



Terms of Reference (ToR)

Third-Party Monitoring and Evaluation Consultancy

Introduction The SIPRA Program seeks an independent Third-Party Monitoring (TPM) Consultant(s), Specialist(s), or Firm to provide a comprehensive evaluation of its interventions during the 2023 and 2024 implementation periods in **twenty-two (22) localities across the seven SIPRA states (See Annex A)**. This evaluation will assess the program's planting season support intervention and mainstream activities to determine whether the intended outcomes and impacts have been achieved

Background The Strengthening Inclusive Partnerships for Smallholders in Rain-fed Areas (SIPRA) is the flagship four-year program of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sudan. Led by ZOA in partnership with World Relief, SOS Sahel Sudan, and Wageningen Center for Development Innovation (WCIDI), the SIPRA program aims to bring about transformative change for smallholder farmers. It establishes inclusive partnership models between organized producers who engage in sustainable, climate-smart production and a motivated private sector that offers fair arrangements for collaborating with producers, with a focus on empowering women and youth. Through strengthened agro-Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (agro-MSMEs) linked to large agribusinesses, the program aims for sustainable connections between investors and smallholder producers. The initiative will continually foster an enabling business and policy environment through advocacy and engagement with key stakeholders and knowledge institutions to address systemic barriers in the value chain. The program employs a food systems approach and market-driven strategies that emphasize nutrition-sensitive value chains in high demand. These chains are linked to local, national, and potentially export markets.

In response to the conflict that erupted in April 2023, the consortium obtained approval from the donor to allocate some of the SIPRA funds to support the planting seasons of 2023 and 2024. This effort, known as the "planting season support intervention," includes the procurement and distribution of seeds and agricultural inputs to beneficiaries.

Objective The primary objective of the TPM is to:

1. Provide an independent and systematic assessment of SIPRA's interventions, including the planting season support and core program activities across 7 states and
2. Determine the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, sustainability, and impact of SIPRA's operations.
3. Offer actionable recommendations to improve program implementation and ensure alignment with intended outcomes.

Scope of Work The TPM will cover the following areas:

1. Program Effectiveness

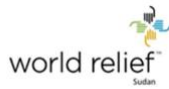
- Review the progress and achievements of SIPRA's planting season support and mainstream activities.
- Assess the quality and relevance of interventions in addressing the program's goals.
- Conduct field verification to validate reported outputs and outcomes.

2. Stakeholder Engagement

- Engage with program beneficiaries, implementing partners, and other stakeholders.
- Collect feedback on program delivery, inclusivity, responsiveness, and impact

3. Operational Efficiency

- Evaluate the timeliness and cost-effectiveness of program delivery mechanisms.
- Analyze resource utilization, procurement practices, and logistical arrangements.



4. Impact and Sustainability

- Assess the long-term impact of interventions on beneficiaries' livelihoods.
- Evaluate the sustainability of program outcomes beyond the intervention period.

5. Cross-Cutting Issues

- Examine the integration of gender equity, climate resilience, and conflict sensitivity into program design and implementation.

6. Geographical Coverage:

- The TPM will cover up to 22 localities across 7 states. See Annex A.

Proposed Methodology The evaluation will adopt a mixed-methods approach, incorporating qualitative and quantitative data collection techniques. Proposed methodologies include:

- **Desk Review:** Analysis of program documents, monitoring data, reports, and financial records.
- **Interviews:** Conduct structured and semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders, including program staff, partners, and beneficiaries.
- **Field Visits:** Site visits to selected locations to validate program outputs and outcomes.
- **Surveys and Focus Groups:** Administer beneficiary surveys and facilitate focus group discussions to gather diverse perspectives.
- **Data Analysis:** Use statistical tools to analyze quantitative data and thematic analysis for qualitative insights.

Deliverables and Payment Schedule

Deliverable	Timeframe	Payment Schedule
Inception Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Detailed work plan, methodology, and data collection tools ● Composition of teams per state (including their profiles) 	Within 1 week of signing the contract	20%
Progress Report with photos	Three weeks after submission of the inception report	40%
Final report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comprehensive findings, conclusions, and recommendations. ● Includes an executive summary and supporting data visualizations. 	Not more than three weeks after the submission of the progress report	30%
Presentation of Findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interactive session with key stakeholders to discuss results and recommendations. 	Within one week of the presentation of the final report	10%



Eligibility Criteria:

- Evidence of properly registered consultant(s) or firm
- Comprehensive profile of consultant(s) or firm
- Evidence of proper bank details such as letters from banks etc
- Provide evidence of similar work including sample reports and client references.

Qualifications and Experience The ideal Consultant(s) or Firm should have:

- At least 7 years of experience in monitoring and evaluation of agricultural or development programs.
- Proven expertise in designing and implementing mixed-methods evaluations.
- Strong knowledge of food security, livelihood programs, and resilience-building.
- Familiarity with the operational context of SIPRA states.
- Exceptional report-writing and data presentation skills.

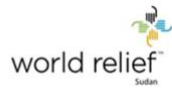
Submission Requirements Interested parties must submit:

1. **Technical Proposal:** Detailed methodology, work plan and timelines, and team composition
2. **Financial Proposal:** Include a detailed budget with daily rates and expenses
3. **Relevant Experience:** Provide examples of similar evaluations and client references.
4. **CVs/Profiles of Team Members:** Relevant expertise, experience and knowledge of the context
5. **Risk Mitigation Plan:** Address potential challenges during evaluation.

Evaluation Criteria Proposals will be assessed based on:

1. **Experience and Expertise:** Relevant background in similar evaluations.
2. **Methodological Rigor:** Clarity and feasibility of the proposed approach.
3. **Cost-Effectiveness:** Reasonableness of the budget and value for money.
4. **Local Context Understanding:** Demonstrated knowledge of SIPRA's operational environment.
5. **Risk Management:** Clear strategies for mitigating risks during the evaluation.

Annex A:



State	Locality
Gedaref	E. Galabat
	W. Galabat
	Basunda
	Al-Fashaga
	Mafaza
	Galaa nahal
	Al-Rahad
South Darfur	Al Sunta
	Beliel
	Mershing
East Darfur	Ad Du'ayn
	Abu Karinka
	Adila
South Kordafon	Elreef elshargi
	Kadugli
	Algoaz
Central Darfur	Golo
	Nertiti
	Rokero
Blue Nile	Tadomon
	Wadlamahi
White Nile	Rabak