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## JOB ADVERTISEMENT

### TRAINING YOUTH GROUPS ON POULTRY PRODUCTION AND RELATED 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 poultry industry in South Sudan is dominated by chicken mainly the indigenous type. Although indigenous chicken is the most abundant their productivity is low. In the P2R operation areas, most of the households keep indigenous chicken which are generally owned by women and children who also control the benefits accrued. Indigenous chicken is therefore a good enterprise for increasing incomes for women and the vulnerable and marginalized groups especially the unemployed youth. A major proportion of incomes earned from chicken sales goes to food items therefore directly addressing household food security. Inadequate proteins in diets negatively affects the weight, height and cognitive learning among others of children. Provision of small amounts of animal protein in the diet would alleviate this problem. An egg a day and some chicken meat in the diet would address the protein requirement of growing children. Indigenous chicken is majorly associated with women, youth, and the vulnerable and marginalized groups due to their natural small sizes compared to other livestock species. Chicken is conveniently produced and consumed at household level or sold to generate income. This in return increases the nutritional, economic and living standards of women and vulnerable groups in the society. Indigenous chicken too is less affected by environmental variations caused by climate change. They are resilient and will survive extreme environmental fluctuations such as drought in which ruminants would not survive. They also produce less greenhouse gases (GHG) compared to cattle.

### **5.0 Objective of the assignment**

To provide technical training to poultry common interest youth groups to improve the production and productivity of the indigenous chicken in order to in the short term improve household earnings, offer alternative livelihood source to the youth and in the long term support a competitive poultry products industry in the project locations.

### **6.0 Scope of work**

The trainer is expected to:

- Produce a training module on indigenous poultry production and related value addition for the P2R project within the context of the project operation areas
- To train the participants on indigenous chicken breeds including establishment and management of innovative climate smart indigenous chicken rearing technologies
- To train the participants on formulation and production of high quality low-cost indigenous chicken feeds from locally available feed sources for improved indigenous chicken production

- To train the participants on indigenous chicken health management and biosecurity for enhanced productivity and resilience to environmental stressors
- To train the participants on indigenous chicken post-harvest preservation techniques and value addition technologies for increased profitability through market linkages and distribution outlets
- To train the participants on indigenous chicken farming as a business and market assessment techniques through consumer driven market demand and supply trends
- Set up a sample indigenous chicken production unit in the training location using locally available materials

**Qualifications, and Experience, required:**

- Degree Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, Livestock Production or other related Studies
- Minimum of 5 years proven professional experience
- In lieu of degree, certificate/diploma in Animal Science, Livestock Production or other related Studies with 10 years proven experience training of groups on indigenous poultry production
- Experience in delivering indigenous poultry production trainings in rural 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](mailto:recruitment@vsfg.org) and [juba@vsfg.org](mailto:juba@vsfg.org) indicating on the subject line thus "**TRAINING YOUTH GROUPS ON POULTRY PRODUCTION AND RELATED VALUE ADDITION**" or manually to VSF-Germany office. The closing date for receiving applications is **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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

Eligible female candidates are strongly advised to apply.

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