

## **Mid Term Review, Bilateral Finland-Sudan Technical Assistance within the Framework of the Eastern Nile Watershed Management Project: Questions and answers 05.04.2013**

### Question 1:

The assignment duration defined in the ITT is April-June 2013. The procedural issues related to tendering (tender evaluation and claim period of 3 weeks) will not enable to start the assignment in April. Will this be reflected in the duration period and if so what is the deadline for report submission?

Answer: The value of the contract (max 60 000 euros) will be under EU threshold. Therefore the waiting period of three weeks is not required. We aim to sign the contract with the chosen Consultant Company during the week 18 or in the week 19. The final report has to be ready latest after 14 days after the debriefing meeting in Helsinki.

### Question 2:

It is stated that "After collecting information in Khartoum and getting a travel permit, the MTR team members will travel to the project sites". Getting the travel permits is according our information a time-consuming process. Is it assured that this is not going to delay the mission start-up and by whom the permission process is taken care of?

Answer: The project staff will help the evaluators to get the travel permits and visas. We advise, however, that a minimum of 3 days is budgeted for the team to stay in Khartoum before going to the project sites.

### Question 3:

Will the Embassy assist us in obtaining the travel documents in Khartoum necessary for travelling to the project sites of Atbara and Dinder – i.e. will there be a person responsible to help us? Do we need to budget extra days to acquire these documents? Will there be someone to provide transport?

Answer: The project staff will help the evaluators to get the travel permits. We advise, however, that a minimum of 3 days is budgeted for the team to stay in Khartoum before going to the project sites. The project will provide transport to the evaluators in Khartoum and to the project sites of Atbara and Dinder (and in the project sites).

### Question 4:

Please could you advise us if the project will provide accommodation in the project sites – namely Atbara and Dinder. If so, do we need to budget for this accommodation and will it be arranged for us?

Answer: The project will arrange accommodation to the evaluators in the project sites. The evaluators need to budget for this accommodation.

### Question 5:

Could you provide us the final report of the MTR of the whole ENWMP/CWMP that was conducted in autumn 2012?

Answer: We will not provide the final report of the MTR of the whole ENWMP/CWMP at this stage to all tenderers. We will provide the report to the chosen Consultancy Company who will conduct the MTR of the bilateral technical assistance.

### Question 6:

What level of support are the project staff able give to the evaluation team in the field? For example will they provide introductions at village level in the local communities?

Answer: The staff will provide some support such as introduction to the communities.