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1		Hiring consultant to conduct baseline study for PRIME project both South Kordofan (Al Abassiya, Rashad, Abujubeiha localities) and East Darfur (Bahar Al Arab, Abu Karinka, El Daein localities)			1.0000	EA	

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CARE International in Sudan
Terms of Reference (TOR) baseline survey-Remote

Required: International Consultant-Remote

Project Title: Promoting Inclusive Markets and Economic Empowerment in South Kordofan and East Darfur States (PRIME)

Duration of Appointment: 37 days

Expected Start Date: 25th March 2024

1. Background on CARE

CARE International in Sudan (CIS) has been operational in Sudan since 2009, with humanitarian, early recovery, and peace building interventions. Sectors involved include Peace building, WASH, Health & Nutrition, livelihood diversification and Economic Empowerment. Through various donor funding, CARE has been supporting lifesaving support and building the resilience of IDPs, refugees and vulnerable host communities in East Darfur, South Darfur, South Kordofan and other states in Sudan. CARE has also been supporting the urgent needs of those displaced by increasing access to safe water and sanitation facilities, developing inclusive WASH management structures, and providing an emergency nutrition response through a Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) intervention for malnourished children U5 and pregnant and lactating women. CARE strongly supports and works with national NGOs, Community Based Organizations, government line ministries and other stakeholders to achieve its strategies and goals in Sudan.

2. Background to the project:

CARE International in Sudan received funding from the EU to implement the Promoting Inclusive Markets and Economic Empowerment project in South Kordofan and East Darfur States of Sudan (PRIME) project. The PRIME project aims to contribute to increased food security and livelihood resilience, sustainable income growth and job opportunities for rural women and youth including Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in South Kordofan and East Darfur states, through inclusive value chain development. The project will target specifically women smallholder farmers by providing support for agriculture inputs, extension services, knowledge transfer, green technology, and provision of inputs to engage in off-farm income generation activities. The aim is to increase their productivity and access to income resulting in improved food security and resilience. Secondly, the action will work with the private sector to improve the functionality of the three value chains (mango, sorghum, and groundnuts) by forging viable market linkages. The private sector will play a vital role in the development of the three value chains to improve the quality of life of women smallholder farmers. Thirdly, the action will engage the community members to enhance women and youth leadership in natural resources management and conflict mitigation. Women and youth will have opportunities to contribute positively to natural resources management and conflict resolution structures.

To enhance socio-economic resilience and food security status of small-scale farmers specifically women in the most poverty and conflict-ridden areas of South Kordofan and East Darfur, the project will enhance improved agriculture practices by supporting the livelihoods of women farmers through inter cropping, improving production through



green practices, enhancing access to input/output markets as well as access to finance to establish robust value chain investments and production systems in mango, sorghum, and groundnuts value chain sectors. The project adopts a market systems approach that seeks to address the root causes of why markets often fail to meet the needs of smallholders in the targeted localities. The focus of this intervention is to employ the market systems approaches, engage the private sector players, and mobilize other stakeholders in South Kordofan and East Darfur to actively support the small-scale producers thereby increasing food security and livelihood resilience, sustainable income growth, and job opportunities for rural women and youth including IDPs, particularly in the current context of the armed clashes.

Brief description of project target and results:

Geographic location: Sudan, South Kordofan (Al Abassiya, Rashad, Abujubeiha localities) and East Darfur (Bahar Al Arab, Abu Karinka, El Daein localities)

Target beneficiaries: Direct Beneficiaries: 38,356 with at least 70% women and 230,136 Indirect beneficiaries: (55,233 men, 82,848 women, 36,822 boys, 55,233 girls)

Project Outcomes/results:

Project objective: To contribute to sustainable and resilient livelihoods and food security in rural communities of South Kordofan and East Darfur that are most affected by food insecurity, climate change, and conflicts.
Outcome 1: Sustainably increase productivity and profitability of female smallholder farmers in mango, sorghum, groundnut, and other nutrition-sensitive value chains using agroecological practices in South Kordofan and East Darfur States.
Outcome 2: Create sustainable decent employment and income-earning opportunities for female and youth small-holder farmers through viable market linkages and value chains in rural and food insecure areas of South Kordofan and East Darfur States.
Outcome 3: Increase women/youth leadership in managing community resources and sustainable access to natural resources, contributing to food security and mitigation of conflicts over resources in South Kordofan and East Darfur States.

