



**Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany**

**Expression of Interest**

(by the consulting firm in response to the REOI issued by the procuring entity)

For

**Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies.**

Ref No: VCFG/SSLRP/19/07/2023-001

**Issue Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

## Foreword

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## Instructions to Consultants<sup>1</sup>

Reference Number: VCFG/SSLRP/19/07/2023-001

17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies.

1. The Government of South Sudan (“the client” or “procuring entity”) represented by Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (“the Fund” or “IFAD”) towards the cost of **Rehabilitation of Magwi – Palotaka Road (44km)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consulting services, for which this REOI is issued.

The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD’s approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD’s rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with **Rehabilitation of Magwi – Palotaka Road (44km)**.

2. This request for expressions of interest (REOI) follows the general procurement notice that appeared in the City Review daily newspaper on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023. The REOI was advertised in **The City Review Daily on August 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 and the NGO forum on August 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**.
3. The client now invites expressions of interest (EOIs) from legally constituted consulting firms (not individual consultants) (“consultants”) to provide **Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies**. More details on these consulting services are provided in the preliminary terms of reference (PTOR) attached as **Annex 1**. The consultant may sub-contract selected activities provided that said services do will not exceed 20% of the total consultancy work.
4. Before preparing its EOIs, the consultant is advised to review the preliminary terms of reference attached as **Annex 1**, which describe the assignment and **Annex 2** that details the evaluation of the technical qualifications.
5. The consultant shall not have any actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. A consultant with an actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest shall be disqualified unless otherwise explicitly approved by the Fund. A consultant including their respective personnel and affiliates are considered to have a conflict of interest if they a) have a relationship that provides them with undue or undisclosed information about or influence over the selection process and the execution of the contract, b) participate in more than one EOI under this procurement action, c) have a business or family relationship with a member of the client’s board of directors or its personnel, the Fund or its personnel, or any other individual that was, has been or might reasonably be directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of this expression of interest, (ii) the selection process for this procurement, or (iii) execution of the contract. The consultant has an ongoing obligation to disclose any situation of actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest during preparation of the EOI, the selection process or the contract execution. Failure to properly disclose any of said situations may lead to appropriate actions, including the disqualification of the consultant, the termination of the contract and any other as appropriate under the IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Projects and Operations<sup>2</sup>.
6. All consultants are required to comply with the Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Activities and Operations (hereinafter, “IFAD’s Anticorruption Policy”) in competing for, or in executing, the contract.

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<sup>1</sup> This document refers to legally constituted consulting firms as “consultant”.

<sup>2</sup> The policy is accessible at [www.ifad.org/anticorruption\\_policy](http://www.ifad.org/anticorruption_policy).

- a. If determined that a consultant or any of its personnel or agents, or its sub-consultants, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers, sub-suppliers and/or any of their personnel or agents, has, directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the prohibited practices defined in IFAD's Anticorruption Policy or integrity violations such as sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse as established in IFAD's Policy to Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse<sup>3</sup> in competing for, or in executing, the contract, the EOI may be rejected or the contract may be terminated by the client.
  - b. In accordance with IFAD's Anticorruption Policy, the Fund has the right to sanction firms and individuals, including by declaring them ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to participate in any IFAD-financed and/or IFAD-managed activity or operation. The Fund also has the right to recognize debarments issued by other international financial institutions in accordance with its Anticorruption Policy.
  - c. Consultants and any of their personnel and agents, and their sub-consultants, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers, sub-suppliers and any of their personnel and agents are required to fully cooperate with any investigation conducted by the Fund, including by making personnel available for interviews and by providing full access to any and all accounts, premises, documents and records (including electronic records) relating to this selection process or the execution of the contract and to have such accounts, premises, records and documents audited and/or inspected by auditors and/or investigators appointed by the Fund.
  - d. Consultants have the ongoing obligation to disclose in their EOI and later in writing as may become relevant: (i) any administrative sanctions, criminal convictions or temporary suspensions of themselves or any of their key personnel or agents for fraud and corruption, and (ii) any commissions or fees paid or to be paid to agents or other parties in connection with this selection process or the execution of the contract. As a minimum, consultants must disclose the name and contact details of the agent or other party and the reason, amount and currency of the commission or fee paid or to be paid. Failure to comply with these disclosure obligations may lead to rejection of the EOI or termination of the contract.
  - e. Consultants are required to keep all records and documents, including electronic records, relating to this selection process available for a minimum of three (3) years after notification of completion of the process or, in case the consultant is awarded the contract, execution of the contract.
7. The Fund requires that all beneficiaries of IFAD funding or funds administered by IFAD, including the client, any consultants, implementing partners, service providers and suppliers, observe the highest standards of integrity during the procurement and execution of such contracts, and commit to combat money laundering and terrorism financing consistent with IFAD's Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy.<sup>4</sup>
  8. **Procedure:** the selection process will be conducted using **Consultant Qualification Selection** as laid out in the IFAD Procurement Handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at [www.ifad.org/project-procurement](http://www.ifad.org/project-procurement). The client will evaluate the EOIs using the criteria provided in **Annex 2**. The shortlisted consultant(s) will be provided with the detailed TORs and asked to submit a detailed technical and financial offer. The evaluation will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
  9. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

