

Call for Proposals

For over 90 years, Save the Children has been making a difference in children's lives in more than 120 countries. We are the world's largest independent child rights organization, underpinned by a vision in a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation. Our mission is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Save the Children is an organization for talented people with different backgrounds and perspectives. We are proud that our people are representative of the children we work with and we thrive on our diversity. We are an equal opportunity organization dedicated to our core values of Accountability, Ambition, Collaboration, Creativity and Integrity. Our culture is embedded in these values, along with a strong commitment to our Child Safeguarding Protocol, ensuring that all representatives of Save the Children demonstrate the highest standards of behavior towards children both in their private and professional lives.

Save the Children is currently looking for a consultant for the following consultancy:

Title: In-depth analysis on Investment in Children in Rwanda

Consultancy Objective

The general objective of this consultancy is to produce an analytical report that discusses progress and challenges regarding investment in children at national and local levels. The report should clearly articulate concrete recommendations on how the government of Rwanda can improve the quantity and quality of public spending on children. Furthermore, it should also provide recommendations to Save the Children and other stakeholders on the areas to focus on in order to engage effectively with investment in children issues.

The study will focus on three main issues:

- Fiscal space and financing of child focused programmes;
- Trends in public spending on child focused sectors especially social protection, education, health, child protection and other relevant sectors and;
- Transparency, accountability and equity in public spending.

In all this, primacy should be given to analysis of spending on ECCD, education, nutrition, maternal and newborn health, child protection and child sensitive social protection.

Scope of Work and Methodology

The consultant shall ensure that the key elements of the Study methodology include:

- a) Comprehensive survey of primary data on child related allocation and expenditure from the national government budgets and expenditure reports. Some of the indicators to be tracked include:
 - Public spending on primary education
 - Public spending on early childhood education
 - Public spending on Technical Vocational and Educational Training (TVET) Programmes targeting children
 - Public spending on social assistance to children

- Public spending on interventions that are aimed at addressing child protection issues such as children in contact with the law, children without appropriate care, child abuse – including sexual and gender based violence
 - Public spending on child nutrition, immunization, health workers and maternal health care
 - Public spending on independent human rights institutions for children
 - Public spending on child rights coordination mechanism
 - Public spending on national data collection system on children
- b) Review of primary and secondary data on 1) resource mobilization trends, 2) public spending patterns on child rights and 3) participation, transparency and accountability 4) equity of public spending;
- c) Conducting interviews with key informants in civil society and government and also with relevant inter-governmental organizations such as UNICEF, ILO, World Bank and the International Monetary Fund on the areas highlighted in (b) above.
- d) Conducting focus group discussions with child led organizations.
- e) Review of the national infrastructure for children and provide a brief overview.

Deliverables and Timeframe

The consultant is expected to produce the following key deliverables:

- a) A 40-50 page report within 3 months after signing the contract. This includes time to incorporate comments from Save the Children.
- b) A maximum 30 slide power-point presentation with key findings and recommendations
- c) Participate in a validation workshop for the in-depth analysis of the report and share the findings of the study.

Key selection criteria

- Preferable a Master's degree in economics, education, political science or business studies
- Proven experience in public finance including issues of fiscal policy and budgeting
- Have produced publishable materials in the area of budgeting, financing, development, Child health, Child rights and education
- Knowledge of Rwanda political economy and child rights situation
- Thorough knowledge of Rwanda's child related policies
- Proven competence in conducting similar researches/ tasks

Application Specifications

Candidates interested in the position will be expected to provide the following documentation:

- Detailed response to the ToR, with specific focus addressing the scope of work, timeline, and methodology to be used
- Initial work plan based on methodology outlined, and availability of applicant
- Company profile or CV including a minimum of 3 references
- Examples of previous work
- Detailed budget breakdown based on expected daily rates and initial work plan

To register interest in this consultancy, please send the following documentation to HR-Rwanda@savethechildren.org

Applications close on 30th July 2014.

***Note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**