**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Consultancy on LIVELIHOODS AND MARKET ASSESSMENT IN MALAKAL, FASHODA and MANYO**

1. **Project background**

With funding from EU, the IRC - Lead partner, ZoA and Cordaid co-partners formed a consortium to implement the project “Strengthening Smallholders’ Resilience in Greater Upper Nile”. It is designed to scale up reach to more vulnerable households, build long-term community resilience towards climate shocks, recover and stabilize from the effects of war and displacement. The four-year project will run from January 2020 to December 2023. The project is aligned with the objectives of the EUTF’s South Sudan Rural Development: Strengthening Smallholders’ Resilience (SORUDEV SSR) program whose themes and priorities focuses on strengthening individual and community resilience by improving production and nutrition through access to basic veterinary and agricultural extension services; agricultural inputs, nutrition (food diversification) and food hygiene awareness. DRR (disaster risk reduction), conflict arbitration and peace-building skills as additional integrated component.

1. **Scope of the study**

The assessment will cover specific sectors of livelihoods, value chain and market systems. The geographical scope of the assessment includes Malakal town, Wau-Shilluk of Malakal county and Kodok town of Fashoda county, and selected area in Manyo in Upper Nile.

1. **Consultancy Objectives:**

The main objective of this assignment is to conduct a Livelihoods and Market Assessment of the required sectors in order to identifying specific constraints to be addressed and to identify opportunities that can be leveraged through project interventions to increase production, income and employment for the rural poor. Based on the Assessment, feasible and innovative agribusiness/ income-generation models will be developed as recommendations for the SSR project. The specific objectives include:

* Determine key livelihoods activities in which households typically engage in over a seasonal calendar and analyse their capacities and vulnerabilities related to the different shocks.
* Analyze the main income sources and the assets owned by the households.
* Determine key livelihoods assets that need to be protected to prevent their loss.
* Analyse the problems around access and management of natural resources, linked with the sustainable development of key livelihood activities.
* Determine what assets are needed to ensure sustainability of livelihoods activities.
* Identify and analyse the most viable and relevant value chains and labor markets opportunities for self-employment for women and youth.
* In-depth analysis of the identified businesses and value-chains
* Determine market-based interventions that address bottlenecks and contribute to increase the access to more sustainable livelihood opportunities.
* Assess value addition opportunities of agriculture products.
* Assess the most market driven vocational skills in high demand for employment and business opportunities for youth and women; determine the materials/tools needs in setting up such vocations/trades.
* Assess the capacity of existing vocational training centres in the areas for both private and government, determine their experience, capacity and opportunities in partnership with NGO’s.
* Recommend innovative agribusiness model per sector

1. **Study Duration:**

* The livelihoods and Market assessment is expected to take 20 days from 19 Apr, 2021 to 8 May, 2021

1. **Deliverables of the consultancy**

* Desk review of the existing literature
* Draft and submit inception report of the study with methodology, sampling and draft tools.
* Conduct field visit in Upper Nile to implement the Assessment. This should include information collection and consultation with all concerned stakeholders (incl. small and medium scale farmers, traders, local authorities, youth and women etc).
* Draft assessment report and share with Cordaid Resilience and Livelihood Programme Manager and Technical team for review.
* Submit final report of the assessment report showing findings and recommendations.
* Hold debriefing meeting (virtual meeting) with Cordaid team

1. **Institutional Arrangement**

The hired consultant will directly be under the close supervision of the Resilience and Livelihood Programme Manager and work under direct supervision of the Programme manager and coordinate with Upper Nile based Field Coordinator.

1. **Required skills**

* Understanding of product aggregation and marketing of the value chains in question.
* Sound experience in conducting Livelihoods and Market Assessment or Value Chain Assessment
* Sound experience in agribusiness and training of small and medium scale farmers and extension officers
* Excellent communication, interpersonal and presentation skills
* The lead consultant or company should have at BSc. or Post-graduate degree in Agribusiness, agriculture, development and other related field.
* Hand on previous experiences in conducting feasibility study of on agribusiness under rehabilitation/construction in international and national organization setting
* Experiences in extracting community level sensitive data and translate to a good report
* Fluency in English (oral and written) is a requirement, Arabic has an added value

1. **Requirement for submission of tender**
2. The firm/consultant should state their understanding and interpretation of the proposed consultancy work, listing the methodology, tools and their resource capability
3. Provision of a budget in US Dollars include:
   1. Consultancy cost: Number of persons, their capacities, and daily rate of each of those in this consultancy team.
   2. Field activity cost (enumerators, travel and accommodation, etc)
4. Attached sample of relevant study written by the consultant where available.
5. Contacts and reference letters of 3 organizations/ individuals Excellent communication, analysis and report writing skills
6. **General Conditions**

The closing date of this tender is fixed on **16/04/2021 at 5:00 pm** (South Sudan Time, GMT+2). Bids should be submitted only by email to: [**tendercordaidsouthsudan@cordaid.org**](mailto:tendercordaidsouthsudan@cordaid.org) . Late offers will not be considered.

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