



The Rescue Initiative
South Sudan



Job Title: Project Liaison Officer

Duty Station: Juba with frequent visit to Gogrial West, Melut and Pariang.

Contract Duration: 6 months renewable subject to satisfactory and availability of funds.

Reports to: Project coordinator/Manager

Introduction:

The Association of Ethiopian Micro-Finance Institution (AEMFI) has signed a contract with South Sudan Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) to implement I-Intensive Complementary Social Measures (I-CSM) which is embedded within the South Sudan Productive Safety for Socioeconomic Opportunities Project (SNSOP). The SNSOP is a national flagship in South Sudan implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and Ministry of Gender Child and Social Welfare (MGCSW). The objective of the SNSOP is to transfer cash to 96000 beneficiaries through labour intensive public work, direct income support and complementary social measures in 15 counties across South Sudan.

AEMFI will implement I-CSM in 3 SNSOP counties-Melut, Gogrial West and Pariang for a period of 18 months from 1st April 2024 to 30th September 2025. The I-CSM will encompass advanced trainings of selected SNSOP beneficiaries on Nutrition, WASH, Early Childhood Development and Financial Literacy aimed at ensuring resilience of the affected populations and sustainability of results including human capital development. AEMFI has sub-contracted The Rescue Initiative South Sudan (TRI-SS), a national NGO registered and operating in South Sudan to implement I-CSM at the field level in the aforementioned three counties.



The I-CSM program is designed to equip beneficiaries with the knowledge and skills necessary to build resilience and secure a brighter future. The program will offer targeted training workshops in four key areas:

- **Nutrition:** Empowering families to make informed choices about healthy eating habits and proper nutrition for all household members.
- **WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene):** Promoting essential hygiene practices and sustainable water management techniques to safeguard public health.
- **Early Childhood Development (ECD):** Equipping caregivers with the knowledge and skills to nurture a stimulating and healthy environment for young children.
- **Financial Literacy:** Building financial literacy skills to enable informed decision-making, budgeting, and saving for the future.

About the Position:

The Project Liaison Officer plays a critical role in ensuring the successful implementation of the complementary social measures project in South Sudan. This position requires a highly motivated and organized individual with excellent communication and interpersonal skills to serve as the bridge between AEMFI/EIFTRI, the client, relevant stakeholders, and the project beneficiaries.

The Project Liaison Officer role offers a unique opportunity to contribute to positive social change in South Sudan. This is more than just a job; it's a chance to be part of a team working to improve the lives of vulnerable populations.

Your Impact

As the Project Liaison Officer, you will play a pivotal role in ensuring the successful implementation of a critical social measures project. Your efforts will directly impact the well-being of communities by:

- Facilitating access to essential resources and services.
- Promoting social inclusion and participation.
- Strengthening community resilience and capacity.



Why You'll Thrive Here

If you are a highly motivated and results-oriented individual who thrives in a dynamic environment, this role is for you. You will have the opportunity to:

- Work with a dedicated team of professionals committed to social development.
- Gain valuable experience in project management, stakeholder engagement, and community development.
- Contribute to a project that makes a real difference in the lives of others.

We are seeking a passionate and skilled individual who is ready to make a positive impact in South Sudan. If you are looking for a challenging and rewarding career opportunity, we encourage you to apply!

Roles and Responsibilities:

1. Project Knowledge and Monitoring:

- Gain a comprehensive understanding of the Safety Nets Projects, their objectives, and activities.
- Develop a detailed project implementation plan in collaboration with the Project Coordinator and relevant stakeholders.
- Monitor project progress against established timelines, milestones, and budget.
- Prepare regular progress reports highlighting achievements, challenges, and mitigation strategies for the Project Coordinator and other stakeholders.
- Identify and analyze project risks and develop contingency plans to address them proactively.

2. Stakeholder Coordination and Communication:

- Develop and maintain a comprehensive stakeholder mapping, identifying key government officials, community leaders, NGOs, and other relevant parties.
- Facilitate regular communication with stakeholders, ensuring they are informed about project activities, progress, and potential impacts.
- Conduct meetings and workshops to foster collaboration and address stakeholder concerns.



- Act as a spokesperson for AEMFI/EIFTRI on project matters, effectively communicating project goals and objectives to diverse audiences.

