

Call for Proposals (CfP) South Sudan

Call Opens:	1st July 2024
Deadline for Submissions:	31th July 2024
Send application package to:	juba@eda.admin.ch (attention of Suzan Poni)

1. Objectives and Purpose of the Call for Proposals

The overall purpose of this call for proposals is to provide grants to local South Sudan-based Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) focusing on livelihood and protection activities within South Sudan, particularly in areas impacted by the Sudan Crisis. This call for proposals contributes to SDC's overall goal, aligned with the 2030 Agenda and South Sudan Cooperation Programme 2022 to 2025, by reducing humanitarian needs and promoting a peaceful, self-sustaining South Sudan.

Recognizing the interconnectedness of protection, food security, and livelihoods, SDC seeks to support a program that focuses on an integrated Protection and Food Security/Livelihoods approach. The program should be designed to address both the immediate and long-term needs of vulnerable populations by combining protection measures with food security and livelihood support. This approach goes beyond mere "Protection Mainstreaming" - programs should be designed to ensure that both protection and food security objectives are effectively supported.

2. Country Context linked to Call for Proposals

The Sudan crisis has led to a significant influx of almost 700,000 arrivals in South Sudan by mid-June, straining already limited services at border points and destination areas. This surge of returnees and refugees is adding to the already dire humanitarian situation in South Sudan, necessitating additional response capacity. The newly arrived populations are settling in areas already facing significant service deficits, further eroding the coping capacities of these communities.

Food security has significantly deteriorated due to multiple shocks, including flooding, ongoing conflict, displacement, and a high cost of living. According to the October 2023 IPC, around 7.1 million people out of a total population of 12.4 million are projected to face crisis-level or more severe acute food insecurity during the 2024 lean season from April to July.

Moreover, South Sudan is grappling with a severe protection crisis, particularly affecting women and children. High levels of violence, exploitation, and abuse, including conflict-related sexual violence, gender-based violence (GBV), and increasing child protection concerns, are prevalent. The weak coping capacities in many destination counties for returnees are exacerbating protection risks, vulnerabilities, and acute humanitarian needs for both the local population and returning individuals.

To address this multifaceted crisis, an integrated Protection and Food Security/Livelihoods approach is essential. Leveraging the unique strengths and insights of local actors will enhance the quality and timeliness of humanitarian responses, ensuring a more effective and comprehensive support system for those in need.

3. Scope of Call for Proposal

The Swiss Development Cooperation will fund qualifying projects in South Sudan with a geographical focus in following states:

- Western Bahr el Ghazal
- Northern Bahr el Ghazal
- Unity

- Upper Nile

Projects outside the geographical focus will not be accepted.

The duration of the project shall be a maximum of 1 year.

The grant available for the intervention is 300'000 USD.

4. Eligibility

South Sudanese Organizations (National / Local / Grassroots) with a proven track record working within Food Security and Livelihoods as well as Protection are eligible to apply to this call for proposal.

Following points need to be observed:

- The applicant must have legal status with the competent national authority in South Sudan and must submit proof of legal registration with the application package.
- Partnerships/Consortiums/Joint projects with a maximum of two local South Sudanese organizations are possible. For such projects, the roles and responsibilities of each organization must be clearly detailed within the application.
- The Swiss Development Cooperation accepts proposals for ongoing projects funded by other donors. However, the specific value added by the contribution should be clearly outlined.
- A maximum of 80% of the project's overall funding will be provided, with 20% required to be contributed by the local organization. SDC could facilitate one fundraising meeting to bring together different donors who can potentially help with co-financing.

The following are not eligible to apply for this grant with the Swiss Development Cooperation:

- International non-governmental organizations
- Government agencies or institutions
- UN Agencies or UN Country Teams
- Private individuals
- Private sector entities
- Universities, Think Tanks or Education or Research Institutions

5. Application Package and Procedures

The following points need to be observed when submitting the application:

- Applicants can use their own Project Proposal / Budget template
- Applications need to be submitted in English
- Applications can be submitted in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format
- Legal registration certificates can be submitted in jpeg, doc., docx., or pdf format
- All documents need to be submitted together as one package

6. Evaluation Criteria

As you write your proposal, keep in mind that the proposal will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- The organization's mandate is aligned with SDC's theory of change, and the overall project responds to the specific call for proposal.
- Demonstrated knowledge and operational presence in the proposed target locations, with clear linkages between the context and the proposed interventions.
- Demonstrated operational expertise in both Food Security/Livelihoods and Protection, along with a clear strategy on how the program supports both objectives in an integrated manner.
- Definition of clear expected results the project aims to achieve, taking into account best practices of livelihoods and protection approaches.
- Clear and realistic outputs and activities planned to accomplish the expected results, achievable within the given time frame.
- Identification of comprehensive risks and appropriate mitigation measures.
- Promotion of national and local ownership and collaboration in developing and establishing activities and specific objectives to build the capacities of national and local players.

- Sustainability of the program beyond the financing period, including potential methods for reproduction and improvement over time.
- The program demonstrates gender mainstreaming and integrates a climate-sensitive approach, supporting environmental conservation.
- The budget (in USD) is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed, taking the scale of problems into account.
- The budget includes no more than 10% indirect operational costs.
- Priority will be given to small organizations with grassroots or community-based structures.

7. Next steps after submission of Proposal to SDC

- Submitted proposals that are complete and received within the timeline will be screened for compliance based on the requirements of this call for proposals (longlisting).
- Longlisted proposals will undergo a technical evaluation by SDC based on the evaluation criteria listed in section 7 above. Proposals that score over 50/100 will be shortlisted.
- An internal SDC committee will review the shortlisted proposals and select the one that best fits the evaluation criteria and aligns with SDC's overall strategy for South Sudan.
- Please note that this process can take up to 2 months after the closure of the call for proposals.

8. Questions

Questions about this Call for Proposal can be address to yuciri-isaac-kenyi.taban@eda.admin.ch.

Application packages should be emailed to juba@eda.admin.ch attention of Suzan Poni by 31st July 2024 at 23:59 with the subject line of "SDC – CfP – Localisation"