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Terms of Reference

Position	External Evaluation Consultant to perform external evaluation for the TACA-Together against Child Abuse project.
Code of recruitment procedure	TACA-007
Project / Programme title	“Together Against Child Abuse”(TACA)
Activity code and name	External evaluation
No. of working days	20 working days
Period of engagement	01.10.2022-30.11.2022

Purpose of the consultancy

The main goal of this consultancy is to provide expertise for evaluation of “Together Against Child abuse”, Project. The Evaluation is intended to assess the relevance, performance, management arrangements and success of the project. The Evaluation also identifies/documents lessons learned and makes recommendations that project partners and stakeholders might use to improve the design and implementation of other related projects and programs.

Project/Programme Description

Kosovo Education Center in partnership with the FIT, is implementing the project "Together Against Child abuse " funded by the European Union Office.


The overall objective of this project is to ensure that all children are treated with full respect for their dignity and rights by promoting abuse-free environment in Kosovo schools. The aim of the project is to protect school children from abuse and minimize the effects of abuse experience by improving individual and institutional capacities for abuse prevention and support to victims.

Project results

1. Improved capacity of schools and responsible authorities to deal with abuse-related risks.
2. Improved ability of pupils, teachers and parents to prevent child abuse in schools and respond to abuse in an appropriate way.
3. Increased sensitivity of the general public to the child abuse problem.

Project activities

- 1.1 Build capacity of targeted municipalities authorities and schools to deal with cases of child abuse;
- 1.2 Support municipal authorities to establish an efficient system of responding to the abuse in targeted schools;
- 1.3 Provide awards and recognition to schools modelling exemplary abuse-free environments;
- 2.1 Develop e-learning courses on abuse prevention and response to abuse for pupils, teachers and parents by piloting them in targeted municipalities;

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2.2 Provide courses on abuse prevention and response to abuse through e-learning platform to pupils,

teachers and parents all over Kosovo;

3.1 Organize social campaigns to raise public awareness of abuse-related risks and disseminate

information on good practices;

3.2 Organize a national conference on abuse prevention as final event of the project

To meet the needs of the project, an expert will be involved in drafting external final evaluation. The evaluator will be expected to develop a methodology in line with the Terms of Reference.

Scope and Timing

The evaluation will cover the whole period of project implementation from the beginning until the end.

Detailed description of the tasks

Preparation (Home office – during period 01 October – 15 October):

- Collection of and acquaintance with the project document, project progress reports and other relevant project-related materials;
- Designing the detailed evaluation scope and methodology (including the methods for data collection and analysis);
- Communication with the Project Manager to clarify any other matters.

Field work (15 October-05 November 2022):

- Meetings with field coordinators
- Meetings with beneficiary representative
- Visit schools who benefited

Elaboration of the draft report (2nd week of November):


- Additional desk review
- Completion of the draft report
- Presentation of draft report for comments and suggestions

Elaboration of the final report (15th to 30th of November 2022):

- Incorporation of comments and additional findings into the draft report
- Finalization of the report

Expected outputs

One of the key questions to be answered by the evaluation is “to what extent municipality representatives, teachers, parents and educational authorities recognize the importance of child abuse and protection”. The main focus of evaluation will be on the following four categories:

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Effectiveness: To what extent the project objectives have been achieved and what are the major factors influencing achievement or non-achievement.

Relevance: How useful was the project to the target groups and to addressing the problems and constraints related to the topic.

Sustainability: Evaluating whether the project results are going to be in place after termination of the project and how well the project was implemented in its institutional surroundings?

Processes: How sufficient the process flows were working, and how could they work better.

The Report should:

- **Contain an executive summary (mandatory);**
- **Be analytical in nature (both quantitative and qualitative);**
- **Be structured around issues and related findings/lessons learnt;**
- **Include conclusions;**
- **Include recommendations.**

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree, preferably a Master's degree, in social sciences;
- Profound knowledge and experience in the field of child rights and social inclusion;
- Substantial knowledge of the Kosovo education system;
- Experience especially in evaluation of projects funded by the European Union (EU), or other donors;
- Advanced writing skills and experience in delivering written research summaries and other analysis and reports;
- Advanced proficiency in the Albanian and English language;
- The evaluator must not have been involved in the design or implementation of the TACA Project.

Reporting

The consultant reports to the Project Manager.

The total duration of the evaluation will be 20 days within the period from 01 October - 30 November 2022, according to the detailed description of the tasks.