



EXTENSION OF TENDER ADVERTISTMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES, TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION FOR DURABLE SOLUTION IN SOUTH SUDAN (DRC SOUTH SUDAN – JUBA)

ORGANISATION:

Danish Refugee Council (DRC)

Tender Name: Request for Proposal (RFP) for Consultancy services, Conduct an Evaluation for Durable Solution in South Sudan (DRC South Sudan – JUBA)

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Extended until 11th November 2021

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Organization Background

DRC has been operational in South Sudan since 2005, implementing multi-sectoral responses through static and mobile presence, responding to crises and addressing basic needs. In Upper Nile and Unity States, DRC has static and mobile team implementing activities within Protection, Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL), Shelter and Non-Food Items (SNFI), Durable solutions, conflict sensitivity and conflict management. As a protection mandated organization, alongside standalone protection responses DRC focuses on mainstreaming protection principles throughout all sectoral interventions working with the overall aim of achieving durable solutions for displaced populations.

Context

South Sudan remains a protection crisis, with 8.3 million people in need of humanitarian assistance ¹ and 60% of the population facing severe acute food insecurity in 2021 ²(IPC Report). Flooding, violence, food insecurity, and Covid-19 are exacerbating humanitarian needs. There are 2.3 million South Sudanese refugees, with 1.71 million IDPs, 340,000 IDPs in Protection of Civilians Sites, and 306,000 Sudanese refugees within the country. ³ However, According to UNHCR since 2017 some 360,000 refugees have returned to South Sudan from the neighbouring countries and more than 1.3 million IDPs have returned spontaneously⁴.

Like many other IDPs and refugees in protracted and multi-causality displacement around the world, South Sudanese have the right to achieve *durable solutions* to their displacement. Achieving durable solutions for displaced people, whether inside the country or abroad through sustainable voluntary return and sustainable reintegration, resettlement in a third country, or local sustainable integration in one's place of displacement, requires a gradual process of reducing "displacement specific needs and ensuring the enjoyment of human rights without discrimination"⁵. For both IDPs and returning refugees, return is a process that extends beyond the physical journey home and encompasses the process of economically, socially, legally, and sustainably reintegrating into a community. Physical return alone does not constitute a durable solution.

Following the signing of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCSS) in September 2018 and the subsequent steps towards the formation of the Transitional Government of National Unity, discussions regarding durable solutions, returns, and relocations gained pace in various forums. Two documents released by the Government of South Sudan - The National Framework on Return, Reintegration, and Relocation of Displaced Persons: Achieving Durable Solutions adopted in 2019, and The Action Plan on Return, Reintegration, and Recovery for 2020-2022 adopted in 2020, outlines the scope of activities to be conducted in terms of the development of durable solutions for the country. The Government remains the primary duty bearer for solutions and has the responsibility to establish conditions and provide the means for IDPs to find durable solutions as defined in Chapter III of R-ARCSS and for the longer-term prospects for peace.

Building on the positive shifts towards finding durable solutions, it is paramount to better understand and analyze the opportunities and challenges to support informed evidence analysis durable solutions programming.

Objective

To carry out South Sudan countrywide solution analysis using contextualized frameworks that assess durable solutions conditions in the country and potential durable solutions programming opportunities.

Specific Objectives

The key research questions guiding this solutions analysis are:

¹ HNO 2021

² IPC report 2021

³ OCHA South Sudan Humanitarian Snapshot August

https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/south_sudan_humanitarian_snapshot_august.pdf

⁴ UNHCR IDP initiative Update March 2021

<https://reporting.unhcr.org/sites/default/files/IDP%20Initiative%20Update%20March%202021.pdf>

⁵ IASC, Framework on durable solutions for Internally Displaced Persons, 2010

1. Assess the extent to which people returning encounter conditions that allow and support them to achieve a durable solution to their displacement, analyzing conditions on the ground in relation to contextualized durable solutions frameworks (physical safety, psychosocial safety, material safety, and legal safety benchmarks).
2. Identify barriers and opportunities that exist for displaced South Sudanese to achieve durable solutions.
3. Map out data and assessment/analysis coordination arrangement that is currently being collected on durable solutions inside South Sudan, and what are the main data gaps, which need to be addressed to facilitate future solutions analyses?
4. Based on the evidence of the consultancy recommend durable solutions programming for intervention, advocacy and implementation.

Note: the above questions are suggestive and not exhaustive hence they will be further developed with the selected consultant during the study inception phase.

