



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Consulting Firms)

South Sudan

Date; October 30th 2023

South Sudan Livelihoods and Resilience Project (SSLRP)

Assignment Title: TO CONDUCT PROJECT AUDIT

Reference No: MAFS/SPCU/091/2023

The Government of South Sudan *has received* financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of South Sudan Livelihoods and Resilience Project (SSLRP) *and* intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consulting services.

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 South Sudan Livelihoods and Resilience Project (SSLRP)

This invitation for bids (IFB) follows the general procurement notice that appeared in the **City Review newspaper on March 2nd, 2023**, on the IFAD website and on the United Nations Development Business website (UNDB) on **September 11th, 2023**.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security ("the client") now invites eligible consulting firms ("consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Interested firms should fill the template for expressions of interest and submit found at the following **link**. <https://mafs.gov.ss/vacancies/> and send it to the address indicated below.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to IFAD's Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy¹ and the Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption its Activities and Operations². The latter sets forth IFAD's provisions on prohibited practices. IFAD further strives to ensure a safe working environment free of harassment, including sexual harassment, and free of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in its activities and operations as detailed in its IFAD Policy to Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.³

¹ The policy is accessible at <https://www.ifad.org/en/document-detail/asset/41942012>.

² The policy is accessible at www.ifad.org/anticorruption_policy.

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

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 Purchaser'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 REOI, (ii) the shortlisting or 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.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Least Cost Selection** method set out in IFAD' project procurement handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at www.ifad.org/project-procurement.

- a) The shortlisting criteria are **a) Firm has experience** of not less than 10 years of similar project Audit, **b) Firm should be conversant** with the quality standards and requirements under INTOSAI and AFROSAI **c)**, Firm should have proven experience in accounting and auditing of development projects, especially donor-funded operations preferably in a post conflict country like South Sudan. **d) Firm** should be registered with an internationally recognized professional body of accountants in their host country. **e)** Have an adequate number of professionally qualified auditors with relevant experience and engaged in full time audit work.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via e-mail to the address [lukaakwai1@gmail.com/](mailto:lukaakwai1@gmail.com) amule.samuel@mafs.ss.org not later than 3:00pm, November 3rd 2023, South Sudan local time. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by 3:00pm, November 8th, 2023, South Sudan local time

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form using the forms provided for this purpose. **EOIs shall be submitted to the address below no later than 3:00pm, November 17th, 2023, South Sudan local time.**

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