

- **CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST -**
TERMS OF REFERENCE
Water Supply Specialist

Project: Building a Future: Make it in The Gambia – TEKKI FII

Location: NBR, LRR, URR and CRR

Position: Consultant

Type of Application: Expression of Interest

Reports to: Agribusiness Manager

Languages: Fluency in English (conversation, reading and writing). Good conversation skills in at least two local languages.

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Introduction and background

The project *BUILDING A FUTURE: MAKE IT IN THE GAMBIA* led by IMVF and funded by the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF for Africa)¹ is implemented since January 2019. Its overall objective is to contribute to socio-economic development and to nurture positive prospects for local populations and returning migrants in The Gambia, namely in Central River, North Bank, Lower River and Upper River regions. The specific objectives of the action are:

- to boost economic development with a focus on attractive employment and revenue generation in regions prone to migration;
- To promote a conducive socio-economic environment for an effective and sustainable reintegration of former migrants and to improve the attractiveness of rural areas.

The action's core targets are youths and women, including potential migrants and returnees.

The scope of these terms of reference is focused on the activity 1.3 – Fostering Agribusiness at Farm Level foreseen under Result 1, and activity 2.3 Schools for social cohesion program, under Result 2.

Act. 1.3 - Fostering Agribusiness at Farm Level. Under this activity the project has been supporting 32 community vegetable gardens in NBR and CRR at production and group level. The gardens have benefited from inputs, material, equipment, and training (Farmer Field School and Group and Financial Management). It is also foreseen that some of the gardens will benefit from infrastructures, namely fence and water supply. Water is a major issue in most of the gardens, because it is either not available at all or is insufficient to meet the demands of the farmers. Some gardens have temporary wells (dug every season, sometimes more than once) while others have boreholes that either do not work or do not provide water to the whole garden for the whole year.

¹https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/regions/africa/eu-emergency-trust-fund-africa_en

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Act 2.3 - Schools for social cohesion program. Under this activity the project supported 25 vegetable gardens in 25 schools with training, inputs, material and equipment. From a need assessment conducted in all schools, water came as the most required intervention. In this case water can be used either for the school and/or for the vegetable gardens.

The assignment of this consultancy is dependent on prior approval by the Donor.

Consultancy

In order to assist with the implementation of the Tekki Fii project, IMVF requires the professional services of a **Consultant/Firm specialized in water supply** to provide the following tasks:

- a) Conduct a technical visit to the gardens and schools supported by the project to identify needs and priorities regarding water intervention
- b) Identification of sites (from the pre-selected vegetable gardens and schools supported - spread over NBR, CRR, URR and LRR) where the intervention in water supply is more relevant and viable for the renovation, improvement, or installation of a water supply system.
- c) Development of a table with the intervention required in each site by type, priority, feasibility, estimated cost of intervention
- d) Support in the selection of the sites to be intervened, based on priority of intervention, feasibility and available budget
- e) Support in the procurement process and contract award: preparation of BOQ's, request for proposals, identification, and selection of contractors, etc.
- f) Supervision of the works in the selected sites for intervention
- g) The selected Consultant/Firm (the "Consultant") will lead the activities that include community mobilisation, training, and the engagement of stakeholders for the operations and maintenance of the infrastructures. A strict collaboration with the relevant government departments is expected, both at national and regional level.
- h) Final inspection and delivery of the works to the community.

The Consultant/Firm awarded with this contract will not be able to apply for the construction works under his/fits supervision.

Methodology

The Consultant will work in close collaboration with the Technical Team in the definition and supervision of the interventions, ensuring a common understanding of the preferred construction techniques, materials, and quality standards. The Contract Agreement(s) for the interventions will be established directly between the project and the selected Contractor(s). The Consultant shall be responsible for the management and direction of the project on site and shall approve all materials supplied, works and measurements carried out by the Contractor(s) and his/her team of workers on the project. The Consultant shall supervise the execution of the signed contract between the project and the Contractor, guaranteeing that the terms of the contract (work plan, schedule and others) are respected. The Consultant shall have competent staff and equipment and software for carrying out hydrogeological and geophysical surveys and interpreting the data.

The Community members are the end users of the water supply. The benefiting communities have already been identified by the project. Community representatives to engage in the intervention and support the supervision of works shall be identified and communicated to the Consultant before he/she undertakes field work. The community must be involved in the process of defining the intervention so that the finished water point can meet their needs.

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Specific Activities

The work to be undertaken includes all necessary inputs, from identifying the type of interventions needed to the delivery of the works approved by the community up to a maximum of 30 sites in the four regions already mentioned.

The following activities are expected as part of implementation of this project:

Activity 1 Identification of sites and type of intervention

Activity 2 Assist Tekki Fii project in the procurement and contract award of the interventions Contractors

Activity 3 Supervision of the interventions at the identified sites

Activity 4 Final inspection at completed sites.

Duration and schedule

| Steps | Calendar | Products |
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| Submission of Expression of interest | August 2021 | Demonstration of technical capacity through CV |
| Full proposal* | September 2021 | Full proposal (Methodology, calendar and budget) |
| Assessment | October/December 2021 | Assessment report |
| Procurement | February/March 2022 | BOQ, etc |
| Works | April/June 2022 | Contracts |
| Reports | July/August 2022 | Reports, Delivery notes |

* The full proposal is subject to the approval of this activity by the Donor

Consultant/Firm Capacity

Professional Experience

- If consultant it shall possess a Master's Degree in environmental engineering, civil engineering, water resources management, natural resource management, or a similar relevant field (a bachelor's degree and at least 10 years' experience may be substituted)
- If a Firm, the team leader shall have the qualifications above mentioned
- Experience in similar projects for at least 5 years
- Proof of technical capacity for the proposed consultancy (regarding equipment and software for the hydrogeological and geophysical surveys and interpreting the data)
- Experience in working in community-based interventions
- Knowledge of the rural context in The Gambia

Other skills

- Autonomy to perform the tasks for which will be responsible
- Capacity to work under limited conditions
- Knowledge of local languages

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Application Process

The application process will be made in two phases, first through an invitation for expression of interest followed by a full proposal:

1. Invitation for the presentation of an expression of interest: pre-selection of the consultant/firm based on experience and technical capacity
2. Submission of full technical and financial proposal: the pre-selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal with budget.

For the Expression of interest the **deadline is the 27th august 2021**. The applications should be submitted by email, tekkifii@gm.imvf.org, sending:

1. If Firm: Proof of firm experience in the last 5 years, proof of technical capacity, 3 references (with contacts) from similar contracts; CV of the team responsible for the work.
2. If Consultant: Proof of experience in the last 5 years, proof of technical capacity, CV and 3 references (with contacts) for similar works (if it is a team of consultants, the same applies to all the team).

The subject of the email should be: **Water Supply Consultant**

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

For clarifications, contact Pedro Santos via the email ppsantos@imvf.org, until the **13th August, 2021**.

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