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| **Project Title:** **Project Location(s):** **Partnership Period:**  | (STREAM) strengthening in Agriculture, Livelihood and market through local institutions in Mundri and Koch CountiesMundri East and West- western Equatoria and Koch- Unity stateFive months |

**About the Mercy Corps:** Mercy Corps implements high quality, analytical work in South Sudan (Mundri east and west of Western Equatoria state and Kochi of unity state) the world’s toughest places principally in post conflict or transitional areas to integrate targeted assistance for the immediate needs of critically vulnerable populations with a larger strategic focus on market facilitation that promotes long term systemic change. Mercy Corps addresses a number of interrelated needs within a range of activities including livelihoods, peace building, agriculture, water and sanitation, health and nutrition, financial access and economic development. Mercy Corps applies a broad and integrated approach to address challenges to product and service availability, access and utilization among communities of intervention.

**Project Description:** Mercy Corps with funding from SDC is implementing a 2-year STREAM project in partnership with AYA (Active Youth Agency) NNGO and WOYE an existing private financial service provider in Mundri East, Mundri West and Koch Counties in South Sudan. The STREAM (Strengthening Resilience in Agriculture, Livelihoods, and Markets through Local Institutions in Mundri and Koch Counties) project aims to improve wellbeing of 6,350 vulnerable households, girls, boys, women and men through use of skills, knowledge and enabling environment facilitated by the Programme which will take on Resilience and early market recovery approaches through formed Cooperative societies, producers groups (farmers), Self-help groups, Apiary groups, lulu groups, youth vocational groups, existing traders and local government.

**Purpose of the Partnership:** The purpose of this partnership with the service provider is to provide training of trainees of 10 community based extension workers (CBEW) working under the County Agriculture Department (CAD) of Mundri East and West of western Equatoria state and Koch counties of Unity State.

**Objectives of the Partnership:**

* To develop core training modules on climate smart agriculture and water harvesting techniques for both staple crops and vegetables to be delivered to ten extension workers.
* Provide/deliver a three-month phased intensive both practical and theoretical training to the participants at the training institution in that allows for contextualized practice of acquired knowledge by the participants in their counties of operation.
* Conduct outreach sessions to the trainee’s counties of operation to provide localized training and support 50 lead farmers along with technical context specific agronomic skills.
* To develop an accompanying training modular tool for training roll out by the trained extension CAD officials.
* Provide with participants monitoring plan for the extension worker during the practicing months away from the institution.
* Develop a context specific training modules for Mundri and Koch Counties which are good enough for outreach program.

**Partner institution roles:**

* Development of training content and modules for the specific topics on food crops and cash crops including vegetables with bias on Maize, Sorghum, Cassava, sesame including seed multiplication practices, ox-tillage, post-harvest handling techniques and many others deemed topics necessary for both Mundri East, Mundri west and Koch context for the three Months training period.
* Conduct intensive training to the selected 10 extension CAD officials on the above mentioned topics plus additional ones that will be approved by Mercy Corps.
* Conduct outreach sessions during the one month break to the respective counties of the trainees to provide training to the extension team and 50 selected lead farmers.
* Provide meals and accommodation for the trainees while at the training institution for the three months’ durations.
* Provide and assessment and training report for the participant on capabilities and recommendations to Mercy Corps for future interventions.
* Provide 10 learners with certificates of completion of training.

**Application process:**

Interested institutions should submit the following application documents:

* Provide proposal or capacity statement that clearly outlines how the above mentioned objectives will be met during the period of engagement.
* Financial proposal detailing trainer/institution(s) itemized fees
* A proposed activities schedule/work plan with time frame
* Copy of CV of the trainer(s) who will provide training
* One recent recommendation of similar training delivered.
* Legal documents for interested institution/firms

**The partner will report to: STREAM program manager-mercy Corps**

**The partner will work closely with:** Local government officials, Mercy Corps staff and lead farmers.

**Qualifications**

* An institution with at least 5 years’ experience in incubating scalable and sustainable business agricultural extension workers in agronomic practices including trainees with low literate abilities.
* Experience in providing similar trainings to organization recommended extension workers or students is strongly preferred in the context of South Sudan.
* Have a multi-disciplinary team with all consultants/trainers with advanced degrees in agribusiness, agricultural economics, Agronomy, agriculture extension, animal production and other relevant disciplines.
* Prior experience in greater Equatoria and Unity state contexts is preferable.

**Timeframe**

The partnership will run from April 2021 – August/2021 with possible extension.

**Deadline**

Please address your application including necessary attachments including licenses/legal/ registration certificate, CV’s, proposal, financial budget on hard copy to **Mercy Corps, Plot 445, Kololo Road, Tongping, Juba, South Sudan not later than Monday, 31st/March/2021.** And address soft copies to email address ss-pr@mercycorps.org copying kaguret@mercycorps.org and Arufas@mercycorps.org Late bids will not be received and failure to submit all required documentation will render the application invalid and it will not be reviewed.