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TORs FOR: Resource mapping and assessment of current ADEFO members and identification of an economic advisor

1.0 Background:

1.1 Soroti Catholic Diocese Integrated Development Organization (SOCADIDO) has received funding from Sign of Hope (SoH) to implement a 48-months' (01.11.2025 – 31.10.2029) Project titled **MAP – Promoting sustainable agriculture and value chains among small-holder farmers in Teso, eastern Uganda.**

The Multi-Actor Partnership (MAP) brings together SOCADIDO, ADEFO members, Sign of Hope, local governments, private sector actors, and technical experts to jointly coordinate resources, innovation, and expertise for inclusive and sustainable agricultural value chain development that improves the livelihoods of 3,600 smallholder farmers in the Teso region by 2029.

The project is located 5 districts and 1 city covering 10 Sub-counties and 4 wards. These include: Magoro and Getom Sub-counties in Katakwi district, Alito and Akoromit Sub-counties in Kapelebyong district, Kobuin and Mukura Sub-counties in Ngora district, Ocokican and Awaliwal Sub-counties in Soroti district, Alwa and Aperkira Sub-counties in Kaberamaido district, and Agama, Amen, Aloet and Opuyo wards in Soroti city. One line taking about the partnership (MAP)

The project targets 3,600 farmer households and aims at Improvement of the socio-economic situation of smallholder farmers in the Teso region through strengthened, inclusive and sustainable agricultural value chains, supported by a functional multi-stakeholder partnership (MAP) platform that strengthens coordination, innovation and ownership by 2029. As such, it is deemed necessary to conduct resource mapping and assessment of current ADEFO members and identification of an economic advisor. This engagement will be conducted using a consultative approach to ensure that ADEFO has the optimal mix of resources and actors for joint implementation of activities that support smallholder farmers through targeted agricultural value chain interventions in the eight enterprises of sesame, groundnuts, soy beans, cassava, green grams, poultry, apiary and aquaculture.

Despite having 30 ADEFO member organizations involved in agriculture and agribusiness, the absence of a systematic resource mapping and alignment has led to fragmented interventions, weak coordination, underutilized capacities, and unidentified gaps in key areas such as market intelligence, value addition, and trade linkages. This lack of a shared priority value chain and clearly defined roles within the ADEFO limits collective action and the effective promotion of inclusive and sustainable agricultural value chains.

1.2 SOCADIDO is seeking the services of a consultant to conduct resource mapping and assessment of current ADEFO members and identification of an economic advisor. The consultant will assess each member's resources including available time, financial input, relevant technologies, skilled personnel for agricultural value addition, and connection to national and international trade networks. Following this assessment, the consultant will compare the mapped resources with those needed to effectively promote a complete agricultural value chain. Together with the economic advisor, the consultant will advise ADEFO core group and technical working groups on agricultural value chain (s) that the ADEFO platform should prioritize.

This analysis will examine, for example, whether market intelligence and trend monitoring are already sufficiently addressed by existing ADEFO members, or whether additional trade networks or technical experts are needed to fill gaps and promote emerging value chains. The consultant should be able to do economic advisory and will identify critical resource opportunities and gaps for strengthening the platform.

The purpose of this exercise is to help ADEFO members to understand where each member fits within the chain and how best to connect them for collective value chain development that benefits smallholder farmers. The consultant shall conduct an eight-day engagement.

2.0 Project Results:

2.1 Impact:

Improvement of the socio-economic situation of smallholder farmers in the Teso region through strengthened, inclusive and sustainable agricultural value chains, supported by a functional multi-stakeholder partnership (MAP) platform that strengthens coordination, innovation and ownership.

2.2 Overall Objective:

The aim is to ensure that ADEFO has the optimal mix of resources and actors for joint implementation of activities that support smallholder farmers through targeted agricultural value chain interventions.

2.4 Project activity output:

The different outputs as per this project activity is to:-

- ✓ Comprehensive resource mapping and capacity assessment completed.
- ✓ Priority agricultural value chain(s) identified and justified
- ✓ Resource gaps and strategic strengthening opportunities identified
- ✓ Enhanced member positioning and core group coordination framework established

2.5 Key partners:

The key actors involved in this activity include the core and broader organizations of ADEFO including district, city sub-county and wards local governments, civil society and non-governmental organizations, the cultural union, religious institutions, research and academic institutions, private sector players, professionals, and media agencies.

