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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Agencies/Organisations including Research Institutions to conduct Benefit, Monitoring & Evaluation (BME) of SAF microenterprises established in the past six years (2020-2026) in the state of Kerala by Society for Assistance to Fisherwomen (SAF), Department of Fisheries, Government of Kerala.

Society for Assistance to Fisherwomen (SAF), hereinafter referred to as 'SAF', reserves the right to change or cancel the requirements at any time during the EOI. This invitation for Expression of Interest is for the conduct of impact study on SAF projects.

ABOUT SAF

SAF is an agency under the Department of Fisheries, Government of Kerala that functions towards the social and economic empowerment of fisherwomen in the state through its multifarious and integrated developmental programmes. SAF assists vulnerable coastal fisherwomen – both individuals and groups - in addressing their common challenges such as livelihood development, poverty eradication and social development. Presently, more than 1800 micro-enterprises under five major categories are sustainably functioning under SAF, generating a cumulative annual turnover of Rs. 157.83 crores.

For the effective implementation of projects, SAF presently seeks external evaluation to assess impacts and sustainability of units set up in the past six years (2020-2026) and to strengthen and grow the micro-enterprise network by providing them with effective handholding and monitoring support.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- Conduct comprehensive benefit assessment, monitoring and evaluation of SAF units established since 2020 across Kerala.
- Analyse socioeconomic impacts, sustainability, challenges and recommendations for fisherwoman's livelihoods.
- Develop blueprint for successful entrepreneurship models that can serve across all sectors based on the case studies from SAF units over the years.

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SAF invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed Agencies/Organisations including Research Institutions for conducting benefit assessment, monitoring & evaluation (BME) of SAF microenterprises established in the past six years (2020-2026) including field surveys, data analysis and reporting on a turn key basis.

ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA

Respondents must show expertise in socio-economic evaluations, fisheries/gender studies, with Kerala presence preferred.

1. Individual agency/organisation that is non profit.
2. Principal: registered entity with more than five years in research and in particular Benefit Monitoring & Evaluation of government schemes and programmes.
3. Previous experience of conducting at least three socio-economic evaluations including Benefit, Monitoring and Evaluation of entrepreneurship or similar aspects (e.g., livelihoods, microenterprises) in last 10 years.
4. Preference will be given to project evaluations done on areas pertaining to women empowerment, micro finance and women initiatives.
5. The project team deployed by the agency should comprise of competent personnel.
6. Regional/Local/Head office in Kerala (or undertaking).

SELECTION PROCESS

Stage 1: Expression of Interest (EOI). EOIs of only 'eligible consultants' will be short-listed for consideration of RFP.

Stage 2: Evaluation of Technical Proposals: The technical proposal would be evaluated on the basis of evaluation criteria finalized by SAF Executive Committee/Governing Body or by the evaluation committee formed for this purpose and agencies will be ranked and selected on the basis of their scores.

Stage 3: A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) would be signed between the two parties depending upon the requirements and terms and conditions of SAF for the commencement of BME study.

SCOPE OF WORK

The selected agency shall undertake the assignment in accordance with the objectives and requirements specified by SAF. The scope shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the following:

1. Preparation of a detailed study methodology, sampling framework, tools and implementation plan in consultation with SAF.
2. Identification and coverage of SAF micro-enterprises established during **2020–2026**, based on the beneficiary/unit database and sampling methodology approved by SAF.
3. Conducting field surveys and primary data collection from beneficiary fisherwomen, enterprise/group members and other relevant stakeholders.
4. Assessment of the socio-economic benefits and impact of SAF-supported enterprises.
5. Assessment of the effectiveness and adequacy of SAF's financial assistance, capacity building, training, handholding, monitoring, existing support mechanisms and identification of areas requiring strengthening.
6. Identification of major constraints, risks, gaps and challenges affecting the functioning and sustainability of the enterprises.
7. Conducting case studies on enterprises to identify factors contributing to success or failure.
8. Preparation of recommendations for improving the functioning of enterprises.
9. Submission of periodic progress updates and presentation of interim findings to SAF, as required.
10. Preparation and submission of a comprehensive final BME/Impact Assessment Report containing findings, analysis, conclusions, recommendations, case studies and an actionable way-forward plan.

SCHEDULE

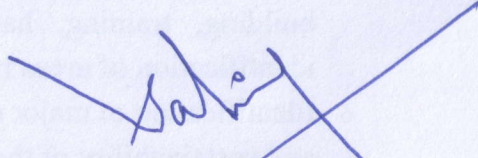
Inviting EOI	29/08/2026
Last date for the receipt of EOI	15/09/2026
Declaration of result	25/09/2026
Tentative beginning of BME	01/10/2026

FORMAT OF EOI RESPONSE

1. Forwarding letter from head of Institution
2. Technical proposal/methodology, with budget and timeline
3. Eligibility proofs (registration, past reports, financials)
4. Detailed profile of the organization and past experience of similar projects.
5. Technical Proposal document – The technical proposal should detail the proposed methodology, rationale, activities, deliverables, manpower, budget and any other relevant information in this regard. The technical proposal should not exceed fifteen pages excluding the details of the applying agency.

Interested parties may submit their EOI to SAF Administrative Office, Fisheries Training Centre, U.C College P.O, East Kadungallore, Aluva-683102, Ph:0484-2607643, Email: saf4help@gmail.com, on or before 15/09/2026.




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