Methodology

A technical committee will guide the methodology process. The methodology will include:

- Develop a methodology and analytical framework cognizant of the context for a countrywide durable solutions analysis at the inception phase. The analytical framework will be used across for area based, state level, and national level.
- Participatory and consensus building approach using combination durable solutions framework that contextualizes the IASC Framework on Durable Solutions, Syria-specific analytical framework, ReDSS Solutions Framework, and JIPs Durable Solutions Indicator Library.
- People centered approach so data and evidence will be collected and analyzed together with displacement affected communities and stakeholders.
- Desk review of secondary data and assessments.
- Key Informant Interviews and consultations with relevant and strategic stakeholders.
- Field visits and Focus Group Discussions with displacement affected populations (both IDPs/refugees returnees and host communities).
- Validation workshops to review and agree on overall findings and collective recommendations.
- Final report and executive summary based on feedback and recommendations.
- Dissemination of the report and uptake of recommendations to inform programming and policy dialogue.

Expected deliverable

- Inception Report (with PowerPoint presentation) outlining the consultant's understanding of the TOR, and methodological approach.
- The inception report will also outline the work plan and a list of individuals and/or types of organizations the consultant will be interviewing for presentation to the research technical committee.
- Based on desk review and stakeholder consultation, draft a full scale solutions analysis (40 pages maximum without annexes) including:
 1. Table of contents, glossary of key terms, list of acronyms.
 2. An executive summary (maximum 3 pages), introduction highlighting the objectives of the study, the rationale, methodology used, scope, and limitations.
 3. Develop a briefing paper not more than 4 pages.

4. Outline of literature review and stakeholder consultation.
5. Conclusions, and concrete recommendations based on findings.
6. Annexes including but are not limited to a list of key interviews, bibliography, documents reviewed.
7. Annexed agreed on analytical solutions framework.
8. A short PowerPoint presentation highlighting the key questions, methodology, key findings, and recommendations (15 slides maximum).
9. Summary notes from key informants' interviews.
10. Displacement affected communities' quotes.
11. Workshop with key stakeholders to present key findings and develop recommendations collectively.
12. Final revised report with recommendations and PowerPoint presentation based on inputs received from key stakeholders and technical committee.

Required Experience

- Master degree in international relations, development, political science, economics, Law/International Law, Social Science, or other related fields. PHD with recent relevant assessment/analysis in South Sudan would be an added advantage.
- Minimum 5 years proven experience in conducting similar analyses in East and Horn of Africa contexts.
- Proven successful experience in engaging practically on refugee or IDP return, resettlement, or reintegration, as well as strong knowledge of durable solutions principles, policies, guidance and frameworks.
- Strong knowledge of the region and the socio-economic and political dynamics affecting it; more specifically on displacement trends within the Horn of Africa region.
- Strong analytical and writing skills with proven experience in producing high quality research with the ability to present complex information in a simple and accessible manner.
- Fluency in written and spoken English. Arabic will be an added value.
- Excellent research and publication experience.

Submission of Expression of Interest

- Prospective consultants are requested to submit technical and financial proposals using the following format:
- Profile of the consultant/consultancy firm.
- Understanding and interpretation of the Terms of Reference.
- Approach and methodology: If more than one consultant will be involved, provide information on the responsibilities and expected roles of each consultant.
- Overview of the work plan
- Proposed financial budget, with a detailed breakdown of costs for the consultancy quoted in USD (United States Dollars). The costs should include, travel to duty station, accommodation, insurance, communication, visa, transport and other related costs according to the entire period as mentioned in the work plan.

- CVs of all proposed evaluation team members (including detailed work experience and education). Furthermore, **the consultant will not delegate or hire an external party to come into the country or conduct the field visits to anyone whose CV is not shared.**
- Provide 3 most recent references where similar work was done
- Samples of similar work assignments

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

DRC's Responsibilities

DRC will:

- DRC will provide logistical and accommodation support to the consultant while in South Sudan in DRC's static areas of operation only.
- Support with booking of internal/domestic flights only
- Provide ongoing security advice and support when travelling to the field.
- Provide all necessary programme and study documents and contacts of relevant stakeholders.
- DRC will also review the consultant's proposal, tools and evaluation report.
- The payments will be made once after the submission of the final accepted and approved report to DRC.

The Consultant Responsibilities:

- Due to government procedure and policies on COVID-19, the consultant(s) **MUST** be fully vaccinated. This will ease movements/travels within the country.
- The consultant(s) will be responsible for the entire evaluation process, including travel and permit applications, evaluation preparation, data collection, and report writing.
- The consultant(s) will be responsible for the payment of any tax or other fees related to this assignment.
- The consultant(s) is responsible for their working tools such as computer and data analysis software.

Detailed responsibilities and conditions will agreed upon and signing of contract.

Terms and Conditions

The consultant must abide by all DRC's standard procedures, including the Code of Conduct, data privacy and confidentiality policies. All data and information collected, any reports, and the study's methodology will be the property of DRC.

Applications

The bidding documents with all relevant detailed information can be requested from: garang.john@drc.ngo cc nasirudin.jama@drc.ngo

Time frame

- The study will be conducted between November and December.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Only the short-listed applicants will be notified.