**Terms of Reference for the consultant on development of guidebook and module on “Storage and preservation of foods”**

**Background**

USAID Advancing Nutrition is the Agency’s flagship multi-sectoral nutrition project, led by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI), and a diverse group of experienced partners. Launched in September 2018, USAID Advancing Nutrition implements nutrition interventions across sectors and disciplines for USAID and its partners. The project’s multi-sectoral approach draws together global nutrition experience to design, implement and evaluate programs that address the root causes of malnutrition. Committed to using a systems approach, USAID Advancing Nutrition strives to sustain positive outcomes by building local capacity, supporting behavior change and strengthening the enabling environment to save lives, improve health, build resilience, increase economic productivity and advance development.

USAID Advancing Nutrition (USAID AN) will work to improve the nutritional status of women of reproductive age (ages 15-49) and children under 5 in the Kyrgyz Republic, with a specific focus on the 1,000-day Window of Opportunity.

USAID AN project under its work plan has an activity on reviewing and revising available food storage and preservation materials

The previous USAID SPRING project produced a booklet on best practices for home-based food preservation and storage techniques for foods rich in vitamin A, vitamin C, iron, and zinc to help enhance access to a diverse diet, especially during the winter months when fresh fruit and vegetables can be challenging to find in the marketplace. USAID Advancing Nutrition will review and revise the storage and preservation guide, based on learnings from and relevant global learnings.

**Purpose and assignments of services:**

USAID AN project is seeking services to provide research and consultancy services in revision of all available materials on “Food storage and preservation”, update of SPRING Food Storage Booklet, and support USAID AN SBC Specialist in development of training module “Food storage and preservation” for community activists.

**Service is required for:**

* Conduct desk review on food storage and preservation at national and international level;
* Review of all available materials on food storage and preservation with related key actors and stakeholders;
* Collecting all ideas and resources for the development of booklet (August 30 2020);
* Lead delivery of meeting on revision of storage and preservation food materials with related key actors and stakeholders;
* Based on SPRING Food Storage Booklet, [ttps://www.spring-nutrition.org/publications/tools/food-storage-guidebook](https://www.spring-nutrition.org/publications/tools/food-storage-guidebook) development of an updated storage and preservation booklet for the dissemination among communities and households.
* Provide support to the USAID AN SBC Specialist in development of a module for community activists with key messages and techniques demonstration usable at the household level.

**Requirements and obligations of authorized representatives:**

* USAID AN staff, the project’s SBC Specialist will acknowledge the selected Contractor with the project’s work and will coordinate the delivery of meeting on revision of storage and preservation food materials, including conducting of training of trainers with training materials and agenda, and all required logistics.

**Deliverables & deadlines:**

* Mapping of actors and stakeholders in food storage and preservation area, creation of online working group on revision of materials - August 30, 2020;
* First draft of the revised booklet - September 30, 2020
* Final version of revised booklet - October 30, 2020
* Support AN staff in development of the Module on “Storage and preservation of foods” for community mobilizers of USAID AN project and conducting ToT (tentatively planned as of 2021)- November, 2020.

**Consultancy Competencies, Experience and Skill Requirements:**

* University degree in sciences of agriculture, nutrition, of food technology or other relevant field;
* Experience in provision with services in development guiding or learning materials on nutrition, food storage and etc.
* Excellent communication and written skills in Russian and Kyrgyz would be an asset;

**Each applicant (individual) should provide the following information:**

* CV;
* Provision with list of delivered researches, publications and references.

**Intellectual property**

All information pertaining to the project (documentary, video, audio, etc.) and produced products under this contract will remain the property of USAID Advancing Nutrition project that will have exclusive rights over their use.