



VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT

Consultancy

Position Summary

Department	Program
Country (ies)	South Sudan
Duty Station	Greater Upper Nile States, South Sudan
Expected Start Date	1 ST April 2024
Duration of Contract	30 Days
Reporting to	Project Manager
Contract Type	This is a National Position

Background

VSF G is a non – profit organization whose work is driven by a strong commitment towards the health and well-being of humans, animals and the environment that surrounds them, supporting efforts aimed at saving lives and ending suffering in Eastern Africa – a work that transcends international borders and sector boundaries to achieve the One Health Agenda in a global setting. We are concerned with supporting livestock farmers in six African countries. Providing vaccinations and care for herds and helping families to improve their livestock farming, including South Sudan. VSF provide information and increase awareness about sustainable food production and consumption. In the region VSF Germany implements activities in the Republic of South Sudan, Kenya, Sudan, Somalia, Uganda and Ethiopia. VSF Germany has been supporting pastoral livelihoods in South Sudan since 1998 working with communities in Upper Nile, Jonglei, Warrap, Eastern Equatoria, Western Bar el Ghazal and Lakes States during periods of emergency and recovery to sustain, protect and restore livelihoods by direct provision; and capacity building for improved production and productivity, diversified production as well as local peace mechanisms and governance.

VSF-Germany, partnering with VSF Suisse, is implementing a one-year program entitled **“Conflict and Climatic Emergency Livestock Response Program Phase III (CCLERP III) in Greater Upper Nile States”** with funding from U.S. Agency for International Development’s Office of Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consulting services.

This program covers 10 Counties in Jonglei, 2 counties in Upper Nile and 9 Counties in Unity states plus the Jonglei migrating cattle from Equatoria to Jonglei. The program objective is to improve and sustain access to animal source foods and related income for climatic and crisis

affected individuals at risk of malnutrition particularly children and women. The program is targeting people in Greater Upper Nile, comprised of internally displaced persons (IDPs), host and returnee groups with support to local institutions and mechanisms for delivery of animal health and public health services while mainstreaming conflict sensitivity, protection and Do No Harm approaches.

VSF Germany and its partners intend to assess One Health approaches and interventions that focus on environmentally sustainable practices, disease management and food safety as well as practices that lead to antimicrobial resistance amongst the community and are seeking the services of qualified and experienced consultant (s) or individual (s).

Purpose

The purpose of this consultancy is to assess and determine the environmentally sustainable practices, community disease management interventions that prevent / control transmission of zoonotic diseases, food safety and hygienic practices and stakeholders' coordination and collaboration efforts and specifically:

- a) Determine the number of animals (cattle, sheep, goats, dogs, poultry) per household
- b) To find out the common zoonotic diseases amongst the pastoral community
- c) In a participatory way, determine the prevalence of the common zoonotic diseases amongst the community
- d) Document the community knowledge, practices and attitudes that promote the transmission and control of the common zoonotic diseases (rabies, brucellosis, tuberculosis, rift valley fever, etc.) amongst the community
- e) Find out and document the sustainable environmental practices used by the community in waste management, disposal of livestock carcasses, rangeland management and water management
- f) Find out the knowledge, attitudes and practices use by the community that promote food safety with specific attention to animal source food, fish and animals feed
- g) Assess the community knowledge, practices and attitudes used by the community and humanitarian Organization that lead to antimicrobial resistance
- h) Find out stakeholders' coordination, collaborations and platforms that promote One Health intervention in the program locations
- i) Find out training capacity and coordination and collaboration gaps that will need to be bridged to enhance One health intervention amongst the Community Animal Health Workers, (CAHWs), Community Health Workers (CHWs), livestock, health, environmental practitioners and other one health stakeholders
- j) Recommend the training needs on zoonotic diseases, food safety, environmental practices and antimicrobial resistance to be use for training CAHWs, CHWs, livestock, health and environmental practitioners

Scope

Provisionally, the assessment will cover the program targeted counties and 8 payams (2 per county) in four randomly selected counties (one from each state and one additional from any one of the states depending on the existing situation) where feasible. It will be conducted in the project areas and will include both beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries. Key assessment questions will be formulated using the assessment overall and specific objectives.

Methodology

The assessment design will include participatory methods and employ a mixed approach with both qualitative and quantitative methods. The consultants will be required to submit a detailed draft assessment tools, design and methodology which will be reviewed and finalized with the effort of the program personnel.

Outputs

- a) A detailed study design, including methodology, work plan and timeframe;
- b) Inception report;
- c) A draft report incorporating feedback from the debriefing sessions;
- d) A final report incorporating feedback on the draft report (one bound hard copy & electronic copy).

Timeframe

This assessment is expected to be completed in 30 working days including inception report, desk review, field assessment and report writing. The first draft report will be expected within 10 days after the field exercise is completed. A final version should be submitted within five days of receiving feedback on first draft.

Management

- a) The consultancy will be guided, managed and technically advised by the Country Program Manager of VSF Germany;
- b) The consultancy is technically and administratively fully accountable to VSF Germany;
- c) Specific areas for the study will be selected in consultation with VSF's field staff;
- d) Field travel arrangements and immediate supervision will be carried out by VSF Germany & VSF Suisse in their respective areas of operation.

Qualification

The assessment team will consist of a team leader who will be a veterinarian and a support researcher who will preferably be an anthropologist or social scientist. Prospective assessment teams are encouraged to include a mix of gender.

The team should collectively demonstrate the following set of qualities:

- a) Experience in carrying out two or more major humanitarian assessment for a major donor, international NGO, or international organization.
- b) General familiarity with the political and humanitarian context in South Sudan, particularly over the past 3 years
- c) Experience in developing or applying protection measures;
- d) Extensive practical experience in implementing activities aimed at pastoral livelihood;
- e) National consultants are encouraged to apply.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit their profile and or curriculum vitae, a technical and a financial proposal. The financial proposal should comprise comprehensive professional fees; travel and accommodation will be covered by VSF Germany.

Applications should be sent to the following Email addresses: recruitment@vsfg.org and juba@vsfg.org **strictly** indicating on the subject line “CCLERP III ONE HEALTH AND MICROBIAL RESISTANCE 2024”. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews. **The deadline for submission of applications is 28th February 2024.**