

TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

Endline Evaluation of BMZ-Funded Project

1. Background and Context

The project titled 'Improving the quality of life and resilience of vulnerable and underserved target communities in South Sudan's Yambio and Aweil East counties' is implemented by LM International South Sudan and funded by BMZ/Bengo Germany.

The project aims to increase resilience among vulnerable populations by improving income, food security, access to WASH services, protection systems, and climate adaptation capacities. The project targets 24,439 direct beneficiaries across both counties. The project focuses on enhancing resilience through food security and livelihoods, Climate change adaptation and environmental protection, WASH services and Gender equality and protection. The intervention targets vulnerable populations in Yambio (Western Equatoria State) and Aweil East (Northern Bahr el Ghazal State), where communities face severe WASH limitations, high food insecurity, Gender-based violence risks and climate shocks and environmental degradation.

The project implementation period is August 2023 – July 2026, and a baseline assessment was conducted at the start.

An endline evaluation is required to assess performance, outcomes, and impact at completion.

2. Purpose of the Evaluation

To assess performance, measure results against baseline, evaluate using OECD/DAC criteria, and generate lessons and recommendations.

The evaluation will also inform donor reporting (BMZ/Bengo), support accountability, and guide future programming decisions.

The evaluation will also provide evidence for scalability and replicability of interventions.

3. Scope

The evaluation will cover both Aweil East and Yambio counties, all project components, and the entire implementation period (Aug 2023–July 2026). The evaluation shall include all components: livelihoods, WASH, protection, and climate resilience including, capacity building of Government institutions and community-based structures. It shall explicitly compare outcomes between Aweil East and Yambio counties. The evaluation shall cover all direct and selected indirect beneficiary groups, including farmers, WASH users, women groups, and protection structures.

4. Evaluation Criteria (OECD/DAC)

Findings must be systematically structured under; Relevance, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Impact, and Sustainability must be assessed in detail. Each section must provide evidence-based findings, include indicator analysis and highlight differences between Aweil East and Yambio. The consultant should link the findings to Projects' compliance to the standard frameworks including CHS (Core Humanitarian Standard).

5. Methodology

Mixed methods approach including household surveys, FGDs, KIIs, and observation shall be used to capture, analyze and report both qualitative and quantitative data. Data must be triangulated and disaggregated by county and gender. The consultant must use representative sampling in both counties. Data sources shall include: - Baseline study - Monitoring reports - Beneficiary surveys - KIIs and FGDs . Ethical standards including confidentiality and Do No Harm must be applied. The consultant must propose a statistically representative sample size for both counties.

The consultant is required propose feasible digital tools that shall be used for data collection, analysis, and reporting during this evaluation.

6. Indicator Assessment Requirement

All indicators must be assessed separately for Aweil East and Yambio, with baseline vs endline comparison and % change. All indicators at outcome and output level must be evaluated, including: - Baseline vs endline comparison - Percentage change - Gender disaggregation. All indicators must be assessed against the approved project logframe.

The consultant shall analyse the difference between outcomes in Aweil East and Yambio counties.

7. Deliverables

- i. Inception report to be submitted on the 29th June 2026. The inception report must include: - Methodology - Sampling plan - Data collection tools
- ii. Draft report submitted on the 27th July 2026.
- iii. Presentation of the draft report and a validation meeting will be conducted before finalization of the report on 29th July 2026
- iv. Final report submitted on the 30th July 2026.

The report must include: - Separate analysis for Aweil East and Yambio, indicator tables showing baseline vs endline and gender-disaggregated results. The evaluation must align with BMZ/Bengo requirements. It must be a results-based report that include; Logframe assessment, Value for Money (VfM), and Lessons learned at least 4 success stories, 1 from each project objective.

The consultant is expected to propose a realistic timeline within this overall reporting period.

8. Consultant Requirements

Consultants must be registered and based in South Sudan with proven experience in evaluations and OECD/DAC frameworks. The consultant must have at least 5 years of evaluation experience, demonstrate experience with BMZ or similar donors and submit at least 2 previous evaluation reports. The team must include experts in evaluation, WASH, livelihoods, and protection.

9. Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Technical (70%) and Financial (30%). Minimum technical score is 70%. Financial scores will be calculated using the formula: $\text{Lowest Bid} / \text{Bid Price} \times 30$

10. Scoring Matrix

Only proposals scoring at least 60% in technical evaluation will be considered for financial evaluation. Evidence of Past Work (submission of evaluation reports) – mandatory requirement

Technical criteria	Score
Methodology	25
Understanding	10
Experience	15
Team	10
Work plan	10

Financial proposal is evaluated separately. Financial scores will be calculated using the formula: $\text{Lowest Bid} / \text{Bid Price} \times 30$

Interested consultants/firms in South Sudan shall submit: Technical and financial proposals, CVs of key staff and at least 2 previous evaluation reports to William.likambo@lminternational.org, aninga.nancy@lminternational.org copying daida.isaac@lminternational.org, james.mugisha@lminternational.org, godfrey.chandiga@lminternational.org