TERMS OF REFERENCE

Review on the Status of Implementation of the ACERWC’s Concluding Observations on Kenya’s Second and Third Periodic Reports.

1. Introduction


The ACERWC considered Kenya’s second and third periodic report during its 35th Ordinary session held on 23rd March – 2nd April 2020. Thereafter, the Committee issued the concluding observations in November 2020.

2. About the consultancy

As a State Party to the ACRWC, the GoK is obligated to implement the Committee’s concluding observations. Instructively, under the ACRWC, Kenya is expected to submit its next periodic report in 2024. As such, the Eastern Africa Children Rights Network (EACRN), in collaboration with the Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP) are seeking to engage a consultant to undertake a review on the status of implementation of the ACERWC’s concluding observations on Kenya’s second and third periodic report. The consultant will first undertake a desk review of national and county level child rights policies, legislation, regulations and programs then conduct Key informant interviews with both state and non-state actors to determine the extent of implementation of the concluding observations.

3. About the Implementing Organizations

i. Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP)

The Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP) is a Pan African network of organizations operating at grassroots, national and regional levels with a
commitment to promoting and strengthening social contract between states and citizens. To achieve this, the APSP promotes active engagement of National platforms in the shaping of Social Protection policies, programmes and practices in Africa. As a network of CSO’s, referred to as Platforms, we engage, interact, support stakeholders that include government, CSOs and partners to develop Social Protection policies, strategies and programmes that reduce poverty and vulnerability. APSP envisions an African Continent free from poverty and vulnerability. The APSP’s core business is to push the agenda for Social Protection across the African continent. APSP’s programmes include: citizen engagement, Legal & policy advocacy, child sensitive social protection, our work with East African Community (EAC) and the African Union (AU), social accountability and Research.

ii. **Eastern Africa Child Rights Network (EACRN)**

The Eastern Africa Child Rights Network (EACRN) was established in March 2014 to coordinate efforts by Civil Society Organizations in Eastern Africa in advocating for child rights. Presently, the network’s membership constitutes of national child rights coalitions from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Madagascar, Burundi, Sudan, Somaliland and South Sudan. The network’s mandate is to implement programmes that are focused on the realization of child rights as contained in the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC) and the United Nations Convention on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (UNCRC).

The objective of EACRN is to accelerate progress in advocacy on child rights by national coalitions within a smaller context that will then be fed in to the processes of the Eastern Africa regional network. The advancement of the child rights agenda through the EACRN is to be achieved through engagement with governments, regional bodies and other stakeholders working around children issues both nationally, regionally and internationally. This, the network seeks to achieve through capacity building of national CSO coalitions and promoting information sharing among network members.

4. **Objectives of the Review**

The specific objectives of the review are:

i. To assess the level of implementation of the ACERWC concluding observations and recommendations by the GoK

ii. To identify actions and programmes including laws enacted, frameworks and tools developed by the GoK towards the implementation of the concluding observations

iii. To identify barriers and gaps including human resources capacity in GoK’s implementation of the concluding observations
iv. Make recommendations to inform policy, programs and areas for advocacy on the implementation of ACERWC recommendations for the 2nd and 3rd report.

5. Deliverables

It is expected that the consultant will:

a) Submit an inception report & financial proposal on the assignment, including an activity schedule of the tasks
b) Develop a data/information collection tool in order to provide a framework for the organization of findings of the desk review and the Key Informant Interviews.
c) Submit a draft report and fact sheet on the status of implementation of the ACERWC’s concluding observations on Kenya’s second and third periodic report.
d) Facilitate a one-day stakeholder workshop to discuss the draft report and garner stakeholders’ input.
e) Submit a final report and factsheet on the status of implementation of the ACERWC’s concluding observations on Kenya’s second and third periodic report.

6. Timelines

The assignment shall be completed in **60 working days** after the signing of the contract.

7. Qualifications

a) Must at least have a Master’s degree in social sciences or any relevant field;
b) Concrete evidence and experience undertaking of similar work;
c) High level policy expertise with evidence of experience in children rights programming;
d) Experience in engaging and reporting to treaty bodies and particularly the ACERWC;
e) Proven experience in producing analytical reports in the area of children’s rights;
f) Knowledge of international and regional conventions and treaties regarding children’s rights.

The applications (including a financial proposal) should be submitted to secretariat@eacrn.net and copy in info@africapsp.org not later than Thursday, July 27th, 2023 at 4:00pm EAT. The subject of the application should read ‘Consultancy: Review on the Status of Implementation of the ACERWC’s Concluding Observations on Kenya’s Second and Third Periodic Report.’ and should be addressed to:
The Executive Director,
The Eastern Africa Child Rights Network
P.O. Box 44494-00100
Nairobi, Kenya.

Only e-mail applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered and only successful candidates will be contacted.

Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.