

Annex A: Scope of Work (SOW)

Construction of Aggregation Hub in Faida Sub-District, Sumel District, Duhok, Iraq

Agriculture is the main source of livelihood for over 70% of the rural and peri-urban population in Iraq including the Duhok governorate. However, the agriculture and agribusiness sectors remain unprofitable for many Iraqis and refugee smallholder farmers and MSMEs. This is attributed to low farm-level productivity and yields, weak agricultural value chains, challenging business environment, and use of environmentally unsustainable agricultural practices. Additionally, the adverse effects of climate change have presented formidable hurdles to Iraq's agricultural productivity. Droughts, water scarcity, and erratic weather patterns have disrupted traditional farming practices and reduced crop yields. This environmental instability has made it increasingly challenging for Iraq to sustain its agricultural self-sufficiency.

The project, aims to address the challenges faced by agricultural sectors in Iraq's Duhok governorate, particularly focusing on improving productivity, strengthening value chains, and enhancing economic opportunities for farmers, MSMEs, and displaced populations. Central to this effort is the construction of an aggregation hub, which will play a pivotal role in reorganizing the supply and demand sides of the agricultural market system. By providing a centralized facility for storing and aggregating quality products, the aggregation hub will enable farmer alliances to meet buyer requirements consistently, fostering sustainable business relationships and enhancing the competitiveness of agricultural enterprises. Moreover, the hub will facilitate easier access to markets, promote information sharing, and rebalance bargaining power among all actors in the value chain. Ultimately, the construction of the aggregation hub is expected to contribute significantly to the economic inclusion and development of the agri-food value chain in the Dohuk governorate, empowering local communities and fostering resilience in the face of economic and environmental challenges.

The work includes:

- **Civil works (Site preparation, Excavation, Backfilling, Reinforced Concrete for Foundation, Concrete for floor and Epoxy floor food grade, Plastering, Painting, Concrete blocks work under DPC, etc.)**
- **Construction of WASH facilities and sanitation system.**
- **Construction of Cooling rooms (two rooms with dimensions 3x4m).**
- **Steel Frame Works including shade and its accessories.**
- **Maintenance and repair of the fence.**
- **Electrical system (cabling, exhaust fans, electrical boards, AC units, and CCTV camera).**

No	Item/s to be Supplied	Description/ Specifications of Goods	Related Services	Implementation Duration
1	Following the items' description in the BOQ and technical drawings	As per BOQ	As per BOQ	216-264 calendar days

Site Visit Venue: Mandatory

- **Location:** Seed purification plant/ DoA
- **GPS:** 36°44'41.5"N 42°56'33.0"E
- **Date:** as indicated in the tender's cover letter.