**Terms of references**

**Gender and Protection analysis for the Food for Assets (FFA) Project in Akobo, Pibor and Pochalla in Jonglei State**

**Background**

Jonglei State is one of the largest states in South Sudan with a population of 1,931 052 representing 17% of the total population.[[1]](#footnote-1) Approximately 72.8% of the population in Jonglei are facing crisis, emergency and humanitarian catastrophe[[2]](#footnote-2) levels of food insecurity. The most impacted locations include Ayod, Duk, Uror, Akobo, Bor South, Longochuk, Canal/Pigi, Pochalla and Pibor among others. Akobo West and Pibor are already experiencing Emergency (IPC Phase 4) outcomes as compared to Pochalla which is experiencing IPC 3 outcomes because of extensive flooding and has exacerbated the food insecurity status of households. Floods damaged homes and public infrastructure, destroyed crops, increased post-harvest losses, restricted the gathering of wild foods, resulted in considerable population displacement, disrupted market supply and increased commodity prices. Further, households’ purchasing power in these locations are in addition are affected by the impact of Covid-19 on livelihoods that led to loss of income sources of employed populations, livestock traders, self-businesses and casual wage earners. In the same vein, according to the IPC AMN projection analysis, the acute malnutrition situation has deteriorated during the lean season. For instance, Pibor and Akobo are projected to be in critical (GAM 15%-29.9%) while Pochalla is projected to be in serious (GAM 10-14.9%)[[3]](#footnote-3).

With funding from WFP, Oxfam is implementing a Food for Assets (FFA) Project in Akobo, Pibor and Pochalla in Jonglei State. The project is aimed at ensuring improved access to livelihoods assets and enhanced community resilience to disasters and shocks for women, men and children in crisis-affected areas in Jonglei, South Sudan. As part of the commitment to mainstream gender and protection in the program cycle, Oxfam is planning to carry out a combined gender and protection analysis. The aim is to identify the impact of the crisis on women, girls, men and boys and their differential access to humanitarian aid in the affected areas. The analysis will also identify general protection risks/threats and needs caused or exacerbated by the crisis on women, men, boys and girl and identify their coping mechanisms. The analysis will inform the implementation of current and future Oxfam interventions and as well as those of partners, partners and other humanitarian agencies and serve as evidence for advocacy for much needed targeted funding calls.

**Objectives of the study**

**Gender**

1. Identify differing gendered needs, capacities, coping mechanisms, gender roles, gender relations, power dynamics (women, girls, boys and men and other vulnerable groups);
2. Understand the cultural and social context of women, girls, boys and men as they relate to all aspects of (FFA) food aid interventions in terms of control over food, the variability of food consumption, health and nutrition and how these factors affect their use of food;
3. Analyze how the benefits of food aid interventions using the FFA approach can be effectively targeted to women, girls, boys and men and used to promote gender equality; and anticipate any negative impacts food aid may have and ensure that women’s leadership structures are strengthened.

**Protection**

1. Identify the main protection risk/threats of affected women, girls, boys and men, and other vulnerable groups and identify opportunities for increasing community voice, participation and identify actions to protect and prevent GBV
2. To increase the capacity of Oxfam and its partners in exploring the realities faced by the crisis impacted households and implement impact driven (FFA) participatory food distribution, nutrition, livelihoods and WASH interventions.
3. Understand the main problems affected population encounter in terms of access to basic services like, food, water, health care, education, shelter, market, and information and how the constraints impact their wellbeing. (Distance, restriction, and threats).
4. Understanding the relationships between the host community, IDPs, Returnee in terms of local integration or tense relations with other groups and identify appropriate measures and advocacy at state and national levels.

**Safeguarding**

1. Identify existing community-based reporting mechanisms including trusted persons, how they work and gauge how Oxfam can feed into these systems and what kind of support Oxfam can give to ensure we are able to receive Safeguarding reports directly from the community

**Deliverables**

Produce a report highlighting the impact of the crisis on women, girls, men and boys and their differential access to humanitarian aid in the affected areas. The report should also highlight the general protection risks/threats and needs caused or exacerbated by the crisis on women, men, boys and girl and identify their coping mechanisms. The report should make recommendations to inform programme implementation based on findings.

**Methodology**

The study will be conducted using desk research and will analyze data collected by the Oxfam field teams and develop a detailed Gender and Protection analysis report for the targeted locations in line with the objectives of the analysis. **The assignment should not take more than 7 days because it includes only data analysis and report writing**

**Deadline for submission of proposals**

23rd September 2021

**Competencies**

**Functional Competencies:**

* Excellent existing network of contacts and proven ability to builds strong relationships with local authorities in the targeted areas;
* Excellent analytical, negotiating, and communication skills;
* Excellent writing and reporting skills;
* Excellent presentation skills;
* Excellent command of Nuer, English and Arabic languages.

**Required Skills and Experience**

**Academic Qualifications:**

* Social science degree or related relevant academic qualifications
* Certificate in language translation, conflict resolution and peacebuilding will be an added advantage.

**Experience:**

* Proven working experience conducting similar or related assignments in the conflict context in South Sudan.
1. IPC Report Population Estimates for October 2020. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. IPC Report Population Estimates for October 2020. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Post-GHACOF 56 Alert, October 2020 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)