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### **SUPPORT PROCESSES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RWIBALE WOMEN SACCO IN BUTUNDUZI TOWN COUNCIL AND MATIRI NATURAL REOSURCES USERS AND INCOME ENHANCMENT ASSOCIATION SACCO IN KIHUURA SUB COUNTY.**

#### **Introduction;**

JESE with Financial support from DANIDA through Care international in Uganda, is an implementing partner of a 4-year project titled ‘Harnessing adaptive capacities of communities through inclusive governance, climate resilient systems and sustainable livelihood development.

Under Strengthening resilience and promoting inclusive governance for women and youth in vulnerable communities (STRENPO) program at CARE-Uganda level, implemented jointly with three other partners i.e. Environmental Alert and ACODE and RICE in (West Nile).

Joint Effort to Save the effort (JESE) is mainly responsible for organizing and facilitating the community-based actions to enhance climate change adoption and resilience and inclusive Governance in Natural resources in Kyenjojo and Kyegegwa districts including the refugees

Under objective 1 of the project “Strong community-based organizations empower citizens and allow women and youth to build assets and take leadership roles in strengthening community resilience” Among the approaches JESE uses achieve this objective is promoting women economic empowerment through VSLA approach. Currently JESE has through the CBTs has mobilized, trained over 100 VSLA groups with 80% women and youth, who are actively in savings and loaning activities in groups of 15 to 30 members per group.

About Rwibaale Women SACCO” Butunduzi JESE has mobilized over 15 VSLA in groups in Butunduzi town council who have gone successfully gone through 1<sup>st</sup> saving cycle and other are currently in their 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of saving. About 80% of the groups have fully registered with the Butunduzi and Kyenjojo DLG as Saving groups. This has raised the demand for financial services in the town council thus triggering the town and group members to develop VSLA to higher

savings and membership i.e. SACCO level. This is aimed at promoting and extending financial services to wider population in Budunduzi and Kyenjojo districts at large. A number of leaders mainly politicians both outgoing and incoming members of parliament as well as Butunduzi town council technical staff are strongly supporting the idea of women SACCO development.

About MANIRUIA; Matiri natural resource user and income enhancement association is a legally registered CBO with major focus on environment and members' household livelihood development. The association has over 400 subscribed members who are in different IGAs e.g. Beekeeping, Women hand craft production and marketing, Energy saving technologies as well as savings and loaning associations. The Association had started the processes of SACCO formation but suffering realization and growth support

### **Specific Activities/Objectives;**

1. Support the process for the development of Rwibaale Women VSAL groups into a women SACCO.
2. Support processes for the development of MANIRUIA SACCO in Kihuura sub county Kyenjojo District.

### **Methodology and approaches**

It is expected that varying participatory methods will be applied in order to maximize participant's involvement and ownership of all the processes.

The consultant is required to follow all processes for SACCO formation, registration and implementation of its activities.

The consultant is expected to conduct a situation assessment of the group's first to further understand and set a benchmark and road map for the support.

Any other creative and progressive methods of learning can be proposed and considered by the consultant. These should be very elaborate in the proposal.

### **Expected outputs/Deliverables**

1. Technical and Financial reports, outlining details/ process<sup>1</sup> of how the processes (SACCO formation processes including registration) in 2 sites of Kihuura and Butunduzi with clear budgets timelines.
2. Facilitate the processes for the development (SACO formation) and functionality (offer capacity building trainings in book keeping and Leadership/General SACCO management after its registration.
3. Compile and submit quality;
  - a. Step wise/process reports for each of the SACCO i.e. and Rwibaale;
    - i) MANIRUIA in Kihuura
    - ii) Rwibale women SACCO in Butunduzi

Note; The reports shall be shared and adopted by different stakeholders mainly NFA, JESE and District Local Government.

- b. A final report with registration certificate and other supporting documents like attendance list of stakeholders and payments etc. attached for
      - iii) MANIRUIA in Kihuura
      - iv) Rwibale women SACCO in Butunduzi

### **Timeframe**

The assignment is planned to be undertaken in a period of 30 working days from the date of signing the contract. If there are changes that might arise beyond the consultants control, an additional of 15 working shall be granted to successfully accomplish the assignment. This shall be formal request by the consultant.

### **Required competencies;**

1. An outstanding knowledge and application of micro finance operating environment/ regulations (Laws, Policies) and practices in Uganda
2. A good understanding of Community dynamics in economic empowerment and support similar works of SACCO formation. A proven experience in this is **A MUST**.

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<sup>1</sup> Quoting of the enabling policy environment and their interpretation is critical in the process.

3. A good understanding of various community development approaches and participatory tools and their applications
4. Good facilitation, report writing and negotiation skills in relation
5. A good understanding of roles and responsibilities of other key stakeholders<sup>2</sup> in promoting inclusive forest governance is very critical in this assignment.
6. Involvement of Key stakeholders is a must. These comprises of communities/VSLA groups, Local leaders, Sub county leaders, District leaders. Attendance lists with clear photo shall be needed to prove this.

*NB; The consultancy shall work hand in hand with JESE project focal persons for purposes of supervision, Learning and process ownership. However, the consultant **should not** budget for JESE staff and Meals in all the processes.*

*Deadline: Submission of Technical and proposals should be submitted not later than 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2020. To: Procurement Committee, Joint Effort to Save the Environment (JESE) P.O Box 728, Fort-Portal. Kitumba, Binanata Zone.*

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<sup>2</sup> Local government, CSOs, Security Organs, Academic and Research institutions, central government, religious, Cultural and local leaders among others