3. Purpose/objectives of the baseline Survey:

This baseline will be conducted to determine pre-project conditions from which a comparison can be made and for the purpose of informing the Project Implementation Plan, monitoring progress, evaluating performance, contributing to learning and research. It will be essential to gain in-depth understanding of the challenges related to resilient livelihoods and markets. The project performance will further be assessed against the targeted results at determined intervals and at the end of the project. The baseline survey will thus provide a reference point for assessing changes and impact by establishing a basis for comparison before interventions take place, at the midline and at the end of the project. The data will be collected in the following sectors: food security and livelihood, value chain development, market systems approach peaceful and inclusive coexistence, as well as natural resources management.

Below is the intervention logic and indicators that should be assessed.

Overall Impact: To contribute to sustainable and resilient livelihoods and food security in rural communities of South Kordofan and East Darfur that are most affected by food insecurity, climate change, and conflicts.

The PRIME project baseline study will focus on establishing a baseline for the indicators listed below:

Outcome	Indicator
OUTCOME 1: Sustainably increase productivity and profitability of female smallholder farmers in mango, sorghum groundnut, and other nutrition-sensitive value chains using agroecological practices in South Kordofan and East Darfur States	1.1 % of farmers reporting improvements in productivity and market access (as a result of direct support of the investment) disaggregated by sex, age, location/region, migratory status and vulnerability (disability, women headed households) other appropriate groups).
	1.2 % of supported female smallholder farmers reporting improved income through enhancement of productivity in mango, groundnut, and other nutrition-sensitive value chains
OUTCOMES 2: Create sustainable decent employment and income earning opportunities for female and youth small-holder farmers through viable	2.1 # jobs/income earning opportunities supported/sustained by the project.
	2.2 % supported smallholder female farmers with increased net profit (earnings after deducting all operating, interest, and tax expenses) as a result of improved linkages with private sectors
	2.3 % increase (from baseline) of women and men who are active users of financial services (disaggregated by informal and formal services).
OUTCOMES 3: Increase women/youth leadership in managing community resources and sustainable access to natural resources, contributing to food security and mitigation of conflicts over resources in South Kordofan and East Darfur States.	3.1 Size (ha) of natural and ecosystem resources and services maintained or strengthened.
	3.2 % increased (from baseline) of women and youths reported having participated in decision-making about the use of productive resources (choice of crops, agricultural inputs, timing of cropping, sale of crops, sale/transfer of lands) at household and community level
	3.3 % increased (from baseline) of active community structures with inclusive representation and participatory decision-making established at the end of the project

The survey is expected to answer the following questions that is related to the designed results and indicators:

OUTCOME 1: *Sustainably increase productivity and profitability of female smallholder farmers in mango, sorghum groundnut, and other nutrition-sensitive value chains using agroecological practices in*



South Kordofan and East Darfur States

Indicator 1.1: % of farmers reporting improvements in productivity and market access (as a result of direct support of the investment) disaggregated by sex, age, location/region, and other appropriate groups such as migratory status, disability, women headed).

- What is the current state of productivity in the target states of East Darfur and South Kordofan in the key value chain sectors of mango, sorghum, and groundnuts? What is the yield per feddan.
- What are the issues and challenges facing farmers and affecting their agriculture productivity? What are the potential solutions?
- How can markets be put actively at work for the inclusion of smallholder farmers in South Kordofan and East Darfur and how can their products better access markets especially in the current conflict setting?
- What are the challenges and possible opportunities in the local market?