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<sup>3</sup> The policy is accessible at <https://www.ifad.org/en/document-detail/asset/40738506>.

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10. Any request for clarification on this EOI including the PTOR should be sent via e-mail to the address below [juba@vsfg.org](mailto:juba@vsfg.org) no later than **05:00 pm 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, South Sudan local time**. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by **05:00 pm 21<sup>st</sup> August., 2023, South Sudan local time**.
11. **Submission Procedure:** please submit your expression of interest using the forms provided for this purpose. Your EOI should comprise one (1) original copy of each EOI form annexed to this document. EOIs shall be submitted to the address below no later than **31<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 3:00 pm, South Sudan local time** .

**Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany**  
**Attn: Willie Rono Tuimising, Country Director**  
**Hai Malakal Juba. | Plot 74 Block AXIII off unity Road | LandMark: Across UAP**  
**Equatoria Tower, alongside Combridge Training Center & Opp Finance SS Ltd.**  
**South Sudan**  
**Tel: +211 92 052 0025/+211 91 830 5863**  
**Fax:**  
**E-mail: [juba@vsfg.org](mailto:juba@vsfg.org)**

Yours sincerely,

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**Country Director**

**Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany**

**Form EOI-1**  
**EOI Submission Form**

*[Location, date]*

*[Authorized official]*

**Re: Consulting Services for: Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies.**

**Ref: VSFG/SSLRP/19/07/2023-001**

We, the undersigned, declare that:

1. We are expressing our interest in providing the consulting services for the above-mentioned assignment and have no reservations to the REOI, the instructions to the consultants and any addenda thereto.
2. Our expression of interest is open for acceptance for a period of ninety (90) days.
3. Our firm, its associates, including any subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract, have not been declared ineligible by the Fund and have not been subject to sanctions or debarments under the laws or official regulations of the client's country or not been subject to a debarment recognized under the Agreement for Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions (the "Cross-Debarment Agreement")<sup>5</sup>, beyond those declared in paragraph 9 of this EOI submission form.
4. We acknowledge and accept the IFAD Revised Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Activities and Operations. We certify that neither our firm nor any person acting for us or on our behalf has engaged in any prohibited practices as provided in ITC Clause 6. Further, we acknowledge and understand our obligation to report to [anticorruption@ifad.org](mailto:anticorruption@ifad.org) any allegation of prohibited practice that comes to our attention during the selection process or the contract execution.
5. No attempt has been made or will be made by us to induce any other consultant to submit or not to submit an EOI for the purpose of restricting competition.
6. We acknowledge and accept the IFAD Policy on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. We certify that neither our firm nor any person acting for us or on our behalf has engaged in any sexual harassment, sexual exploitation or abuse. Further, we acknowledge and understand our obligation to report to [ethicsoffice@ifad.org](mailto:ethicsoffice@ifad.org) any allegation of sexual harassment, sexual exploitation and abuse that comes to our attention during the selection process or the contract execution.
7. The following commissions, gratuities, or fees have been paid or are to be paid with respect to the selection process:  
*[Insert complete name of each recipient, its full address, the reason for which each commission or gratuity was paid and the amount and currency of each such commission or gratuity.]*

Name of Recipient	Address	Reason	Amount	Currency
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<sup>5</sup> The Cross-Debarment Agreement was entered into by the World Bank Group, the Inter-American Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, additional information may be located at: <http://crossdebarment.org/>.


(If none has been paid or is to be paid, indicate “none.”)

