

# **Review and development of agricultural market policies, strategies and regulations**

## Terms of Reference

### **Introduction**

Fondation Caritas Luxembourg (FCL) is an international non-government organization active across 11 countries. In South Sudan, FCL implements Food Security and Livelihood, Nutrition, Health, WASH and Humanitarian Aid projects in Central and Eastern Equatoria States.

Caritas Luxembourg is implementing the Smallholder Agricultural Market Support (SAMS Project whose focus is “Strengthening small farmers’ resilience through improved household food security and nutrition, increased market access and institutional capacity”. The project is funded by WFP and being implemented in Magwi, Eastern Equatoria. The marketing is being implemented in coordination with the cooperatives within the project implementation area. The farmers, traders and other agriculture stakeholders have experienced enormous challenges related to marketing policies for the agricultural produce. Therefore, the project plans to undertake rigorous engagement processes with the farmers and stakeholders including the traders and relevant government ministries and departments to review the existing policies and develop those policies where there are severe gaps, in consultation with the line government departments and ministries.

### **The purpose of the consultancy**

The consultant is required to review and development of agricultural market policies, strategies and regulations under the SAMS project. The work of the consultant shall support the implementation of the project activities as per the detailed project documents and as stated in this Terms of reference.

### **Objectives**

- To consult with key stakeholders on the existence and functioning/implementation of key agriculture policies, strategies and regulations.
- To develop/review the application of the agriculture marketing policies, strategies and regulations, to identify opportunities for establishing competitive, efficient and equitable agriculture marketing system.
- To set focus on the policy use in the development of agriculture system, increase production and boost marketing.

## **Methodology**

The consultant will deliver the consultancy work through 3 levels of engagements, as follows:

- i) Consultation with key stakeholder to solicit views
- ii) Presentation of findings and gaps as well as drafts of key selected policies, strategies and regulations developed
- iii) Dissemination of policies, strategies and regulations developed

The method of engagements in each of these consultation meetings/workshops shall be developed by the consultant to suit the purpose of the meeting and the stakeholders involved. This shall be achieved not within a single field visit but through three visits. The consultant is responsible for detailing the workplan and engagement approach for each meeting/workshop, and this shall include providing input to refine the list of stakeholders for each meeting/workshop. In order to better elicit views from the meeting/workshop participants, the consultant shall exhibit good facilitation skills including but not limited to presentation, sub-group discussions and questions and answer sessions.

Prior to all these engagement meetings/workshops, the consultant shall undertake a comprehensive review of the available agriculture policies, strategies and regulations as identified with the FCL Project Manager and the government authorities. The review of these documents shall continue throughout and linking to subsequent stages of the consultancy process.

The consultancy methodology shall be used present the delivery plan for each main consultancy task presented in the consultancy workplan.

## **Consultancy period**

The consultancy period will take approximately 8 days, spread over a period of 3 weeks. The 8 days shall exclude traveling days but including documentation tasks undertaken from home in between or after the meetings/workshops.

## **Expected deliverables**

- Three workshops of approximately 30 members from different stakeholders at Magwi County and Eastern Equatoria State levels conducted on agriculture marketing policies review/development.
- Clear policies documents developed and submitted to FCL in consultation with the government and fully understood by workshop members.
- Well-organized documentation procedures on the policies implementation are set to guide farmers and traders in marketing process of agricultural products.
- A brief consultancy report developed and submitted to FCL, indicating achievement of all the tasks as established in this ToR.

## Application procedure

Consultants are invited to submit a brief technical and financial proposals, including the CVs, as follows:

Submission Deadline:	Addressed to:	Submission to:	Other considerations:
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Procurement Manager, Caritas Luxembourg South Sudan Programme	Email: <a href="mailto:secretariat@caritasluxssd.lu">secretariat@caritasluxssd.lu</a>	No phone calls