



Terms of Reference (TORs)

For conducting a project Financial Audit for the period 01st February 2023 to 31st January 2024 The Strengthening Resilience in Agriculture, Livelihoods and Markets through Local Institutions in Mundri (STREAM II) programme

Introduction:

Mercy Corps is a leading global organization powered by the belief that a better world is possible. In disaster, in hardship, in more than 40 countries around the world, we partner to put bold solutions into action — helping people triumph over adversity and build stronger communities from within. Now, and for the future.

Mercy Corps began programming in Sudan in 1985, and has been operating in states of what is now South Sudan since 2005; operations have continued since the independence of South Sudan in 2011. We have been working to meet people's immediate needs, and with communities, to build local capacity and promote economic development, especially with the eruption of violence in December 2013. Mercy Corps South Sudan's priority areas are food security, water security, Economic opportunities and peace and Governance. Mercy Corps has worked to build relationships with local government and other actors, which has enhanced our understanding of local contexts and the multiple stakeholders involved. With the Peace Agreement and formation of a Transitional Government, Mercy Corps is expanding and intensifying multi-sector programming to rural areas in Rubkona, Panyijiar, Mundri and Koch Counties, especially areas inaccessible in 2014 and 2015

Background of the Project:

Mercy Corps in partnership with SDC and AFD and have been implementing the Strengthening Resilience in Agriculture, Livelihoods and Markets (STREAM) Project (Phase 1 and 2) through local institutions in Mundri (Mundri East and West) and have now extended to Mvolo in South Sudan since January. The second phase of the Project which started in Feb 2023 is poised to supports 35,000 smallholder farmers households in Western Equatorial state in three counties listed above aimed at graduating target participants out of chronic vulnerability to food-shocks by partnering with the private sector to strengthen local markets and support farmers through climate smart agriculture and provision of farm inputs. Building on the successes of our partnership with AYA in the first phase of the program, Mercy Corps will continue to work with AYA in the Mundri and Mvolo program intervention counties.

The STREAM II program aims to move households sustainably out of chronic vulnerability and poverty by facilitating economic recovery and growth for smallholder farmers and non-farm microenterprises in vulnerable and conflict-affected areas of Mundri East, Mundri West and Mvolo county. This exercise will be carried out in Mercycorps South Sudan Head office Juba in reference to Mundri field office.

- 1- Total budget amount for the project is 4,000,000 CHF.
- 2- Expected expenditure amount subject to audit? Donor reporting Currency CHF 409,726.96 & in USD 458,351.79 without ICR.
- 3- Period for the project Feb 2023 to Jan 2026



- 4- period subject to audit? Feb 2023 to Jan 2024 and note that this Project is implemented in partnership with Active Youth Agency (AYA) based in Mundri however, AYA is not part of this audit because it came when the period mentioned to be audited has been implemented already by Mercycorps.
- 5- Deadline to submit the draft/final audit report? 27th May 2024. Therefore, the audit expected start date is 6th May 2024.

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Donor ToRs Attached.