Indicator 1.2: % of supported female smallholder farmers reporting improved income through enhancement of productivity in mango, groundnut, and other nutrition-sensitive value chains.

- What is the average income or revenue for smallholder producers disaggregated by sex in South and East Darfur?
- Within the selected value chains (mango, sorghum, and groundnuts) and market systems in East Darfur and South Kordofan, what are the key constraints to their productivity and production? What are the potential solutions?
- What is the role of improved, more efficient and productive agricultural inputs and output markets in their livelihoods?
- In what ways can local producers, women and men, benefit from participation in formal value chains and can their income status improved?

OUTCOMES 2: Create sustainable decent employment and income-earning opportunities for female and youth small-holder farmers through viable market linkages and value chains in rural and food insecure areas of South Kordofan and East Darfur States.

Indicator 2.1 #of jobs/income earning opportunities supported/sustained by the project.

- What are the available income earning opportunities or jobs that can be supported by the project in the current conflict setting?
- How can the jobs be made sustainable?
- How do the selected crop value chains contribute to income growth? How resilient are the crops to climate change? How does climate change impact yields?
- How can the output market system (sorghum, groundnuts) contribute to income earning opportunities?

Indicator 2.2 % supported smallholder female farmers with increased net profit (earnings after deducting all operating, interest, and tax expenses) as a result of improved linkages with private sectors.

- What is the current average profit each household accrues each season? What are the profit differences between women and men headed households and what is the average size of a household in the targeted

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locations?

- What challenges do smallholder farmers face that affect their net profit disaggregated by sex, age, migratory status, household type?
- What can the project do for the farmers to have improved net profit?
- What is the level of engagement of the private sector and small holder farmers in the selected value chains in the target states of implementation in the current conflict setting? Any role of the private sector in conflict mitigation.
- What are the existing private sector initiatives and investments for small holder farmers disaggregated by gender (men and women), migratory status and youths?
- What are the challenges and opportunities for private sector engagement in enhancing selected value chains productivity and market competitiveness?

Indicator 2.3 % increase (from baseline) of women who are active users of financial services (disaggregated by informal and formal services).

- What is the current level of women's participation or usage of financial services?
- What are the barriers that women face in accessing financial services and what are potential solutions?
- What are the current financial services available for women in the targeted locations?

OUTCOMES 3: Increase women/youth leadership in managing community resources and sustainable access to natural resources, contributing to food security and mitigation of conflicts over resources in South Kordofan and East Darfur States.

Indicator 3.1 Size (ha) of natural and ecosystem resources and services maintained or strengthened.

- What is the level of environmental degradation in the targeted locations?
- What are the main causes of environmental degradation?
- What are the current community efforts that can be enhanced to manage or maintain natural resources and enhance climate change adaptation?
- What are the current agriculture production systems in East Darfur and South Kordofan?
- What is the current productivity (production/fedan) for women and youth?
- How can women and youth participation in agriculture systems contribute to strengthening the natural and ecosystem resources in East Darfur and South Kordofan?
- What can the community do to increase to maintain and manage natural and ecosystem resources?

Indicator 3.2 % increased (from baseline) of women reported having participated in decision-making about the use of productive resources (choice of crops, agricultural inputs, timing of cropping, sale of crops, sale/transfer of lands) at household and community level.

- What is the level of women's participation in decision making about the use of productive resources at household and community levels?
- What factors are limiting women's access to productive and economic assets such as land, finance, credit facilities, agricultural inputs, and extension services, and how can women's access to these services be



strengthened and or improved?

- How do traditional and customary practices hinder women's full participation in decision-making about the use of productive resources?
- What are the enabling factors for women to be fully involved in decision making?

Indicator 3.3 % increased (from baseline) of active community structures with inclusive representation and participatory decision-making established at the end of the project.

