

Republic of South Sudan
Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS)
Single Project Coordination Unit (SPCU)

CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION (CRAFT-1)

Request For Expressions Of Interest

(Individual Consultant: Monitoring and Evaluation Officer)

Agricultural Sector

Financing Agreement reference: 2100155043468

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The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) in South Sudan is a ministry in the current Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity. The mission of MAFS is to enhance the quality of life for over 87 percent of the rural population in the Republic of South Sudan; through increased productivity, sustainable and quality production coupled with integrated planning and sustainable and environmentally sustainable management. Our vision is sustainable transformation of the country's agriculture sector into a vibrant and productive economic sector that contributes to economic growth, social wellbeing, national food and nutrition security and poverty alleviation.

The government of the Republic of South Sudan has recently received Funding form the African Development Bank (AfDB) to implement a new project under the Country Compact. **The overall objective of the first project** named "*Climate Resilient Agri-Food Systems Transformation (CRAFT-01)*" is to increase agricultural productivity and production, improve food security and build resilience in South Sudan. **The Specific objectives of the project include:** 1) scaling up climate-adaptive technologies and production systems, 2) developing women and youth-led businesses in priority value chains, 3) promoting digital agricultural and climate advisory solutions and, 4) build vocational, technical and entrepreneurship skills for more job opportunities for women and youth.

This project, together with other projects funded by AfDB¹ are expected to address the major constraints to agriculture production and productivity and facilitate overall achievement of the four strategic objectives of the agriculture sector. The ongoing AfDB-funded projects are all focused on improving food security by increasing agricultural production and building the resilience of the people of South Sudan to mitigate the risks of climate change and the effects of other external factors.

Objectives

The primary objective of the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer is to:

- The overall objective of the position is to carry out the monitoring and evaluation of the project activities and ensuring accurate and comprehensive data collection and analysis of results to report on progress towards project objectives. He/she works with technical team

¹ Build Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security (BREFONS), Agricultural Markets, Value Addition and Trade Development Project (AMVAT); Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Response to Food Crisis (SEPREP); Climate Resilient Agri-Food Systems Transformation Program-Project 1 (CRAFT-1) and Leveraging Digital Systems for Emergency Preparedness and Response to Food Crisis (EMERGENSYS).



members to develop appropriate indicators, targets and all monitoring and evaluation tools and methods for collecting information on project activities and assist with analysis for evidence-based decision making for project improvements. The position holder should compile lessons learnt that will inform decisions undertaken to implement the project activities.

Key Responsibilities

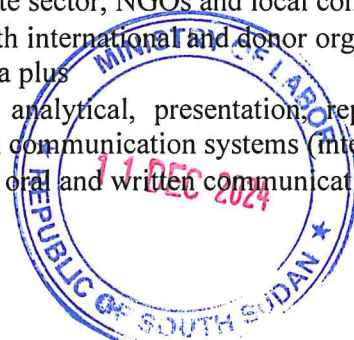
- Develop and implement a Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) system for the project;
- Lead in completing the execution of project's implementation Plan;
- Develop and implement cost-effective and efficient data collection systems tailored to the needs of different levels of management and operational staff as well as to AfDB and the Government of South Sudan.
- Mentor and/or build the capacity of other M&E staff from the implementing partners and relevant government departments at national and state levels.
- Develop project-wide participatory M&E tools, systems and processes that increase the effectiveness and accountability of the project;
- Planning and budgeting: Providing technical support to the annual and quarterly project work plan development, review.
- Prepare periodic project progress reports.

Duration: The assignment will be for a period of thirtysix (36) months with a possibility of extension subject to satisfactory performance.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate for the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer position should possess the following qualifications:

- At least a master's degree in Monitoring and Evaluation, Project Management, Agricultural Science or Rural Development, Social Sciences or any related field or bachelor's degree in the above qualification with at least 10 years of experience in lieu of a Master.
- At least 6 years of working experience and with good knowledge of project monitoring and evaluation and impact evaluation in the rural development sector
- Good knowledge of data analysis and project cycle management
- Experience working with AfDB or other similar donors, international development agencies will be an added advantage;
- Strong team working skills with ability to express ideas clearly, logically, effectively both orally and in writing.
- Computer literacy and ability to use word processing and office technology equipment
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team
- Ability for knowledge sharing and continuous improvement, result focus and knowledge of result-based programming.
- Substantial work experience in the preparation of results framework and progress reports of donor funded projects;
- Strong management skills including ability to provide strategic guidance, technical oversight, mentor staff, develop M&E work plans.
- Good interpersonal skills with experience in networking with partners at all levels (ministry, donors, private sector, NGOs and local community-based organizations)
- Experience working with international and donor organizations monitoring and reporting requirements would be a plus
- Demonstrated written, analytical, presentation, reporting and computing skills and familiarity with modern communication systems (internet, worldwide web, email etc.)
- Strong analytical skills, oral and written communication



- Excellent working level of English language in both writing and speaking.

The MAFS now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested individual consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services by sending his/her CVs and Cover letter.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's *Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations, dated October 2015*, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security is under no obligation to shortlist any individual consultants who expresses interest.

Interested Individuals should send their CVs and Cover letter Electronically to the address below by **December 31, 2024** at 11:59p.m. (Midnight EAT) and mention "Monitoring and Evaluation Officer."

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