8. We declare that neither our consulting firm nor any of its directors, partners, proprietors, key personnel, agents, sub-consultants, sub-contractors, consortium and joint venture partners have any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest as defined in ITC Clause 5 regarding this selection process or the execution of the contract. *[insert if needed: “other than the following:” and provide a detailed account of the actual, potential or perceived conflict].* We understand that we have an ongoing disclosure obligation on such actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest and shall promptly inform the client and the Fund, should any such actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest arise at any stage of the procurement process or contract execution.
9. The following criminal convictions, administrative sanctions (including debarments) and/or temporary suspensions have been imposed on our consulting firm and/or any of its directors, partners, proprietors, key personnel, agents, sub-consultants, sub-contractors, consortium and joint venture partners:

Nature of the measure (i.e., criminal conviction, administrative sanction or temporary suspension)	Imposed by	Name of party convicted, sanctioned or suspended (and relationship to the consultant)	Grounds for the measure (i.e., fraud in procurement or corruption in contract execution)	Date and time (duration) of measure

If no criminal convictions, administrative sanctions or temporary suspensions have been imposed, indicate “none”.

10. We acknowledge and understand that we shall promptly inform the client about any material change regarding the information provided in this EOI submission form.
11. We further understand that the failure to properly disclose any of information in connection with this EOI submission form may lead to appropriate actions, including our disqualification as consultant, the termination of the contract and any other as appropriate under the IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Projects and Operations.
12. We understand that you are not bound to accept any EOI that you may receive.



*[Authorized signatory]*

*[Name and title of signatory]*

*[Name and address of firm]*



**Form EOI-2**  
**Organization of the Consultant**

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*[Provide a brief description of the background and organization of your firm/entity and of each associated firm for this assignment. Include the organization chart of your firm/entity. The EOI must demonstrate that the consultant has the organizational capability and to carry out the assignment. The qualifications document shall further demonstrate that the consultant has the capacity to field and provide experienced replacement personnel on short notice. Key staff CVs are not required at the shortlisting stage.]*

Name of the firm	
Date of establishment	
Country of registration	
Full address of the firm	
Focal point: name, position, contact information (telephone, email):	Name:
	Tel:
	Email:
Number of branches in the country	
Country(ies) of operations with number of branches in each country	
Number of full-time employees	
Number of part-time employees	
Field(s) of expertise of the firm	
Number of professional staff with experience related directly to the assignment	
Subsidiary and associated companies (wherever applicable): (details in the following format to be provided for all associates) – (i) Name of the company (ii) Nature of business	

(iii) Address of the company (iv) Website of the company (v) Brief description of company (maximum of 120 words)	
Any other information that the consultant would like to add:	

**Maximum 10 pages**

Form EOI-3

Experience of the Consultant

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*[Using the format below, provide information on each relevant assignment for which your firm, and each associate for this assignment, was legally contracted either individually as a corporate entity or as one of the major companies within an association, for carrying out consulting services similar to the ones requested under the preliminary terms of reference included in this EOI. The EOI must demonstrate that the consultant has a proven track record of successful experience in executing projects similar in substance, complexity, value, duration, and volume of services sought in this procurement.*

**Maximum 20 pages]**

Assignment name:	Approx. value of the contract (in current US\$):
Country: Location within country:	Duration of assignment (months):
Name of client:	Total No. of staff-months of the assignment:
Address, and contact details (including email address(es)):	Approx. value of the services provided by your firm under the contract (in current US\$):
Start date (month/year): Completion date (month/year):	No. of professional staff-months provided by associated consultants:

Name of associated consultants, if any:	Name of proposed senior professional staff of your firm involved and functions performed (indicate most significant profiles such as project director/coordinator, team leader):
Narrative description of project:	
Description of actual services provided by your staff within the assignment:	

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

# ANNEX 1

## Preliminary Terms of Reference (PTOR)



**Terms of Reference for  
Consulting Services**

For

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) STUDIES FOR REHABILITATION OF  
MAGWI – PALOTAKA ROAD (44KM)**

Ref No: VSFG/03/2023/RC002

## Foreword

These terms of reference have been prepared by **Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany** and are based on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the IFAD-issued standard procurement documents template for terms of reference available at [www.ifad.org/project-procurement](http://www.ifad.org/project-procurement) This document is to be used for the procurement of services in projects financed by IFAD.

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## Terms of Reference (TOR)

### Preparation of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies for Rehabilitation of Magwi – Palotaka Road (44km)

#### 1. Client

The client for this assignment is Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS), represented by Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany.

#### 5.1 2. Country background

5.2 The protracted conflict, violence and massive cross-border displacements, of significant proportion of the population. As a result, there was a breakdown of the social structure of the population and disruption of community structures and institutions which negatively affected the livelihoods of the people. With the signing of the peace agreement and the formation of the Government of National Unity, there is a desire across the population to get their lives back to normal. However, because of the prolonged conflict, the country is still fragile and food insecurity poor roads remains a main challenge. Because of the fragility of the people, they continue to degrade the farmlands and forests leading to the population becoming extremely vulnerable to the impacts of increased global warming as well as unpredictable and reduced rainfall.

