

Our tender reference: **IRQ 1001-TND-019**

ID number of the tender in the eTender portal: 407254

Consultant for Food Systems Assessment & Feasibility Study

1. Introduction

General Context

The Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e. V. (hereinafter also referred to as "Welthungerhilfe" or "WHH") is one of the largest private development cooperation and humanitarian aid organizations in Germany. Welthungerhilfe is a non-profit organization and is politically and denominationally independent. It fights for "Zero Hunger by 2030".

Objectives of the consultancy and expected outcomes

Iraq is among the world's most climate-vulnerable countries, with a score of 0.436 for vulnerability (ND-GAIN Index, 2025) and appearing in the bottom 40% of countries for preparedness. Iraq ranks fifth globally in vulnerability to reduced water and food availability and extreme temperatures, according to UNEP's Global Environment Outlook (GEO-6). This places Iraq on the frontline of an escalating climate crisis. Iraq's geographic and hydrological characteristics expose the country to multiple climate-related hazards, which are being intensified by climate change, including rising temperatures, declining and more variable rainfall, recurrent droughts, chronic water scarcity, increasing frequency of dust and sand storms, and heightened flood risk (NDC, 2025, IEA, 2025). These impacts are already affecting livelihoods, agricultural productivity, health, and displacement patterns, and disproportionately affect the most vulnerable and climate-exposed communities, particularly rural populations, smallholder farmers, and internally displaced people (Weathering Risk, 2025, UK MET Office, 2025).

The focus areas of the planned project are to:

- a) Train smallholder farmers and women through Farmer Business School sessions.
- b) Provide digital advisory support to enhance climate-smart agricultural practices.
- c) Strengthen market access and climate-resilient livelihoods for farming communities.
- d) Support agri-business development aligned with local market needs.
- e) Build institutional capacity of local government on food safety monitoring.
- f) Enhance knowledge and systems for effective food safety oversight.

1. Scope of Work

The service provider will do this service of findings will be used to:

- a) **Assess the project context** at micro, meso, and macro levels.
- b) **Identify relevance of the prioritized problem** to targeted populations and highlight systemic gaps in local structures and social mechanisms.
- c) **Confirm suitability of proposed interventions** to address population needs, while identifying innovative measures for sustainable impact.
- d) **Evaluate the targeting approach** to ensure activities are appropriately matched to population groups and aligned with project goals.
- e) **Assess stakeholder capacities and interest** to engage in project activities and achieve objectives.
- f) **Adapt the chosen approach** based on evidence, ensuring solutions respond effectively to target group needs.

2. Required Qualification of the (team of) consultant(s)

The proposal must clearly outline the following:

i. Understanding of the Assignment

- A brief description of the consultant's understanding of the feasibility study objectives and requirements, including a proposed start date.

ii. Proposed Approach and Methodology

- Description of the proposed approach, steps, and methodology to be applied.
- Clearly articulate any assumptions made and the expected roles/responsibilities of both WHH and the consultant.

iii. Methodology and Work Plan

- Detailed description of the methodology, data collection methods and tools to be used, and data collection approaches. Financial Proposal
- A work plan with key milestones should be included (e.g., in the form of a Gantt chart).

iv. Financial Proposal

- A detailed budget that includes breakdown of all costs and personnel fees.

v. Consultant's Experience and Expertise

- A summary of relevant qualifications and experience of each consultant (include CVs of the consulting team).
- At least two examples of previous assignments similar in nature, scope, and complexity to the current feasibility study.

3. Documents to be submitted:

Interested external service providers should submit their application through the E-tender portal eu-supply.com including the following:

- Signed and stamped this Tender Document
- Duly filled, signed, and stamped Supplier Declaration (Annex I)
- Duly filled, signed and stamped Quotation Summary (Annex II)
- Duly filled, signed and stamped References (Annex III)
- Duly filled, signed and stamped ToR Term of Reference (Annex V)
- CV of the Consultant and trainer(s) plus academic certificate (Bachelor degree, Master degree).
- Proof of professional registration and business tax identification is required.

