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JOB ADVERTISEMENT

TRAINING YOUTH GROUPS ON APICULTURE, HONEY & HONEY VALUE ADDITION

Project: Pathways to Resilience – P2R
Locations: Kapoeta North, Budi, Akobo and Duk Counties, South Sudan
USAID BHA Funded: Emergency Food Security Program in South Sudan: award # 720BHA21CA00002
Contract duration: Two Months (Fixed term)

1.0 The Organization

Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany (VSF Germany) is an International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) providing humanitarian aid and development assistance to pastoralists and vulnerable communities in areas where livestock is of importance. VSF Germany supports livestock and agricultural production systems, marketing, food safety, drought responses and mitigation, capacity development of communities and governmental institutions, peace and conflict resolution. The desired impact of VSF Germany interventions is to increase agricultural and livestock productivity as well as related incomes; and subsequent improvements of food security and livelihoods for millions of people in the countries of operation in the Greater Horn of Africa. Countries programs are designed to deliver integrated programming solutions that address the key challenges and needs that enable our beneficiary groups, particularly men, women, the youth and other disadvantaged and marginalized groups to access skills, opportunities and resources that contribute to the improvement of their productive lives and development of communities. VSF Germany currently implements activities in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, and Uganda.

2.0 Project Background and Context

Pathways to Resilience (P2R) is a three-year (December 1, 2020- November 30, 2023) USAID/BHA funded project implemented by a consortium of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) as a prime and VSF Germany as a sub-grantee. The goal of the project is to improve food and nutrition security through improved livelihood, productivity, and social cohesion. The project targets 135,468 households in the four counties: Duk and Akobo in Jonglei State, and Budi and Kapoeta North in Eastern Equatoria

State. Torit, the capital of Eastern Equatoria State, is the coordination hub for the project. "Pathways to Resilience Project (P2R)" aims to ensure that there is improved and sustained food and Nutrition security amongst the targeted rural communities for the two States, South Sudan. This will be achieved through ensuring that food and nutrition insecure communities have improved resilience to conflict and climate stressors / shocks as well as having better livelihood sources. The choice of project locations is based on factors including food and nutrition insecurity, vulnerability to climate shocks (including flood-affected areas), ethnic and political diversity, scale of returnees, and Partnership for Recovery and Resilience (PfRR) areas.

3.0 Project overall objective

Communities have improved and sustained food and nutrition security.

3.1 Specific objectives:

- i. Food and nutrition insecure communities have improved resilience to climate and conflict shocks and stressors
- ii. Food and nutrition insecure communities have improved livelihoods

VSF-Germany is implementing specific objective ii which has the following relevant intermediate results: Food and nutrition insecure HH have increased food production. The expected outputs from this IR are:

Output i) Producers trained on improved production techniques that are climate-adaptive

Output ii) Seeds and small ruminants distributed to local producers

The activity outcome will be improved and sustainable production and productivity of the livestock kept by the project participants in specific and wider community in general thereby enhancing the resilience of their livelihood.

4.0 Assignment background

The livelihoods of most people in the rural P2R project operation areas are endowed with favorable environment and rich in biodiversity and is ideal for apiculture. Beekeeping has been identified as a viable enterprise that could alleviate poverty and sustain rural employment in these areas. Unlike other agricultural practices, beekeeping can be undertaken with minimal infrastructure, little capital and easy-to-learn skills hence providing an excellent opportunity for diversifying livelihoods. Beekeepers are dependent on the use of low productive traditional hives which results in poor quality honey. This scenario has forced beekeepers to sell their honey through an exploitive chain of agents and consequently low prices while consumer prices are higher. The intent of the project is to offer alternative livelihoods to the youth in the project locations by stimulating the honey value chain for sustainable incomes and improved livelihoods.

5.0 Objective of the assignment

To provide technical training to bee-keeping common interest youth groups to adopt developed and tried technologies, innovations and management practices to address some of the challenges along the apiculture value chain and thereby increase honey production and consumption for improved nutrition and health, offer alternative

livelihood source to the youth and in the long term support a competitive apiculture industry in the project locations.

6.0 Scope of work

The trainer is expected to:

- a) Produce a training module on bee-keeping and related value addition for the P2R project within the context of the project operation areas
- b) Train participants on Beekeeping and beehive technologies
- c) Train participants on bee foraging and ecosystem conservation
- d) Train participants on housing of bee colonies and types of housing technologies used
- e) Train participants on harvesting, post harvesting handling and processing
- f) Training of participants on honey value addition
- g) Train participants on integrated bee pastures
- h) Train participants on strategic use of honeybees for crop pollination
- i) Train participants on gender roles in bee-keeping
- j) Train participants on apiculture business cost-benefit analysis in the local context
- k) Set up a sample apiculture yard in the training location using locally available materials

Qualifications, and Experience, required:

- Degree Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, Livestock Production, Natural Resources, Agriculture or other related Studies
- Minimum of 5 years proven professional experience
- In lieu of degree, certificate/diploma in Animal Science, Livestock Production, Natural Resources, Agriculture or other related Studies with 10 years proven experience in training farmer groups on apiculture and honey value addition
- Experience in delivering apiculture trainings in remote agro-pastoral settings
- Very good knowledge of spoken and written English language

How to apply:

Interested candidates are required to submit their updated CV and a cover letter including salary expectation for consideration. Applications should be submitted either electronically to the following Email addresses: recruitment@vsfg.org and juba@vsfg.org indicating on the subject line thus **"TRAINING YOUTH GROUPS ON APICULTURE, HONEY & HONEY VALUE ADDITION"**

" or manually to VSF-Germany office. The closing date for receiving applications is **5th August 2022**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Due to the urgency to fill the position, shortlisting will be done on rolling basis.

Eligible female candidates are strongly advised to apply.

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