5.3 It is against this background that the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has joined other development partners in supporting the country's recovery efforts by providing funding to the Government of the Republic of South Sudan for implementation of the South Sudan Livelihoods Resilience Programme (SSLRP).

#### 3. Project Background

The project activities fall under four components: a) Community Driven Development (CDD) planning; b) Agriculture production and rural livelihood support; c) Project support and capacity building to selected GOSS institutions at the central and local levels and supporting the development of key policies (i.e. Cooperatives Policy Framework and Rural Financial Policy Framework); and d) Disaster response and risk mitigation.

Additional financing of US\$25.35million have been approved for the project as follows: a) US\$10.35million from the Dutch Government for the rehabilitation of a rural feeder road infrastructure in the Project area, and b) US\$ 14.5 million from the Global Agricultural and Food Security Program (GAFSP).

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS), is the Lead Executing Agency implementing through a Project Coordination Unit (PCU) and a consortium of Service Providers (SPs) led by Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany (VSF Germany).

#### 4. Assignment background

5.4 This assignment involves **Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies** for Rehabilitation of Magwi – Palotaka Road – a feeder road according to the South Sudan Road Classification System. Magwi to Palotaka (44km) is located in Magwi County- one of the eight counties that constitute Eastern Equatoria state. Magwi County largely consists of fertile arable soils and one of the food baskets of South Sudan.

5.5 The Government of the Kingdom of Netherlands has committed additional funds for the improvement and rehabilitation of one feeder road in the project area in line with National Standards of South Sudan Low Volume Roads Design Manual.

VSF-G therefore, would like to undertake and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the procurement of consultancy services to undertake Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies for Rehabilitation of Magwi – Palotaka Road (44km).

## 5. Overall objective

The goal of the SSLRP is to “contribute to improved and resilient livelihoods for South Sudan rural smallholders.” The Development Objective is to “Empower communities to participate in decision making processes that will result in sustainable and resilient agricultural livelihoods”.

## 6. Objective of the assignment

The overall objective is to conduct Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies for Rehabilitation of Magwi – Palotaka Road (44km).

Besides, the above overall objective the consultant will;

- i. Provide guidance to project stakeholders for integration of social and environmental aspects throughout the project life;
- ii. Enhance the positive environmental and social aspects of the project whilst avoiding, minimizing, managing and compensating for any potentially adverse impacts;
- iii. Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the key actors, for the management of environmental and social issues on the project;
- iv. Ensure that the necessary framework for monitoring environmental and social aspects is in place and ideally based on a proactive approach;

## 7. Scope of work

### 7.1 General

The Consultant shall perform all work provided in the Terms of Reference. In carrying the work, the consultant shall cooperate fully with Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany and the Government of South Sudan Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Ministry of Roads and Bridges, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, South Sudan Forest Service, South Sudan Wildlife Service, Relevant State and County Governments, amongst others. The Consultant shall provide the necessary support services related to the completion of the assignment.



7.2. Specifically, the assignment consists of: -

#### **7.2.1. Description of the Baseline Environment**

The Consultant is required to identify, obtain/collect, collate and present baseline information/data on the Environmental and socio-economic characteristics of the existing situation within the proposed project areas. This data will then be used to describe the status of the project sites before commencement of project implementation. This description involves: -

- a) Physical Environment (topography, geology, climate and meteorology, social- economic activities, air quality, hydrology etc.).
- b) Biological environment (Flora types and diversity, endangered species, sensitive habitats etc.).
- c) Social and cultural environment including present and projected, where appropriate (i.e. population, land use, planned development activities, community structure, employment and labour market, sources and distribution of income, cultural properties).

#### **7.2.2. Legislative, Regulatory and Institutional Framework**

The consultant shall identify and describe the pertinent regulations and standards and institutions governing the environmental quality, health and safety, protection of sensitive areas, land use control at the international, national and local levels and ecological and social – economic issues. In identifying these regulations and institutions, the consultant will be expected to clearly show the relationship/relevance of these regulations & standards to the proposed projects.

#### **7.2.3. Determination of impacts of the proposed project**

The consultant will analyse and describe all significant changes brought about by the projects. This should encompass environmental, ecological and social impacts as a result of the project . The consultant will analyse effects on human and natural environments such as land tenure system, population, settlements, land use, cultural practices, forestry, agriculture, water, soils, fragile habitats, air/climate, hydrological conditions, roadside development, and disturbance on vegetation among others. The consultant will make prioritization of all the concerns identified and differentiate between short-term, medium-term and long-term impacts.