Please read the ToR, which lists all the required documents.

4. Evaluation of submitted documents

All submitted proposals will be evaluated using the following weighted criteria:

feasibility study Criteria	Weight
Technical Proposal	45%

Financial Proposal (Price)	35%
Relevant Experience and Expertise	20%

5. Payment Terms:

Payment shall be made in **Iraqi Dinar (IQD)** currency only.

- **Payment will be made in three instalments:**
 - 1) 20% upon signing the contract and submission of the Inception Report and an Invoice.
 - 2) 70% upon submission of the first draft report, raw data collected and an invoice.
 - 3) 10% upon submission and approval of the final evaluation report and all deliverables as stated in section 5 of this TOR.
- Penalties may apply in cases of delayed submission, in accordance with the contractual terms agreed between WHH Iraq and the consultant.

6. Participation:

Interested service providers must submit their documents via Welthungerhilfe's electronic tender portal. Bids that reach us by other methods cannot be evaluated.

To participate in this tender, you must register in the tender portal. The one-time registration allows you to participate in all tenders of Welthungerhilfe. Registration is free of charge for participating companies and individuals. The bid must be submitted exclusively on this platform. For more information on how to register in the tender portal and how to navigate through the portal, please see our Quick Guide:

➔ [Welthungerhilfe_Quick_Guide.pdf \(eu-supply.com\)](#)

7. Bid opening, examination, and evaluation of the bids

In the public procedure WHH will sift and evaluate incoming offers. The selection of a contracting party shall not be made solely on the basis of the lowest bid price, but on the basis of the best overall price-performance ratio.

8. Communication:

All communication, including questions and answers, will be handled through the tender portal. Questions about the tender must be written in English and submitted in the tender portal via the

"Own tender - bidder questions and answers" module. By clicking on "Submit bidder question", you can ask a question that will be sent to the awarding authority. Questions require a subject and a worded, non-personalized question that can then be submitted to the Procurement Office. Questions submitted by other means cannot be answered.

9. Expected date of the start of the tender:

Deadlines for submitting and responding to questions can be found on the tender portal. The deadline for submission of tenders can also be found on the tender portal.

10. Validity of the bid

All bidders are bound by the prices of their bids for at least 60 calendar days after the closing date of the tender. The bidder can only withdraw his bid within the bidding period by written declaration.

11. Language

The procedure, the preparation of the offer and the execution of the contract shall be carried out in English.

12. Currency

All prices shall be quoted in Iraqi Dinar (IQD).

13. Confidentiality

Welthungerhilfe will send tender documents to the service provider in this connection. Confidential information about Welthungerhilfe may be passed on to the service provider on the occasion of the sending of the tender documents and the subsequent discussions as well as the conclusion of the contract. Against this background, both parties agree: (1) The service provider undertakes to treat all confidential information received from Welthungerhilfe in connection with the invitation to tender and the discussions as strictly confidential, including vis-à-vis third parties. (2) Upon termination of the contract, both parties undertake to return all documents made available to the other party without being requested to do so.

14. Confidentiality

The contracting authority (WHH) will send the external service provider tender documents in this connection. On the occasion of the sending of the tender documents and any subsequent discussions as well as the conclusion of a contract, confidential information about the contracting authority may be disclosed to the partner. Against this background, the parties agree on the following:

Each party undertakes to treat all confidential information which it receives from the other party in the context of the tender and any discussions in strict confidence, including vis-à-vis third parties.

This agreement shall enter into force upon receipt of the tender documents and shall continue to apply for the duration of the discussions, any future cooperation and for a period of two years after termination of the discussions or cooperation. Upon termination of the agreement, the parties undertake to return any documents disclosed to the other party without request.

15. Awarding authority and contracting entity:

Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e. V.

Erbil, Iraq

The tender is also valid without a handwritten signature.

