



CONSULTANCY ADVERTISEMENT

Terms of Reference for Final Evaluation

USAID / BHA Funded Conflict and Climatic Emergency Livestock Response Program Phase III in Greater Upper Nile states, South Sudan

Background

VSF Germany 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. VSF Germany supported pastoral livelihoods in South Sudan since 1998 working with communities in Upper Nile, Jonglei, Warrap, Eastern Equatoria, Western Bar el Ghazal and Lakes States through times 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 in partnership with VSF Suisse with funding from U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) implemented a one-year program entitled **“Conflict and Climatic Emergency Livestock Response Program Phase III (CCLERP III) in Greater Upper Nile States”**. 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 partner intends to evaluate the performance of the Conflict and Climatic Emergency Livestock Response Program phase III (CCLERP III) and are seeking the services of qualified and experienced project evaluators.

Purpose

The purpose of this end term evaluation is to examine the program performance against the planned indicators and results, and specifically:

- a) To determine the appropriateness, relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of the veterinary program;
- b) To assess the quality and comprehensiveness of the program design and implementation;
- c) To document program lessons learned, successes, good practices that could be expanded, success stories, case studies and perceived and real as well as unmet needs;
- d) In particular, on Conflict mitigation activities, document lessons learned, successes and good practices that could be expanded
- d) Generate baseline data and information for subsequent interventions.

Scope

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

Methodology

The final evaluation design will include participatory evaluation methods and employ a mixed approach with both qualitative and quantitative methods. The consultants will be required to submit a detailed draft evaluation 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 end term evaluation 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.

Qualifications

This should be a two-person evaluation team to consist of a team leader who will be a veterinarian and a support researcher who will preferably be an anthropologist or social scientist. Prospective evaluation teams are encouraged to include a mix of gender.

The team should collectively demonstrate the following set of qualities:

- a) Five (5) years or more of Experience in carrying out major humanitarian evaluations for a major donor, international NGO, or international organization, preferably USAID/BHA.
- 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 livelihoods;
- e) National consultants are encouraged to apply.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit their Technical and Financial proposal together with the consultants' curriculum vitae (s) and company profile. The financial proposal should comprise of comprehensive professional fees; VSF Germany will cover travel and accommodation.

Proposals should be sent to the following Email addresses: recruitment@vsfg.org copied to juba@vsfg.org **strictly** indicating on the subject line "**CCLERP III FINAL EVAL 2024**". Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews. The deadline for submission of applications is 5th June 2024.