#### **7.2.4. Occupational Health and Safety Concerns**

The consultant will analyse and describe all occupational health and safety concerns brought about by the construction, site/work installations, operations and decommissioning of the roads. The consultant will also make recommendations on the corrective and remedial measures implemented under the environmental and social management plan (ESMP).

#### **7.2.5. Identification and Development of the ESMP to Mitigate Negative Impacts**

The consultant will identify negative/positive impacts and develop comprehensive Environmental and Social Management Plans. The plans should recommend a set of **practical** and **project-specific** mitigation and institutional measures to eliminate, minimize or reduce to acceptable levels adverse environmental and social impacts and/or maximize social benefits. The consultant should provide cost outlays for the proposed measures as well as their institutional and financial support.

#### **7.2.6. Development of Monitoring Plan**

Based on the baseline data of the ESIA's, the Consultant will be required to design comprehensive environmental and social monitoring and mitigation plans which will act as measures of compliance during implementation and operation stages of the projects, specific descriptions and technical details of monitoring measures including the parameters to be measured, methods to be used, sampling locations, frequency of measurements, and definition of thresholds that will signal the need for corrective actions as well as deliver monitoring and reporting procedures. The Consultant should provide a time frame and implementation mechanism, staffing requirements and cost outlays.

#### **7.2.7. Waste Management Plan**

The Consultant will identify appropriate procedures for disposal of waste/spoil materials, rehabilitation of borrow pits/quarries and any other activity that will be undertaken during the winding up phase of the project.

#### **7.2.8. Identification of Benefits**

The Consultant will be required to identify any benefits that may accrue from the proposed projects and shall undertake detailed quantitative and qualitative analysis of these benefits.

#### **7.2.9. Consultation and Public Participation**

The Consultant will be required to furnish for the Client's approval, a detailed public participation plan clearly identifying the stakeholders as well as the proposed methodology for carrying out consultations; undertake a stakeholder analysis and consultations with relevant parties identify persons/groups that may be affected by the projects and ensure that appropriate notices are sent out at least one week prior to the meetings and that the venue and times of the meetings are convenient and suitable for the affected communities and the other concerned parties.

### **5.6 8. Capacity building and transfer of knowledge**

The Consultant and the VSFG Civil Engineer/Public Works Specialist shall work with staffs selected from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Ministry of Roads and Bridges, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, and other relevant ministries and agencies of the Government of South Sudan. It is envisaged that the experience of the Consultant is leveraged to gradually build capacities of the MAFS and VSF-G Safeguards Specialists to implement projects of this nature and complexity on ESIA, compliance, monitoring and auditing.

## 5.7 9. Reports and schedule of deliverables

All reports shall be in the English language and prepared on A4 metric size paper. The following Reports shall be prepared and submitted for comments or approval by the Client:

- (a) **Inception Report** : The report shall comprise a brief of the project, description of baseline information and project overview including summary of the initial perception or findings, covers the methodologies of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and the detailed revised work plan of all major activities of the assignment – Original, 4 copies and a digital copy to Client.
- (b) **Preliminary ESIA Report:** The report shall include the background, preliminary findings, analysis, results and recommendations - Original, 4 copies and a digital copy to client.
- (c) **Resettlement Action Plan:** As part of the Social impact, a standalone assessment is needed on resettlement and restoration of Project Affected People/persons (PAPs).
- (d) **Draft Final ESIA Report:** The report shall include the background, summarized findings, analysis, results and recommendations of the assessment including consultative public participation and shall contain all supporting material. The report shall be presented to the stakeholders for review, inputs and contributions - Original, 4 copies and a digital copy to client.
- (e) **Final ESIA Report:** The report shall incorporate all revisions and comments proposed by the Employer and other stakeholders provided during the stakeholders' workshop. The consultant shall submit the final report of original, 5 hard copies and a digital copy to client.

### NOTE

All the above reports shall be submitted to: -

The Country Director  
Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany  
Tierärzte ohne Grenzen e.V.  
Hai Malakal Juba. Plot 74 Block AXIII off unity Road  
JUBA, South Sudan

## 5.8 10. Consultant's qualifications and experience

### 5.9 The general experience of the firm;

The firm must at least have five (5) years post-registration experience.

### ***Specific experience of the firm.***

The firm must have at least five (5) years professional and practical experience in undertaking Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Studies in the Road sector.