- How can inclusive participation of women and youth be natural resource management and conflict resolution structures be strengthened to enable sustainable access to natural resources by the women and youth?

4. Baseline methodology:

The baseline survey will take place in South Kordofan and East Darfur states. The targeted areas in South Kordofan include: (Al-Rashad, Abujubeiha and Abbasiya localities) and East Darfur areas include: (Bahar Alarab, Abu Karinka, El Daein localities). The consultant will be required to review project documents and other secondary data sources; however, the major information sources will be direct field research and interviews with beneficiaries, key informants, and partners.

Taking into account conflict dynamics, the consultant is expected to propose and design the methodology for conducting the baseline survey using market systems approach lenses, with a mix of qualitative and quantitative methods such as surveys, focus group discussions and in-depth interviews with key informants, and observation of the system will be used to collect primary data. Surveys and interviews are expected to take place at all programme sites (East Darfur and South Kordofan states). The consultant is expected to guide CARE team in the field during data collection considering that he/she will not be able to access Sudan and the targeted locations.

The data collection team should include both male and female members to avoid cultural barriers, moreover local languages speakers (if possible) should be considered among the team. When selecting the respondents/interviewees, accuracy in representation should be ensured in terms of women, men, youth and adults, disabled and all others community's sectors.

The consultant is expected to articulate the baseline survey design, determine the appropriate sample size and sampling techniques/procedures, highlight tools/techniques that will be used, and illustrate the data collection and analysis methodologies that will be used. The data collected is expected to be disaggregated by gender, age group and location.

Documentation of all research (baseline survey) activities, especially through photos e.g. photos of focus group discussions, interviews, team meetings, sites from the area etc. is required. This also includes the FGD and observation notes.

The consultant is at liberty to recommend other appropriate methodologies that will be discussed and approved by Care International, ensuring that there is good technical quality that is reliable and systematic in nature and can serve the intended purposes and support relevant analysis.

5. Accountability and Responsibilities:



Due to the difficulties in travelling to South Kordofan and East Darfur states the consultant is expected to work remotely in coordination with CARE staff at the field, state, field and national levels. All designs, preparation, and reporting should be done by the consultant, while data collection in the field will be executed by CARE staff in the field and share the data with the consultant. The quantitative data collection tool (HH questionnaire) should be designed by the consultant and shared with the Care team for review and uploaded to Kobo toolbox. The consultant will be responsible for analyzing the data, triangulation with the qualitative data and providing a good quality report.

5.1. Consultant's Roles and Responsibilities:

- Remotely establish working contacts with all field teams in South Kordofan and East Darfur States – Sudan.
- Review of the relevant project documents.
- Prepare and submit the baseline proposal including methodology, work plan schedules and budget: (the budget covers consultant fees for design of the proper methodology, Inception report including all required data collection tools, data analyses and reporting, etc.).
- Identify the appropriate sample size to achieve the survey objective.
- Design tools/questionnaire and methodology for data collection of both qualitative and quantitative data and share them with Care International for their review and approval.
- Supervision of data collection (primary data and review of secondary data) and guide the team in the field.
- Analyze and synthesize data; and prepare reports.
- Set the baseline targets for the outcome indicators.
- Submit data analysis and draft report to CARE International Sudan for review and feedback.
- Incorporate, compile, and submit final report.

5.2. Care International's Roles and Responsibilities:

- Review and approve the study tools and methodologies.
- Brief the stakeholders about the purpose of the Baseline.
- Manage and conduct all the data collection process in the field and submit the data to the consultant for analysis.
- Coordinate with State HAC & security to get permission.
- Assist in organizing all meetings.
- Hire enumerators for data collection in the field.
- Providing/renting vehicles for data collection in the field.
- Prepare and effect payment for the consultant upon completion of the assignments and acceptance of the final baseline.
- Ensure accuracy of representation in the research team and in the interviewees.
- Provide consultant with all supported documents.

