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JOB ADVERTISEMENT

TRAINING YOUTH GROUPS ON MILK AND MILK 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 milk consumed in the rural in South Sudan are mainly from the indigenous herds. Most of this milk is consumed raw with a small portion processed into sour milk and cheese. Most of the milk is consumed at the household level with little reaching the local markets. In the P2R project implementation locations, milk production is bedeviled by several challenges, of which inadequate feed, prevalence of diseases (especially tick-borne), availability of quality replacement stock, low adoption of technologies, lack of appropriate farm inputs (including fodder/pasture seeds) and low milk value addition among livestock keepers are the most critical. P2R has invested in training the livestock producers on improving livestock production including nutrition and disease control and with this is the anticipated improvement in milk production. It is therefore important to prepare the communities through deliberate efforts to increase incomes from milk through value addition. The proposed entry into value addition is through the youth groups established within the communities. Milk is regarded as a whole food, providing energy, protein, vitamins and minerals in human diet. It can therefore correct for malnutrition and nutrient deficiencies especially in children and young adults.

5.0 Objective of the assignment

To provide technical training to milk value addition common interest youth groups to improve the utilization of locally produced milk through clean milk production and value addition 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 milk industry in the project locations.

6.0 Scope of work

- The trainer is expected to:
- Produce a training module on milk value addition for the P2R project within the context of the project operation areas
- Train participants on clean milk production and handling
- Train participants on milk value addition practices acquired
- Train participants on practical milk processing technologies (fermented and non-fermented milk products)
- Train participants on basic milk business records for increased profitability
- Set up a sample milk value addition processing in the training location using basic milk value addition cottage industry-relevant materials, equipment and supplies

Qualifications, and Experience, required:

- Degree in Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, Livestock Production, Food Science, Dairy Technology or other related Studies
- Minimum of 5 years proven professional experience
- In lieu of degree, certificate/diploma in Animal Science, Livestock Production, Food Science, Dairy Technology and other related Studies with 10 years proven experience delivering trainings in milk value addition
- Experience in delivering milk value addition trainings at cottage industry level
- 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 MILK AND MILK VALUE ADDITION**" or manually to VSF-Germany office. The closing date for receiving applications is **Friday, 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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