3. **Community Engagement:**

- Develop and implement a comprehensive community engagement strategy to ensure project activities are culturally sensitive, inclusive, and meet the needs of beneficiaries.
- Organize community meetings and consultations to gather feedback and address concerns throughout the project lifecycle.
- Work collaboratively with community leaders and members to build trust and ownership of the project.
- Facilitate the establishment of community-based monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

4. **Data Collection and Reporting:**

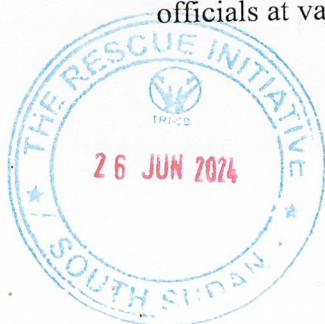
- Develop and implement data collection tools to monitor project progress, beneficiary participation, and outcomes.
- Collect, analyze, and interpret data to assess project effectiveness and identify areas for improvement.
- Prepare comprehensive reports on project activities, achievements, challenges, lessons learned, and recommendations for future projects.

5. **Issue Management and Problem-Solving:**

- Proactively identify and address potential issues and conflicts that may arise during project implementation.
- Develop and implement solutions to address project challenges and ensure timely resolution.
- Escalate critical issues and concerns to the Project Coordinator for further guidance.

6. **Relationship Building:**

- Build and maintain positive working relationships with the client, government officials at various levels, other project staff, and community members.



- Promote open communication, collaboration, and mutual respect among all stakeholders.
- Represent AEMFI/EIFTRI with professionalism and integrity.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in social sciences, public health, or related fields (Master's degree preferred).
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in project management, community development, or related fields.
- Proven experience in stakeholder engagement and communication.
- Strong understanding of social impact assessment methodologies and best practices.
- Fluency in English; understanding of simple Arabic and Dinka language in South Sudan is a strong asset.
- Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Experience working in a cross-cultural environment is preferred.
- Demonstrated commitment to social development and improving the lives of vulnerable populations.

Soft Skills Required:

The Project Liaison Officer role demands a strong foundation in soft skills to effectively navigate the complexities of stakeholder engagement and project implementation. Here are some key soft skills required for this position:

- **Communication Skills (written and verbal):**
 - Ability to clearly articulate project goals, progress, and challenges to diverse audiences.
 - Active listening skills to understand stakeholder concerns and perspectives.
 - Excellent writing skills to prepare comprehensive reports, meeting minutes, and communication materials.



- **Interpersonal Skills:**
 - Ability to build rapport and trust with stakeholders from different backgrounds and cultures.
 - Strong interpersonal skills to foster collaboration and teamwork among project staff and community members.
 - Excellent conflict resolution skills to address disagreements and find common ground.
- **Relationship Management:**
 - Ability to develop and maintain positive working relationships with a wide range of stakeholders.
 - Strong negotiation skills to secure agreements and resolve conflicts.
 - Ability to build trust and credibility with stakeholders.
- **Adaptability and Flexibility:**
 - Ability to adjust to changing project priorities and unforeseen challenges.
 - Willingness to learn from experience and adapt approaches as needed.
 - Openness to working in a dynamic and cross-cultural environment.
- **Cultural Sensitivity:**
 - Respect for the cultural norms, values, and traditions of the communities where the project is implemented.
 - Ability to communicate effectively and build trust with people from diverse backgrounds.
- **Problem-Solving Skills:**
 - Ability to identify and analyze problems, develop solutions, and make sound decisions.
 - Critical thinking skills to assess situations and develop effective responses to challenges.
- **Organization and Time Management:**
 - Ability to prioritize tasks, manage multiple deadlines, and meet project objectives effectively.



- Strong organizational skills to maintain accurate records and ensure smooth project implementation.

Additional Considerations:

- Proficiency in project management software (e.g., MS Project) and data analysis tools (e.g., SPSS).
- Understanding of safety and security protocols for working in South Sudan.

Deadline for submission of Applications is 15th July 2024

If you believe that you meet the above job requirements, please submit your cover letter and CV to: email address: aemfiet2@gmail.com copying tekleb2006@gmail.com . Alternatively, you can hand deliver your applications to The Rescue Initiative South Sudan head office at Gudelle One, Zain Building on Apartment 8, Plot No. 57, Block 4, Juba – South Sudan

