

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - FAQs

As part of the preparation of our submission of technical and financial proposals for "THE CALL FOR ENDLINE EVALUATION AND REPORT ON LESSONS FROM AECF'S INVESTING IN WOMEN IN SOUTH SUDAN PROGRAMME " (IIW-SS), we would like to have some additional information necessary for the finalization of our file.

1. Will the evaluation team have access to primary beneficiary data, including baseline or midline datasets, or will new data collection from women producers, workers, or enterprise stakeholders be required as part of the assignment? **Yes**
2. What level of engagement is expected with investee enterprises during the endline evaluation? **Review of their documentation and, if needed, interviews. We are open to new methodologies**
3. The learning report aims to generate insights for "donors, policymakers, and practitioners designing gender-inclusive private sector and livelihoods programmes" in fragile contexts: **As well as AECF and all the other stakeholders- SMEs**
4. Who are the primary and secondary audiences for this report (e.g., Global Affairs Canada, other bilateral donors, AECF's internal learning, South Sudan government stakeholders) **Investees as well**
5. Are there specific dissemination channels, formats, or events where AECF plans to use this report (e.g., donor briefings, policy forums, practitioner networks)? **Yes. AECF will use this report in different forums in addition to what has been listed already- conferences, learning events, proposal writing, among others**
6. Kindly clarify the number of case studies expected. **At least 4**
7. Could you please confirm the anticipated timeframe for the evaluation? **A month and a half. The assignment is heavy on document review**
8. Would you be able to advise whether there is an indicative budget ceiling for this assignment? **Potential business partners are encouraged to provide an estimated budget for both the professional fees and reimbursements**
9. The ToR states that 'the evaluator(s) will be required to conduct at least four (3) in-depth case studies.' Could you kindly clarify whether three or four case studies are required? **At least 4**
10. Could you please clarify what is meant by an 'external-facing insight paper'? **An insight paper that can be used externally, e.g., in donor briefings, conferences, learning forums, etc.**
11. The methodology section refers to two presentations (preliminary findings and final presentation), whereas the deliverables section mentions only one. Could you please confirm the total number of presentations expected? **Presentations will be two- one for the draft report and the team to respond to any questions that might arise, and the second one for the final report.**

12. Is the deadline for the proposal able to be extended? **No**

13. We seek clarification regarding eligibility, as the requirements indicate submission of registration and tax clearance certification from the country where the assignment will take place. We are not registered in South Sudan, but we may collaborate with local partners where necessary. **This is okay. Ensure to include the mandatory requirements for both/all partners**