



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Baseline Study Consultancy

“Net-Care: Innovation in Nursing and Palliative Care – Port Sudan”

Funded by the Generalitat Valenciana (Spain)

Issuing Organization: Foundation Mainel

Local Partners: Comboni College of Science and Technology (CCST) and Bitagdiry NGO

Location

Port Sudan, Red Sea State, Sudan

Type of Assignment

Individual consultant or consulting firm/institution

(Local consultants and organizations are strongly encouraged to apply)

Duration

Maximum 52 calendar days from contract signature

Maximum Budget

EUR 4,700

Deadline for Submission

28 May 2026

1. Background

Since the outbreak of war in Sudan on 15 April 2023, the country has experienced a severe humanitarian and institutional crisis. According to UNDP, approximately 75% of health facilities became non-operational, while universities and health institutions suffered massive displacement of students, faculty members, and health professionals.

Red Sea State, including Port Sudan, became one of the few relatively safe areas in Sudan during the conflict and temporarily served as the country’s de facto administrative capital.

The region has received large numbers of internally displaced persons (IDPs), placing enormous pressure on an already fragile health system.

The Comboni College of Science and Technology (CCST), originally based in Khartoum, relocated its activities to Port Sudan after the war. CCST currently operates nursing education activities, clinical training, and a nursing and palliative care clinic in Port Sudan.

Within this context, Fundación Mainel, together with Universitat Cat lica de Valencia, IVADE Agrupaci n Cl nica, CCST, and Bitagdiry NGO, is implementing the project:

“Net-Care: Innovation in Nursing and Palliative Care – Port Sudan”

The project aims to strengthen nursing education, palliative care services, innovation, gender equity, and sustainability in the local health system.

2. Purpose of the Consultancy

The purpose of this consultancy is to conduct the baseline study of the project in accordance with the indicators and expected results defined in the project’s Logical Framework Matrix (LFM).

The baseline study will provide the initial reference values for monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning (MEAL) throughout the project lifecycle.

The study must apply:

- Mixed-methods research
- Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA)
- Gender-sensitive and intersectional analysis
- OECD-DAC evaluation criteria
- SMART indicator validation and operationalization

3. Scope of Work

The consultant/team will be responsible for:

- Documentary review and contextual analysis
- Stakeholder mapping
- Design and validation of research methodology and tools

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- Quantitative and qualitative data collection
 - Surveys, interviews, focus groups, and direct observation
 - Baseline measurement of project indicators
 - Assessment of evaluability and logical framework coherence
 - Development of an indicator operationalization matrix
 - Data analysis and triangulation
 - Drafting and presentation of baseline reports

The study will mainly take place in:

- CCST campus in Port Sudan
- Comboni Palliative Care Nursing Clinic
- Ministry of Health - Red Sea State
- Relevant community and healthcare settings

4. Expected Deliverables

The selected consultant/team will deliver:

Deliverable 1 – Inception Report and Methodological Design

Including:

- Detailed methodology
- Data collection tools
- Stakeholder mapping plan
- Workplan and timeline

Deliverable 2 – Data Collection Tools and Databases

Final validated versions of:

- Surveys
- Interview guides



- Focus group protocols
- Digitalized databases

Deliverable 3 – Methodology Report and Evaluation Guide

Including:

- Baseline methodology
- Final evaluation guidance linked to baseline indicators

Deliverable 4 – Draft Baseline Report

Complete draft for technical review.

Deliverable 5 – Final Baseline Report

Final revised report including:

- Annexes
- Raw datasets
- Indicator operationalization matrix
- Stakeholder mapping

5. Consultant Profile

Essential Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate:

- Advanced university degree (Master's level or equivalent) in social sciences, development studies, public health, anthropology, economics, or related fields
- Proven experience in mixed-methods research
- Strong knowledge of Results-Based Management (RBM) and Logical Framework methodology
- Experience with SMART indicators and evaluability assessments
- Gender-sensitive and rights-based research experience
- Excellent analytical and report-writing skills



- Fluency in English (written and spoken)

Desirable Requirements

Preference will be given to applicants with:

- Experience in Sudan and/or Red Sea State
- Familiarity with health and education sectors
- Previous baseline, evaluation, or impact assessment experience
- Experience with NGOs or international cooperation projects
- Knowledge of digital data collection tools (KoboToolbox, ODK, SPSS, NVivo, etc.)
- Arabic and English language skills

6. Budget

The maximum available budget for this consultancy is:

EUR 4,700

The proposal must include:

- Professional fees
- Transportation
- Communication costs
- Fieldwork expenses
- Any other operational costs

Proposals exceeding this amount will not be considered.

7. Ethical Considerations

The consultant/team must adhere to:

- Informed consent procedures
- Confidentiality and data protection standards



- “Do No Harm” principles
- Gender-sensitive and culturally appropriate approaches
- Protection of vulnerable groups

8. Submission Requirements

Interested applicants must submit:

1. Technical and methodological proposal
2. Financial proposal (maximum EUR 4,700)
3. CVs of all team members
4. At least two professional references
5. Evidence of previous relevant experience

Applications must be sent by email with the subject line:

“Net-Care: Innovation in Nursing and Palliative Care – Port Sudan”

to:

- principal@combonikhartoum.com with Cc to:
- naranjoalcaide@hotmail.com
- droopylee22@gmail.com

9. Submission Deadline

Applications must be received no later than:

28 May 2026

10. Additional Documentation

The following documents are available upon request:

- Full Logical Framework Matrix (LFM)
- Narrative project description



- Diagnostic studies and formulation reports
- Organizational profiles of consortium partners
- Baseline matrix template

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.