in South Sudan; (v) Good knowledge of key issues and stakeholders involved in water resource management in South Sudan; (vi) Effective communication both verbally and written and fluent in English; and (vii) Experience: thinking critically and using creative ways to solve problems. Communicating policies, procedures, and complex concepts to a wide variety of skill and interest levels. Leading a team, project management and time management.

The shortlisted candidates will be invited for oral interview. Consultant will be required to possess the skills, concepts, knowledge, and principles required to carry out the job tasks.

Government officials or civil servants will not be considered unless: (i) they are on leave of absence without pay or have resigned or retired six months prior to the date of the advert; and (ii) their employment will not create Conflict of interest.

4. Duration: Duration of the assignment is 24 months, renewable based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

5. The attention of interested individual consultants 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 revised November 2017, July 2018 and November 2020 [Procurement in investment Project Financing; Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services], setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest

6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultants Selection method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations.

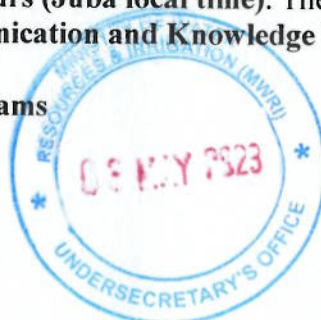
7. The MWRI now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services and furnish their EOI and Curriculum Vitae (CV).

8. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

9. Submission of Applications and deadline:

A signed Expressions of interest (EOI) and CV with 3 reference persons must be sent to MWRI by **Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 16:00 hours (Juba local time)**. The packages must be clearly marked as "**Application for Communication and Knowledge Management Specialist**" and submitted to the address below:

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