The consultant shall deploy the following key staff: -

- (i) Project Director /Team Leader (01)
- (ii) Environmentalist (01)
- (iii) Civil Engineer (01)
- (iv) Sociologist (01)

The Consultants must provide the expertise described below, and submit curriculum vitae for each individual. No dual roles shall be accepted and the Consultant Must provide a different staff member for each role.

#### **(i) Project Director/Team Leader**

##### **Qualifications and Skills**

A minimum of an advanced Degree (Masters) in Environmental, Physical or Biological Sciences from a recognized University. In addition, the Team Leader **must** provide a certificate of registration with the Ministry of Environment and Forestry as a Lead Expert and **must** possess a valid & current Practicing License in South Sudan.

##### **General professional experience**

At least 8 years of post-qualification experience.

##### **Specific professional experience**

At least 6 years professional and practical experience in undertaking Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Studies in the Infrastructure sector.

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**(ii) Environmentalist**

**Qualification and Skills**

A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Sciences/Studies from a recognized University. In addition, the Environmentalist **must** provide a certificate of registration with the National Ministry of Environment and Forestry as an Associate Expert and **must** possess a valid & current Practicing License .

**General professional experience**

At least 6 years of post-qualification experience.

**Specific professional experience**

At least 4 years professional and practical experience in undertaking Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Studies in the Infrastructure sector.

**(iii) Civil Engineer**

**Qualification and Skills**

A minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and registered by the Engineering Council of South Sudan (ECOSS) as a Professional Engineer or have equivalent status. Proof of basic training on EIA/EA will be an added advantage.

**General professional experience**

At least 6 years' post-qualification experience.

**Specific professional experience**

At least 4 years relevant professional and practical experience in design and supervision of road construction or related projects.

**(iv) Sociologist**

**Qualification and Skills**

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A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology/Social Studies/Social Sciences from a recognized University. Proof of basic training on Social Impact Assessment will be an added advantage.

#### **General professional experience**

At least 6 years' post-qualification experience.

#### **Specific professional experience**

At least 4 years professional and practical experience in social studies for infrastructural projects.

#### **NOTE**

Proof of the above requirements is **MANDATORY**. Certified copies of certificates and testimonials for the key Staff **MUST** be attached. Testimonials in other languages other than English shall only be acceptable where translation is provided. The CV's **MUST** be dated on or after the date of tender advert. In addition, the CV's shall bear the **CURRENT** telephone and postal addresses and **MUST** be signed by the respective Personnel.

Failure to adhere to the above requirement will result in disqualification of the Bidder

### **11. Location and period of execution**

The project is located in Magwi County in Eastern Equatoria State and is approximately **44Km** long. It starts at **Magwi Town and proceeds to and ends at Palotaka township**. Eastern Equatoria with a capital at Torit is a state in South Sudan covering an area of 73,472km square km, population of 906,126 and population density of 12/km<sup>26</sup>. Magwi county headquarters is located 145 km by road, south east of Juba, the capital and the largest city of the Republic of South Sudan. The county borders one of South Sudan's most important trading partners; the Republic of Uganda. The White Nile enters the county near the town of Nimule, before flowing north along the county's eastern border. Magwi County is divided into six payams. The town of Magwi is the county headquarters. Magwi County is characterised by sandy loam/sandy clay loam soils, has generally mixed plateau/hilly/rocky terrain and has the potential to deliver the critical scale economies that can spur growth and drive prosperity.

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<sup>6</sup> [5th Sudan Population and Housing Census, 2008](#)

