



## Terms of Reference (TORs)

### **For conducting a project Audit for the period 01<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 The Strengthening Resilience in Agriculture, Livelihoods and Markets through Local Institutions in Mundri and Koch (STREAM) programme (Phase 1)**

#### **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 was founded in 1979 as Save the Refugees Fund in response to the plight of the Cambodian refugees fleeing the famine, war and genocide in their country. It is headquartered in Portland Oregon, USA.

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 and livelihoods (focusing on cash assistance, market-based solutions in agriculture and economic development), WASH, Education, youth development and conflict resolution. Mercy Corps has been implementing projects, which combine agricultural, economic development, WASH, Education and other humanitarian interventions to tackle the convulsive crises affecting vulnerable communities. 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

Mercy Corps is a global team of humanitarians, working together on the front lines of today's biggest crises to create a future of possibility, where everyone can prosper.

#### **Background of the Project:**

Mercy Corps in partnership with the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), aims to make strategic investments in Mundri East and Mundri West Counties of Western Equatoria (Legacy Amadi) State and in Koch County of Unity State. Mercy Corps' goal for the target regions aligns with Mercy Corps' global mission to build secure, productive and just societies. STREAM's Overall Goal is that vulnerable households, youth and women in Mundri East, Mundri West and Koch Counties in South Sudan have improved well-being making use of the skills, knowledge and enabling environment facilitated by the Programme. The Phase 1 of the STREAM Programme will focus on one key objective: to improve food security of 6,350 households through enhanced gender equitable market access and increased agricultural production and off farm and non-farm livelihood opportunities.

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Donor TORs Attached.