

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR): CONSULTANCY FOR CONDUCTING POSITIVE MASCULINITY TRAINING IN FOUR LOCATIONS: OLD FANGAK, NEW FANGAK, MALAKAL, POCHALLA AND PIGI COUNTIES

1. SUMMARY OF CONSULTANCY

Title: Consultancy for conducting positive masculinity training in selected counties in South Sudan	
Location:	Old Fangak, New Fangak, Malakal, Pochalla and Pigi, Counties
Application Deadline:	15 th April 2024 1600HRS South Sudan Time
Type of Contract:	Individual/Firm
Post Level:	National/International consultancy
Languages Required:	English Language
Starting Date:	2 nd May 2024
Expected Duration of Assignment:	25 days

2. PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The purpose of the consultancy is to deliver trainings about positive masculinity to a selected group of participants of the County’s community members. The trainings will be delivered in all the stated locations for a three-day period per location.

3. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Finn Church Aid (FCA) is the largest Finnish development cooperation organisation founded in 1947. Finn Church Aid is a member of ACT Alliance. FCA operates in around 15 countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Our operation includes long-term development cooperation, humanitarian assistance, and advocacy, and we operate around three thematic areas: Right to Quality Education, Right to Livelihood and Right to Peace. FCA’s work approach is Rights based, and its operations guided by equality, non-discrimination, and responsibility. FCA has supported humanitarian and development programs in Sudan since 1972, and in South Sudan since 2010. FCA has been implementing Education, Peacebuilding and Reconciliation, and Food Security and Livelihoods Programmes with presence in Jonglei, Lakes, Upper Nile, and Central Equatoria State. FCA works using the triple nexus approach by implementing integrated thematic interventions with a view to build sustainable peace through stronger partnerships and collaboration with local communities, faith-based institutions, and government institutions in the implementation of peacebuilding and humanitarian interventions.

FCA in a consortium with Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) is implementing a European Union funded project titled ‘Grassroot Level Peace Building and Reconciliation Support Activities’. The project is being implemented in Counties in Jonglei, Upper Nile and Greater Pibor Administrative Area and locations neighbouring Kuron.

This project has an overall objective to contribute to building reconciliation and peace in South Sudan. This specific action is for provision of positive masculinity training for selected groups on related topics such as behaviour change towards child marriage, Gender Based Violence, support for girl education among other topics. Skills gained in these trainings are expected to support advocacy and conflict resolution efforts targeting community members and duty bearers at different levels. The positive life skills ought to support changes such as change in negative cultural practices.

3. OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this consultancy are the following.

- 4.1. Training of community members inclusive of peace committees, traditional leaders, youth, women, religious leaders, media practitioners, and civil society actors.
- 4.2. Training of FCA staff and partners on positive masculinity (Juba training).
- 4.3. To steer conversations towards a healthy form of masculinity

4. SCOPE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The Consultant/Consultancy firm will conduct the training for all the stated locations for a proposed number of 30 participants per location. The trainers are expected to take into consideration dynamics of the participants and the training locations (contextual considerations).

5. METHODOLOGY

The consultant/consultancy firm will be required to share a breakdown of the training expected to last for 3 days per location. The consultant/firm will also be expected to prepare and share training handouts with participants.

The consultancy firm/team of consultants will report to FCA’s Peacebuilding Advisor.

6. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

Minimum requirements under deliverables are as follows:

- Detailed breakdown of the topics to be reviewed during the training.
- Work plan covering the consultancy period.
- Complete budget (broken down) covering duration of consultancy.
- A report for each workshop/training facilitated under the consultancy period.
- Final consultancy report with recommendations to positive masculinity

7. TIMELINE AND SUGGESTED CONSULTANCY OUTLINE

The timeline for this consultancy is 25 days, from the time of signing the contract. The consultant must commit to finish the consultancy within the specified timeframe.