3.0 The objective of resource mapping and assessment of current ADEFO members and identification of an economic advisor

- ✓ To assess and document the capacities and resources of ADEFO members specific to the stages of the value chain development
- ✓ To identify priority agricultural value chains for ADEFO interventions
- ✓ To identify opportunities and gaps for strengthening the ADEFO platform
- ✓ To enhance coordination and strategic alignment within ADEFO

4.0 The activity scope:

The activity will conduct a comprehensive resource mapping and capacity assessment of ADEFO's 30 members across all the project sites, evaluating their financial, human, technical, and market contributions. An external consultant, with the economic advisor and core group, will identify priority agricultural value chains, map member roles across the value chain, market linkage, extension services, production technologies and highlight resource opportunities and gaps. In parallel, the nine-member core group's roles will be reviewed to strengthen coordination and ensure alignment, optimizing ADEFO's capacity to implement interventions that benefit smallholder farmers.

5.0 Methodology:

The consultant will implement a participatory, phased approach combining assessment, analysis, and validation. The process will begin with the development of evaluation criteria and tools to assess ADEFO members' resources, including time, financial contributions, technologies, skilled personnel, and trade networks. That is subjected to review and approval of the tools by the secretariat. The consultant will systematically document and analyse members' capacities, map their roles across production, processing, storage, and marketing stages, and identify critical resource gaps. In collaboration with the economic advisor and core group, a context and market analysis both qualitative and quantitatively will be conducted to prioritize agricultural value chains and propose strategies to strengthen connections within the value chain. Additionally, the

consultant will review and clarify the roles and responsibilities of the nine-member core group to enhance coordination and alignment. Findings will be validated with the core group and presented for formal approval to optimize ADEFO’s collective capacity for value chain development

6.0 Required of the consultant:

Documents: The Applicant shall, in particular ensure to attach the following:

6.1 Technical Proposal

- a) Profile of the consultant (max 1 page) explaining why they are the most suitable for the work.
- b) Relevant Experience and knowledge in conducting similar assignment (max 2 page).
- c) Detailed methodology and conceptual framework with expected deliverables, i.e. timeline to get the documents ready for ratification (2-3 pages).
- d) Recent Curriculum Vitae of the persons assigned to the work
- e) Signed commitment letters by technical persons identified to do the assignment
- f) Recommendations from previous clients (2 recommendations)
- g) Tax clearance certificate in case of a company

6.2 Financial proposal

The financial proposal shall specify a total sum amount, with a breakdown of costs for fee and travels.

Required qualifications:

- A minimum of bachelor’s degree in related field to agribusiness, organizational assessment and economics.
- Other advance degrees and membership of professional body is an added advantage

Criteria for Selection of the Best Offer:

The evaluation of the consultant will be based on Combined Scoring method; where the qualifications and methodology is given 70% weightage and financial offer will be given 30% weightage. Only a consultant meeting a minimum of 50 points under technical evaluation would be considered for the financial evaluation.

Criteria	Weight	Maximum points
Technical (70 %)		
Demonstrated knowledge on resource mapping and assessment.	15	15

Experience and skills in conducting research and documentation, especially in the field of resource mapping and assessment of stakeholders	25	25
Demonstrated experience and skills in facilitation/consultation and coordination skills among relevant stakeholders	15	15
Methodology, activities, Work plan, experience and skills etc.	15	15
Financial (30 %)	30	30
Total (100%)	100	100

7.0 Duration:

The assignment is required to be complete within 30 consultancy days, and a further 2 days for the capacity evaluation and assessment workshop.

8.0 Reporting:

A comprehensive report shall be submitted to SOCADIDO director 30 days after contract signing. The report should be easily understood and conceptualized by the ADEFO members.

10. Submission of Bids:

Interested and eligible bidders are required to electronically submit a technical and financial proposal for resource mapping and assessment to socadido@gmail.com addressed to the Diocesan Development Coordinator, Soroti Catholic Diocese Integrated Development Organization by **February 13, 2026**.