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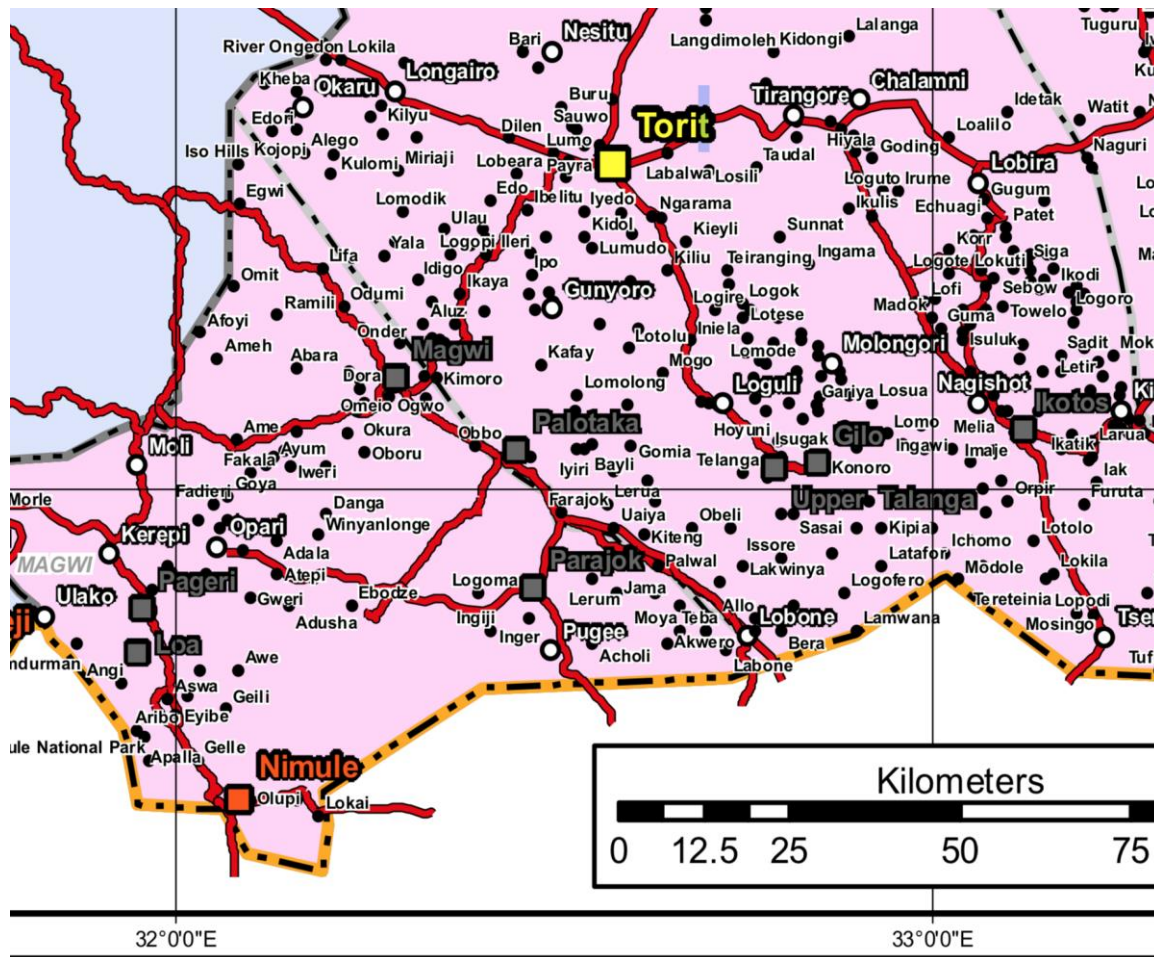


Figure 1: Map of Eastern Equatoria - Magwi County major road networks (OCHA, 2009<sup>7</sup>)

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.refworld.org/pdfid/49a65b0fb.pdf>

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment shall be completed in 2 calendar months (**Eight (08) Consecutive Weeks**) after commencement or such other period as the parties may agree in writing. The client shall thereafter receive and accept the consultant's final report. The EOI Contract shall come into effect as soon as it is signed by all parties. The date for the commencement of Services is **Seven (7) Calendar Days** after order to Commence.

## 12. Project coordination

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) represented by Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany is the lead executing agency for the Project. Building on the lessons learnt and ongoing developments in the country, SSLRP will be implemented through tailored implementation arrangements where the core technical components will be implemented by Veterinaires Sans Frontieres Germany (VSF Germany), under the oversight of a Government-led Project Coordination Unit (PCU). VSF Germany, selected following the Quality and Cost Based System (QCBS), is strategically positioned and endowed to support implementation and also for local capacity building and sustainability. The Civil Engineer/Public Works Specialist from VSFG and other staff selected from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Ministry of Roads and Bridges, Ministry of Environment, and other relevant ministries and agencies of the Government of South Sudan shall work with the Consultant on this assignment.

## 13. Services and facilities to be provided by client

### VSFG's Obligations

#### Documents and Reports

VSFG shall supply all pertinent data and information and give such assistance as required for the conduct of the assessment by the Consultant and such assistance shall not be extended to the provision of any supplies or services. The Consultant will acquire relevant maps, manuals and other documents for this assignment as part of his or her data.

The following will on request be supplied by the VSFG to the Consultant depending on availability: -

- a) Standard specifications for Roads and Bridges Construction.
- b) Any other relevant documents as may be required to facilitate the study.

VSFG will: -

- a) ensure free access to all sites and locations connected with the execution of the assignment;
- b) provide the Consultant with any assistance as may be necessary and in accordance with the Terms of Reference;
- c) provide the Consultant with all documents, data, any existing photographs and other information pertaining to the assignment that are available at VSFG; and
- d) Provide, at their option and in consultation with the Consultant, counterpart Staff for support and/or on-the-job training.