#	Task/Deliverable	Estimated No of Days
01	Inception Meeting	01
02	Preparation of schedule for field work (approvals)	02
03	Field work	20
08	Submission of final report	02

8. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

(a). REQUIRED SKILLS, COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCE

The consultant (firm) must have expertise and grounded experience in carrying out similar trainings. The lead consultant must demonstrate a very good experience/knowledge in gender dynamics. S/he should meet the following minimum requirements.

- The Lead Consultant should have a post-graduate University degree (minimum a master’s degree) in a field related to Education, Peace and Conflict Studies, Gender studies, Community Development, and relevant professional certification.
- Minimum of five years of professional experience in the field of delivering similar trainings
- Relevant training topics. 6 Main areas.
- Work Plan and Availability

(b). Other Requirements

- In-depth knowledge and experience in conducting trainings to a diverse group of participants.
- Knowledge of and familiarity with the socio-political, economic context, and cultural configurations of Fangak, Pochalla, Malakal and Pigi Counties.
- Excellent facilitation and communication skills for effective stakeholder engagements.
- Language Capabilities: Excellent written and spoken English. Team members should have good understanding of local languages within the assignment geographical scope.
- Excellent report writing skills.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision, efficiency and deliver on committed outputs under the assignment within agreed timelines and deadlines.

9. REPORTING

The consultant/firm will report to the FCA Peacebuilding and Reconciliation Advisor whilst with regular/technical support from the Peacebuilding & Reconciliation Advisor. He/She shall ensure quality and timely delivery of the expected results and will inform FCA of the progress as well as any obstacles as well as any obstacles that might occur.

10. RENUMERATION

The contract will be processed and negotiated in accordance with FCA’s standard procedures for procurement and consultancy contracts. The incumbent consultant is responsible for all personal logistics.

11. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The consultancy applications will be evaluated using the Quality and Cost approach (combined scoring method) as below.

Technical Proposal Evaluation (70 %)		
a)	Lead Consultant should have a master’s degree from a recognized University in either Education, or Development Studies, Peace, and conflict studies or Gender Studies and relevant professional certification.	10
b)	Lead Consultant has at least 5 years or more experience in gender and related fields	25
d)	Relevant training topics. 6 Main areas	25
e)	Work Plan and Availability	10
Financial Proposal (30%)		
g)	Price (Technical and other fees)	30
TOTAL SCORE		100

12. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The closing date for receipt of applications is Monday 15th April 2024 before 1600HRS South Sudan Time.

The interested candidates should submit their applications by email with the heading “**POSITIVE MASCULINITY TRAINING**” to Procurement.Ssuco@kua.fi with a CC to Hope.Chichaya@kua.fi

The applications should include.

- A one-pager cover letter indicating the consultant’s expression of interest.

- Technical Proposal (maximum 10 pages) containing an Introduction, an interpretation of the TOR, design and conceptualization of the assignment, proposed methodology, methods, main assessment questions, and proposed work plan.
- A Financial proposal (maximum 1 Page) in USD Only. This includes technical fees, Airfare/ local transport, and all other related costs relevant to the consultancy. *Note: FCA shall **withhold 15-20%** of the **technical fees** per South Sudan taxation policy.*
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae of the Lead Consultant(s) with at least 3 professional referees (official emails ONLY)
- 2 Approved sample reports of such previous consultancy undertaken within the last 2 years.

Note:

- *Considering urgency, technical applications will be reviewed on rolling basis. Firms whose technical proposal is successful will be contacted.*
- *FCA is an equal opportunity employer with zero discrimination policy.*
- *FCA has zero tolerance concerning aid diversion and illegal actions and may screen potential applicants, contractors, suppliers, consultants, etc. against international lists to ensure due diligence and compliance with Anti-money laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism requirements.*

“FCA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to Bidders.”

Note: Only the successful bidder will be notified. If you don't get a notification from FCA within one week after the closing date, consider your quotation unsuccessful.