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# TOR for Consultancy Service to Conduct End line project Evaluation Thursday, 02 June 2022

#### 1. Background information.

FARM STEW South Sudan is a registered National NGO working in South Sudan since 2018. It is part of an international network partnered with FARM STEW International headquarters in the United States. FARM STEW South Sudan (FS-SS) began operations in December 2018 with funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). FARMSTEW South Sudan currently operates in Eastern Equatoria, Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, Warrap and Western Bar-el Ghazal and Jonglei states.

In June 2020, FARM STEW South Sudan got some funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and FARM STEW international ((FS-Int) to implement a 2-year project, 'Building Resilience through Nutrient-Dense, Profitable Farming and Sanitation for a Healthy and Abundant Life in Magwi County. The two years project ran from June 2020 to June 2022. The project targets one thousand four hundred (1,400) households in Magwi, Obbo, and Mugali Payams of Magwi County, South Sudan.

The project is aimed to reduce hunger, disease, and poverty in 1,400 households in Magwi County, South Sudan, where food security, malnutrition, and the threat of COVID-19 are at the crisis level. The primary project focuses on hands-on farming, sanitation, and nutrition training and equipping poor families and vulnerable people.

In the South Sudan Context, this project aims to equip families and communities to address the root causes of hunger, disease, and poverty.

### 2) The overall goal of the project:

FARM STEW South Sudan aims to equip 1,400 households in Greater Magwi County to address hunger, disease, and poverty through hands-on training. FARM STEW South Sudan impacts families with training in Farming, Attitude, Rest, Meals, Sanitation, Temperance, Enterprise, and Water. The emphasis of this project will be on addressing the potential negative effects of the coronavirus pandemic, increasing the food supply, and improving nutrition through growing and consuming varied, nutrient-dense foods. However, other areas will be a part of the training as well. Our goals align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly goals number 2, 6, and 8.



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# Outcomes (objectives) of the planned phase:

- 1. Farming: to increase the variety of vegetables and legumes that the 1,400 farming HH plant and increase the acreage (feddans) of land they plant by June 2022.
- 2. Enterprise: to strengthen the ability of the 1,400 HH to save and invest by integrating VSLAs and cooperatives in the farming groups by June 2021.
- 3. Sanitation: to strengthen COVID 19 awareness and ways of disease prevention in the project area amongst the 1,400 farming HH by August 2020 with ongoing education to prevent all related respiratory infections by June 2022.
- 4. Meals and Temperance: to increase the amount and variety of vegetables and legumes consumed and strengthen the knowledge of meal preparation and temperance to fight diseases and malnutrition for the 1,400 farming HH by June 2022.

These outcomes align well with the overall goal. MUAC scores, the FAO Minimum Dietary Diversity for Women (MDD-W) Survey, the FAO Food Insecurity Experience Survey (FEIS), and FARM STEW Homes certification will verify the results. All household members will be positively impacted by the nutrition and sanitation training, but pregnant mothers and children under 5 have the most to gain.

#### Key outputs of the planned phase

- 1.1 100% HH are taught the elements of certified FS homes.
- 1.2. 90% of the farming households have increased crop variety being planted.
- 1.3. 90% of the farming households have been taught techniques of vegetable planting.
- 1.4. 70% of the farming households have received trees for their homesteads
- 1.5 70% of the farming households have increased acreage planted and/or improved products.
- 2.1 60% of farming households save money in the VSLA group each month.
- 2.2 100% of the farming households are invited to be part of a cooperative group.
- 2.3 90% of the farming households are participating in value addition
- 3.1 100% of farming households have a tippy tap
- 3.2 100% of the farming households have participated in COVID-19 awareness training.
- 3.3 80% of the farming households practice handwashing correctly as part of COVID-19 awareness.
- 3.4 90% of the farming households practice good sanitation practices, such as having latrines and keeping their environment clean and safe.
- 4.1 100% of the farming households have received training in cooking.
- 4.2 100% have received training on attitude change.
- 4.3 100% of the farming households have participated in seminars on temperance.

4) Purpose and Objectives of end of project evaluation

The end of the project evaluation will measure the effectiveness of the implementation by comparing results against benchmarks set at the beginning of the project. The evaluation will emphasize impact and sustainability as well as the relevance, which will provide lessons learned during the period of implementation for use in future programming.

#### 4.1) Objectives

To evaluate the activities designed in the project

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To establish the extent to which the stated project outcomes have been achieved towards the project goal in both phases

To ascertain the project impact in the entire period

To provide lessons learned and recommendations for future programming.

## Evaluation of key issues and questions

# Quality and relevance of the project

To what extent does the project respond to priority issues?

To what extent are the objectives of the project still valid?

Is the project team planning the most appropriate strategy?

- Are there any major risks or 'killer assumptions' currently not being taken into account?
- Do stakeholders care about the project and believe it makes sense?

#### **Effectiveness**

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Describe any major project failures to date, explaining why they have occurred.

Describe any unforeseen impacts (whether positive or negative).

