



Republic of South Sudan
Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare (MGCSW)
Project Management Unit (PMU)

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
THIRD-PARTY MONITORING AGENT (TPMA): (SS-MGCSW-299675-CS-QCBS)

COUNTRY: Republic of South Sudan PROJECT: SSWSEEP PROJECT ID:P176900 CONSULTING SERVICES: Hiring the Services of a Third-Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA) DUTY STATION: Juba- South Sudan

The Government of South Sudan has received financing from The World Bank through the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare (MGCSW) towards the cost of the South Sudan Women's Social and Economic Empowerment Project (SSWSEEP).

The Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare in partnership with the World Bank have agreed to contract the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNWOMEN) to lead in the implementation of Components 1, 2, 3 and subcomponent 4a and 4b of the project.

A Project Management Unit (PMU) has been established within the MGCSW for the SSWSEEP with the primary task of project management and overseeing the performance of UNWOMEN under the output agreement and other service providers, stakeholder outreach and communications, fiduciary and procurement management, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), community engagement, and risk management related to social and environmental safeguards, fiduciary oversight as well as maintaining infrastructure quality and standards.

Based on the aforementioned, the SSWSEEP is seeking to use a portion of the proceeds of the funds to finance the hiring of a **Third-Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA)** who will be responsible for providing third party level project supervision, performance monitoring and verification services to ensure successful delivery of the project.

The planned procurement schedule subject to change is as follows:

REOI Published on:	2 nd /05/2024
Clarification to Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)	2 nd /05/2024 – 10 th /05/2024
REOI Closing date	17 th /05/2024 - (05:00 PM) Juba local time
Evaluation of Expression of Interest/ Applications	20 th /05/2024 – 24 th /05/2024
Notification to shortlisted and non-shortlisted service providers	27 th /05/2024
Issue of Request for Proposal (RFP) dossier to shortlisted firms	30 th /05/2024 th

Project Development Objective (PDO):

To increase girls and women's access to livelihood, entrepreneurial and GBV services and to strengthen the government's capacity to provide these services.

Project Implementation Areas:

The SSWSEEP is being implemented in all the ten (10) states and the two (2) administrative areas as follows: Warrap, Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria, Jonglei, Lakes, Northern Bahr El Ghazal, Upper Nile, Unity, Western Equatoria, Western Bahr El Ghazal and the two administrative areas of Ruweng and Pibor.

Project Components: The Project has four (4) components namely: (i) Community Empowerment Support to Women and Girls (ii) Women's Entrepreneurial Opportunity Facility (iii) Services for Survivors of GBV; and (iv) Institutional Capacity Strengthening and Project Management.

Overarching Objectives of the Assignment:

The overall goal of this assignment is to seek the services of an experienced firm to provide an independent perspective on project performance, validation of output results and impact, supervision of key activities, ensuring trust, accountability and transparency across the four SSWSEEP Components, including appraising implementing partners and measuring satisfaction from beneficiaries. In order to mitigate the risks associated with this exceptional approach, a comprehensive implementation and risk mitigation framework will be prepared, analytical database of verified data, evidence of project outputs/impacts that will need to be carefully monitored. An important part of this framework is contracting a Third-Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA) to supervise the implementation of the SSWSEEP on behalf of the MGCSW, with a particular focus on: (a) directly reviewing and reporting on the sound financial and technical implementation of the Output Agreement signed between the MGCSW and UNWOMEN for the implementation of components 1, 2, 3, and UNWOMEN and UNFPA on Component 4. (b) the social aspects, including the social and environmental risks monitoring of the social risks management plan and community engagement in relation to the Project implementation; and (c) the technical aspects, focusing mainly on monitoring road works execution and quality.

In order to successfully execute these objectives, the MGCSW intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to contract Consulting Firms or Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as Third-Party Monitoring Agent directly through a competitive

bidding process. The successful TPMA will be provided with the details of activities in the TOR enshrined with the Request for Proposal (RFP) dossier.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) will directly coordinate and oversee the assignment to be undertaken by the selected TPMA. The TPMA will be "the Consultant" for the assignment and solely responsible for all deliverables and successful completion.

Duration of the assignment is two years from start date.

The MGCSW now invites eligible Consulting Firms/NGOs ("Consultant") to express their interest in providing the services of a TPMA. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- At least 10 years of general experience in project monitoring and evaluation with field experience in advance data management and analytical presentation.
- Extensive knowledge of reviewing standard of work/material in a complex building (structural) project, including the associated technical and fiduciary aspects. Prior experience supervising the engineering aspects of civil works and construction projects would be an advantage, as well as prior experience with monitoring large scale infrastructure programs in remote areas, engineering skills and experience with asset verification and technical audits.
- Specific experience: At least 2 similar assignments completed within the last 10 years providing third party monitoring in project implementation in a post conflict country similar to South Sudan environment. Working experience in the use of geo-spatial database facilities in project monitoring of project activities will be an added advantage.
- Experience in monitoring of social risk issues and active engagement with beneficiaries (women, girls and men), Indigenous NGOs, local communities and other relevant skills will be required. Relevant experience includes: environmental and social safeguard compliance, strategic communication and relationships with the community and experience with the design, implementation and/ or monitoring of grievance redress or citizen feedback

mechanisms in development projects.

- The technical and managerial organization of the Consultant. Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications, and number of key staff (Do not provide CV of staff). Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested consultancy is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers' July 2016 revised November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020 [Procurement in investment Project Financing; Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services], setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other consultants in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The nature of association, whether it is a joint venture or a sub consultancy, should clearly be stated. In case of joint venture, the Consultant leading the joint venture should be mentioned.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 10:00 to 16:00 hours South Sudan time on all working days.

Expressions of interest (EOI) should be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by Friday 17th May 2024 at 5.00 P.M (South Sudan Time) marked clearly as – "Expression of Interest for Third Party Monitoring Agent"

**Attention: The Procurement Department
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