6. Expected Deliverables

The consultant is required to deliver the following:



- Inception report including the operational methodology and detailed work plan (indicating all the stages of the study process, timelines and team/individuals involved with their CVs) and data gathering instruments (survey questionnaires, etc.) attached to the report.
- Write and submit the inception report, draft, and final baseline reports. The final baseline report should illustrate clear findings.
- Systematic baseline database produced and delivered with the final report along with recommendation of targets for performance evaluation.

6.1. Proposed work plan/ Activity Timeframe

Activity	No. of days
Development of inception report including methodology and tools	5 days
Review of secondary information + finalization of tools by the consultant team.	4 days
Conduct primary data collections	14 days
Data entry, cleaning, and analyses	4 days
Draft and submit baseline survey report	5 days
Comments from stakeholders (CARE & partners)	2 days
Finalization and submission of the final report	3 days
Total	37 days

6.2. Finance:

The consultant is required to give the daily rate for conducting this assignment.

6.3. Intended users of the baseline study report

Along with the project team, other staffs of Care International in Sudan, government related partners, community members, local NGOs and the donor will be benefiting from this survey report.

6.4. Required qualification of the consultant.

- Relevant advanced degree in social sciences, International Development, Peace and Conflict studies, agriculture economics or other closely related field.
- 5 years' experience conducting research and surveys in the areas of livelihoods, food security, market systems, agriculture, water resources management, and peace building areas.
- Demonstrated experience and skills in facilitating and conducting baseline surveys, midterm evaluations, and endline surveys.
- Extensive and demonstrated experience in HH surveys, feasibility studies, evaluations, needs assessments, etc.
- Extensive experience in working within development or humanitarian sectors and familiar with participatory approaches and the Sudan context.
- Experience with remote assessments and analyses is desirable.
- Working experience in the context of refugees and IDPs (culture consideration).



- Experience in using Kobo toolbox/ODK in conducting remote data collection.
- Supporting documents for proof of experience are required.

6.5. Reporting format

Below is the suggested format for the report:

- 1- Table of Content
- 2- List of Abbreviations
- 3- Executive Summary of findings
- 4- Introduction
- 5- Background, project description
- 6- Objective, Methodology & Limitations
- 7- Findings focusing on the project indicator results, Analysis and Interpretation
- 8- Conclusion and Recommendations
- 9- Annexes-not limited to:
 - List of people/organizations consulted and their identifications (including age and sex)
 - All data collection Tools (questionnaires etc.)
 - List of documents consulted.
 - Baseline Survey TOR

Data Disclosure

The consultant should deliver, at minimum, all files including quantitative data sets (raw and refined products), transcripts of qualitative data and others in an easy-to-read format and maintain naming conventions and labelling for the use of the project/program/initiative and key stakeholders. All documents should be compliant with the following conditions:

- It is understood and agreed that the Consultant shall during and after the effective period of the contract, treat as confidential and not divulge, unless authorized in writing by CARE, any information obtained in the course of the performance of the Contract. Care and its partners will be the sole owners of all information collected in this survey.
- CARE must be provided with a final template of any surveys, interview guides, or other materials used during data collection. Questions within surveys should be assigned numbers and these should be consistent with variable labelling within final datasets.
- In the case of tabular datasets variable names and variable labels should be clear and indicative of the data that sits under them. Additionally, the labelling convention must be internally consistent, and a full codebook/data dictionary must be provided.

Proposal Content

Those interested in the consultancy must include in their application a detailed technical and financial proposal with the following components.



Technical

- Technical proposal for conducting the baseline survey based on the given information and including methodology and work plan schedules. The consultant should attach sample studies and links to similar assessments performed in the past.

Financial

- Budget: A daily rate must be included for the duration of the assignment.

All bids and proposals must be sent to:

sdn.procurementtender@careinternational.onmicrosoft.co and Cc: najat.ahmed@care.org.