Identify any exceptional experiences that should be highlighted, for example, case studies, stories, best practice

# The efficiency of planning and implementation

Is the overall project action plan used and up to date?

What % of activities in the work plan are being delivered?

Is the financial expenditure in line with the plan?

Is monitoring data being collected as planned, stored, and used to inform plans?

Capacity gaps with project staff.

Working relationships within the team

Working relationships with partners, stakeholders, and donors

- Learning processes such as self-evaluation, coordination, and exchange with related projects.
- Internal and external communication.

#### **Impact**

To what extent is the project contributing to a long-term positive effect?

# Potential for sustainability, replication, and magnification

Assess the key factors affecting the sustainability of the project, such as:

What is the social and political environment/ acceptance of the project?

Will the project contribute to lasting benefits? Which organizations could/ will ensure continuity of project activities in the project area?

Is there evidence of organizations/partners/communities that have replicated project activities beyond the immediate project area? Is such replication or magnification likely?

What are the cost implications for scaling up impact?

Are there savings that could be made without compromising delivery?

Comment on any existing plans

Recommendations

5) Scope of work & Responsibilities

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The end of project evaluation is to be carried out by the consultant in the project target area as stipulated in the project document he/she will be responsible for the preparation and submission of an external evaluation report to FARM STEW South Sudan. The period of the assignment or task is (30) days, where the consultant is anticipated to provide the deliverables as mentioned hereunder.

#### **Time Frame**

Planned Activity	Est. Days of Work
Consultant to sign a contract for the assignment	01
Review of documents and development of the inception report and study instruments	105
Presentation of Inception report and data collection tools and review	01
Training of enumerators and pre-testing of study instruments.	03
Primary data collection (field work)	10
Data analysis and report writing	5
Submission of the draft evaluation report to FS-SS	01
Incorporating comments on the draft report from FS-SS	02
Validation of final findings	01
Submission of the final project evaluation report to FS-SS	01

The consultation will be supported by the relevant FARM STEW South Sudan key relevant staff Executive Director. The M&E Manager will supervise the implementation of the evaluation process in the field and offer the necessary assistance, especially in terms of logistics.

# 6) The Technical proposal Methodology & Financial proposal

FARM STEW South Sudan seeks the services of a consultant with proven experience in project design, monitoring, and evaluation techniques, including design of monitoring and evaluation tools, sampling, training of enumerator/supervisors, data analysis, and report writing skills, with experience in evaluating related projects. It is preferable that he/she has a Master's Degree in Social Sciences, Public Health, or International Development and/or Statistics with extensive proven experience in monitoring and evaluating community-based resilient projects. In addition, the consultant should produce evidence of previous evaluation reports and must have an excellent knowledge of English.

The evaluation will be both quantitative and qualitative. It will also be appreciative, participatory, and learning-centered. Relevant information will be gathered through observations, interviews, and focus group discussions with staff, community members, and other stakeholders. It will be upon the consultant to determine the appropriate sampling method/tools.

Therefore, the aspiring consultant is to develop a comprehensive technical proposal and methodology, a work plan for executing the assignment, and a financial proposal for the period of the task.



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The consultant is expected to provide a comprehensive end-of-project evaluation report.

lessons learned from the project implementation with tangible recommendation of the project implementation with tangible recommendation. future programming as per below;

1. An inception report (including an Action plan and Tools in attachment) of not more than 15 pages refining / specifying the proposed methodology for answering the evaluation questions and an action plan

2. A three copy (hard) of the Final report of approximate 25 pages maximum and soft

3. A summary of findings

4. PowerPoint presentation with key findings.

5. Soft copy of data collection tool, raw data, and the output of the analysis.

#### **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:**

The evaluation criteria shall be based on technical and financial criteria, including:

Relevant field/ country experience in consultancy.

Relevant sector-specific technical qualifications & experience

Known reliability in delivering timely and quality services with evidence of work done & references.

Cost/ budget proposal

A legal document (valid registration certificate, Tax Identification Number (TIN).

#### LOCATION

The consultancy location is Magwi County comprising Magwi, Obbo, and Mugali Payams. Thus, the consultant is expected to travel outside Juba to these locations.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Interested consultants and consultancy firms are required to submit their application marked "Application for end of project evaluation - Building Resilience through Nutrient-Dense, Profitable Farming and Sanitation for a Healthy and Abundant Life project" by email to <u>procurement@farmstew.org</u> Dateline 17:00Hrs on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The document sent by email must be in a non-editable format such as a PDF

#### NOTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS

Only the successful and competitive bidder will be notified. If you do not receive any email communication within two weeks after the expiry of the deadline, your bid was not successful.

#### LANGUAGE FOR THE BIDS

The language for the bids shall be **English** only.

Disclaimer - This is only a call for quotations, and FARM STEW South Sudan reserves the right to either amend or cancel it with or without notice. In such cases, FARM STEW shall accept no liability whatsoever. The potential bidder is wholly responsible for all costs related to the preparation and submission of their quotations. The decision of the FARM STEW South Sudan Procurement Committee (PEC) shall be final.