



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT EXIST TO STRENGTHEN CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEMS IN KENYA, RWANDA & LESOTHO WITH A FOCUS ON CHILD SENSITIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION.

BACKGROUND

Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP) is a pan African based CSO with a secretariat based in Nairobi Kenya and works with a network of organizations/Platforms in 27 Countries in Africa. The APSP in collaboration with Save the Children International (SCI) is implementing a capacity strengthening programme. The goal is, the APSP advocates, hold states to account and support the fulfilment of Child Sensitive Social Protection (CSSP) in Kenya, Rwanda and Lesotho.

In 2021, the APSP conducted a study on Social Protection Interventions Targeting Children in East and Southern Africa During COVID-19: Cases from Selected Countries. The study found out that due to school closures and loss of livelihoods by parents /guardians, child protection concerns increased. The research aims to identify gaps and opportunities that exist to strengthen child protection systems in Kenya, Rwanda and Lesotho with a focus on CSSP. This will facilitate an understanding of the gaps and inform appropriate planning and response of child protection concerns. This will also enable the identification of emerging opportunities, document good practices and lessons and make recommendations to inform programs and policies.

SCOPE OF WORK

The consultant will, on behalf of APSP

1. Undertake a comprehensive literature review using secondary data sources to identify gaps and opportunities to strengthen Child Protection systems in Kenya, Rwanda and Lesotho with a focus on CSSP.
2. Document good practices and lessons for scale up
3. Come up with key recommendations to inform programming and policy
4. Write a comprehensive report, free from jargons, with professional citation and referencing of not less than 30 pages.

The study will be home-based; no travel is anticipated.

DELIVERABLES

1. An inception report on the assignment, including an activity schedule, and methodology to achieve the specific tasks above.
2. A draft report for review on the gaps and emerging opportunities that exist to strengthen Child Protection systems in Kenya, Rwanda and Lesotho with a focus on CSSP which includes best practices on child-sensitive social protection and Child protection and recommendations to inform programming and policy.
3. Draft technical briefs of two pages per country
4. Final report and technical briefs incorporating feedback from APSP

CONSULTANT'S PROFILE

- Advanced university degree in social sciences, public policy, development studies, or any other related discipline relevant to this assignment.
- Proven experience in research in Social protection and Child Protection of at least five years.
- Technical understanding of child poverty, child rights - social protection and child protection is desirable.
- Evidence of publications in social protection or related area.
- Excellent Report writing skills.

APPLICATION

Interested candidates should apply by sending their CV, a proposal containing both technical and financial aspects in USD based on the specific tasks as outlined above to info2@africapsp.org.

*Please submit your application by **July 26, 2024**.*