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Women Empowerment for Resilience,
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Request of Expression of Interest to be part of a shortlist of individual entity/organizations/companies for technical assistance services on Financial Inclusion Schemes

Within the framework of the EU-funded project “WE-RISE! Women Empowerment for Resilience, Inclusion, Sustainability and Environment”¹, the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation (AICS) - Khartoum, as implementing agency, is planning the launch of several technical assistance (TAs) assignments on the following subjects:

- Training of vulnerable beneficiaries on Income generation projects, business development, financial education
- Financial and non-financial services to MFIs and Banks
- Financial and non-financial services to Micro and Small Enterprises and Cooperatives.

The Overall Objective of the WE-RISE! is to enhance economic opportunities for youth and women in Sudan. The Specific Objective is to contribute to the creation of a conducive environment for the economic empowerment of women and other socially excluded groups living in the most vulnerable situations in Khartoum, Kassala, Ghedaref and the Red Sea states

These TAs’ services are part of the WE-RISE! result 1 (R1)²: *Access of young women living in vulnerable situations to a more inclusive market system is enhanced.*

TYPE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The proposed activities will enable women and youth in vulnerable situations to have increased access to economic opportunities through the creation or upgrade of sustainable financial mechanisms.

The main areas in which the WE-RISE! project (R1) plans to engage consultants are the development of financial and non-financial services in collaboration with MFIs, Banks, SMEs, Coops, and Women’s associations.

Interested consultants should prove consolidated expertise in one or more of the following topics:

- Development of Financial Institution (MFIs and Banks) Islamic Loan Products
- Development and/or improvement of Savings and Non-Credit Products
- Development of Social Performance Management
- Design of Green Finance products and services

¹ WE-RISE! is jointly implemented by AICS and UN Women. It is funded by the European Union through the European Union Emergency Trust Fund (EUTF), for stability and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa and supporting the democratic transition in Sudan.

² The other 2 results are: **R2:** Women's entrepreneurial capacities and leadership skills are strengthened for effective engagement in value chain and gender inequality patterns transformation. (UNWOMEN), **R3:** Positive social norms and attitudes toward Gender Equality and Women’s Economic Empowerment are embraced by families and communities.



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- Design and delivery of technical and soft skills training and capacity building to partner's staff (MFIs, Banks, NGOs, Coops, Associations) and to end beneficiaries (vulnerable people, youth, people with disabilities, entrepreneurs)
- Development and/or strengthening of new delivery channels (agent networks, digital services, etc.)
- Design and launch of guarantee schemes
- Support Community Development and Women's Economic Empowerment initiatives
- Design and promote Income Generation Activities (IGAs) for vulnerable beneficiaries (women, youth, people with disabilities)
- Development and strengthening of SME Value Chains
- Training and coaching of MSEs entrepreneurs

The list is not exclusive. More topics will be included over time, based on recurrent need assessments among partners and beneficiaries.

HOW TO REGISTER

Consultants interested in a potential collaboration with the WE-RISE! project are invited to communicate their expression of interest by sending an email with a CV and/or Corporate Profile to procurement.sudan@aics.gov.it by no later than **September 18, 2022**