

## Basic Services Fund

### Third Call for Proposal

- Joint BSF Steering Committee and IMAC Meeting, Juba, 10 December
- Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Government of South Sudan

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## Joint SC-IMAC Meeting – Agenda

- Welcome by Chair
- Brief History of BSF and Call for Proposal Process
- Selection Process Deployed
- Results and Recommendations
- Discussion and Conclusion

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### BSF Third Call for Proposals

- Total Project Funding allocated by Steering Committee in First and Second Call: £15.6m
- Plus extensions agreed in January 2008 of £2m, brings total Project Funding to £17.6m
- First and Second Call projects funded by DFID only!
- For the Third Call, also the Dutch, the Norwegians and the Canadians have chipped in.
- Negotiations have not yet been concluded, but it is expected that approximately \$35m or £22.5m will become available for the Third Call projects
- Some reservation has to be made for extension of current health projects (estimated at £5.9m)

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### BSF Third Call for Proposals. continued

In order to receive applications from eligible organisations and come to a selection of projects to be funded, a two-stage process is applied:

- First Stage: Concept Note
- Second Stage: Full Proposal

Process started in September 2008 with a public information campaign in national media (radio, newspapers, websites), and will come to a conclusion at the end of December 2008.

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### BSF Third Call for Proposals. continued

- In total 60 concept notes were received, representing a total budget of £ 53.9m
- Majority of proposals adhered very well to the BSF core principles.
- SC meeting of 4/11/08 selected 37 organisations to submit a full proposal
- 36 organisations submitted a full proposal; 2 submitted after the deadline of 17:00 hrs, 29/11/08
- TEARFUND did not submit a proposal!

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### Selection Process. Main Principles

- Evaluation Team comprised of Mott MacDonald staff members carries out assessment of project proposals.
- Evaluation Team first undertakes Administrative Compliance check.
- Evaluation Team then undertakes Proposal Assessment (based on technical & financial criteria).

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**Selection Process, Main Principles**

- BSF Steering Committee decides on project selection; evaluation team makes recommendation based on technical and financial assessment.
- Selected organisations are invited for budget negotiations with BSF Secretariat in Juba.
- Upon successful conclusion of these negotiations, Mott MacDonald signs contracts for approved projects with organisations.

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**Selection Process Flow Chart**



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**Composition of Evaluation Team**

- One member from BSF SC + 6 Mott MacDonald staff
- Mix of experience working in Sudan + practical experience conducting evaluations and assessments for social funds and EC programs
- Mix of generalists + three sector experts, one each for education, health and water and sanitation

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**Role of Assessors**

- Attended a briefing session to acquaint themselves with specific aspects of evaluation & assessment of the BSF
- Assessed a number of proposals following the prescribed Evaluation Grid, with each project assessed by at least 3 assessors working separately & producing their own independent assessment
- Discussed and substantiated their scoring in plenary sessions of the evaluation team

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**Administrative Compliance Check**

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Was deadline respected                                     | 6. Were county support letters included                                        |
| 2. Were both hard copies (5x) as well as 1 soft copy received | 7. Were references for local partners included                                 |
| 3. Was correct application form + budget form used            | 8. Was a declaration included for not acquiring funds from alternative sources |
| 4. Was a signed partnership agreement enclosed                | 9. Was proposal within 15 page structure                                       |
| 5. Was CV of dedicated project manager attached               | 10. Was Logframe included                                                      |

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**Evaluation Grid - Summary**

1. Context and Problem Analysis	- 10 points
2. Appropriateness of Intervention	- 20 points
3. Sustainability of Intervention and Quality of Partnership	- 30 points
4. Organisational capability, experience and quality assurance arrangements	- 20 points
5. Commercial Evaluation	- 20 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>- 100 points</b>

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**Evaluation Grid, continued**

- To control for “mean” assessors and “generous” assessors, weights are accorded to each score.
- All proposals and the scoring provided are discussed in plenary meeting with all assessors
- If individual weighted scores deviate more than 20 points, assessors are requested to re-assess the proposal based on the discussion that took place.
- If a proposal scores less than 70 points, it is not recommended for funding
- Ranking is then made based on the highest scoring projects.

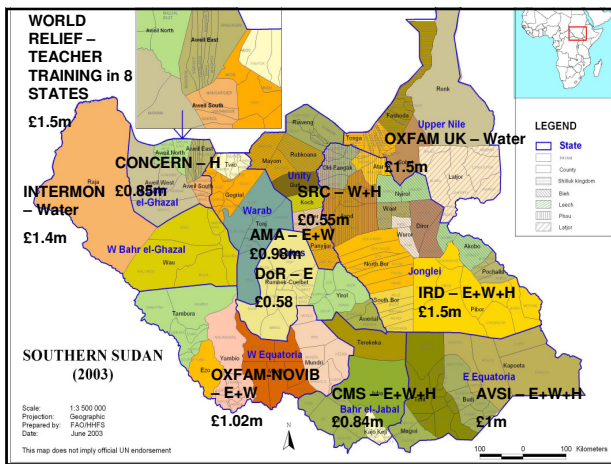
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**Evaluation Results**

- 31 proposals scored a weighted total average of more than 70 points
- Only 5 proposals were deemed technically / financially inadequate and are not recommended for funding
- Proposals are then presented by state and ranked according to weighted total average
- Map in next slide depicts the geographical distribution of the highest ranked project for each State
- 3 projects cover multiple (>4) states, and the highest ranked among these 3 is also recommended
- Total Budget requested for these 11 projects = £11.65m

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**Issues for Discussion**

- Does the Steering Committee agree with the recommendation of the evaluation team to go for an equitable geographical spread and select these 11 projects for funding?
- Probably there will be more than £17.55m available from the combined donor pool (£11.65m for new projects + £5.9m for health extensions)
- How much exactly will only be known end December
- What criteria will the Steering Committee apply to select the next best project, and the next best, etc
- Will it be based on a sectoral focus, or on the next ranked project in terms of scoring, or a combination of both?

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**List of Runner-up Projects**

1. HARD, WBG, Education, 75.2 p., £756,333
  2. WORLD VISION, WE, H+E+W, 75.9p., £1,398,150
  3. IMC, Jonglei (Akobo), H+W, 73.2p., £1,464,375
  4. MEDAIR, UN (Manyo), H+W, 78.4p., £1,430,000
  5. UMCOR, NBG (Aweil), E+W, 76.5p., £1,494,833
  6. CARITAS, EE (Kapoeta), E+W, 76.2p., £1,500,000
  7. INTERSOS, Warrap (Twic), E+H, 69.4p., £316,457
- TOTAL: £8.36m

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