In particular, VSFG shall provide the following: -

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- a) All data and reports pertaining to the design studies that may have been carried out for the road, under the assignment, if available.
- b) Available data and information on road inventory.
- c) Unhindered access to pertinent data.

### **Liaison**

VSFG shall provide liaison with other Ministries and Departments in order to introduce the Consultant to them. The Consultant shall be fully responsible for collecting data and information from these agencies.

### **Correspondence**

VSFG shall ensure that correspondence exchange in respect of the implementation of the assignment is treated promptly by the agencies in order to avoid any delay.

### **Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)**

The consultant is expected to work closely with VSFG focal person for GRM, that's the Environment, Social and Climate Risk Specialists and strengthen the existing GRM initiated by MAFS for the implementing partners. This will include understanding of the nature of grievances, reporting channels, processes for addressing grievances, referral pathways for grievances which may be addressed within the capacity of VSF-G, and the general responsibility for the management, referrals and addressing of grievances in a timely manner

### **14. Services and facilities to be provided by the consultant**

The Consultant shall:

- a) All information, Data and Reports obtained from the Government Agencies and Departments in the execution of the services shall be properly reviewed and analysed by the Consultant. The responsibility for the correctness of using such data shall rest with the Consultant. All such information, data, and reports shall be treated as confidential and returned to the Government upon completion of the assignment.
- b) The Consultant shall be responsible for arranging all necessary office and living accommodation, transportation, equipment and supplies, surveys, investigations, materials testing and secretarial services related to the performance of the assignment.

- c) Employ only such staff whose CV's have been approved by Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany in consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security. Replacement or temporary substitution shall not be permitted unless in emergency or under very exceptional circumstances.
- d) Constitute a working team under one team leader to complete the assignment in time
- e) Endeavour to, where possible, have about 30% of the professional fees paid to local consultants in accordance with the government of South Sudan construction policy.
- f) The Consultant shall be responsible for the printing of all reports, drawings, maps, etc.
- g) The Consultant shall provide a training plan for any counterpart Staff as approved by the Employer.
- h) All reports and documents relevant to the project, maps, field survey notes, **and electronic data**, etc. shall become the property of the government of South Sudan Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security as the Lead Executing Agency. The Consultant shall provide the **originals of maps**, plans and all drawings in soft and hard copies.
- i) Taxes and Duties  
The Consultant shall be liable to pay all duties and taxes (including VAT) in connection with this assignment payable under the laws of South Sudan. No tax or duty exemption shall be given to the Consultant. The Consultant shall be deemed to have taken the above into consideration while preparing his Financial Proposal.

j) Conduct of Work

The Consultant must be fluent in English and able to work closely with VSFG and MAFS

## 15. Modality of Payment

### a) Payment of Fees

- i) The Consultant's fee shall be fixed for all phases of the assignment covering all their expenses in US Dollars .
- ii) The methods of payment of fees shall be as detailed in the proposed form of contract (financial proposal).

### b) Payment Schedule

Tentative payments shall be in accordance with the following schedule: -

- a) **Inception Reports:** 15% on submission of the Inception Reports and acceptance by the Employer.
- b) **Preliminary ESIA Reports:** 25% on submission and presentation of the Preliminary Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Reports and acceptance by the Employer.

- c) **Draft Final ESIA Reports:** 40% on submission and presentation of the Draft Final Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Reports and acceptance by the Employer.
- d) **Final ESIA Reports:** 20% on submission of the Final Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Reports, acceptance by the Employer and Approval by MAFS which will lead to the issuance of EIA Licenses subject to the fulfilment of any necessary conditions by all concerned parties

## ANNEX 2

### Qualification and Evaluation Criteria

Item	Criteria	Points
For specific experience, evidence shall include successful experience in the execution of <b>at least 2 projects</b> of a similar nature and scope of works during the <b>last 10 years</b> .		
<b>A.</b>	<b>General experience</b>	<b>30</b>
i	General experience: Firm has been in existence for 10 years. At least 7 years of general experience in consulting services related to the job under consideration.	30
<b>B.</b>	<b>Specific experience</b>	<b>70</b>
i	5 years related experience in preparation of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Studies within the last 7 years	15
ii	At least 3 ESIA studies completed consulting services of size, complexity and technical specialty comparable (similar/relevant) to the job under consideration, including quality of performance in the last 5 years.	40
iii	Regional similar geographical experience of the firm	15
	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>
	<b>Minimum points required to pass</b>	<b>70 points</b>