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INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILD FRIENDLY VERSION OF CONTINENTAL STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN AFRICA

i. Background

1. The phenomenon of climate change is one of the most pressing existential threats to human beings. It has been recognized for decades that the climate of the earth is changing at an alarming rate, with devastating consequences for life forms on the planet. From toxic air pollution and chemicals to an unprecedented global biodiversity loss, environmental exposures pose grave and systemic threats to collective and individual human rights including the rights of the child.
2. Climate change has disproportionate impact on least developed and developing countries, in which most African countries fall in to. This is, among other things, due to relatively limited capacity to respond to climate change and high reliance on land and water resources for survival. Various African countries already face a problem of water scarcity with millions of children living in areas of high or extremely high-water scarcity.
3. Combined with issues on constrained access to clean drinking water, energy security and resources are always associated with increased diseases such as diarrheas, malaria with increase temperature, reduction in the quantity and quality of food (food insecurity), flood related fatality rates, mental health because of post disaster trauma, limited access to education, and forced migration.
4. It is furthermore concerning that children are at an even higher level of vulnerability to the impacts of climate change due to their growing bodies and developing minds. According to WHO children under 5 years of age bear the highest burden of disease as a result of climate change and that under nutrition, malaria and certain types of cancer that affect children the most are exacerbated by climate change and are expected to increase considerably due to global warming.
5. Climate change has an impact on various rights recognized in the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (the African Children's Charter/ the Charter), including the best interests of the child, the right to survival and development, the right to health and welfare and its consequential impact on the right to education, protection from harmful practices, non-discrimination and protection from violence and abuse and protection of children on the move.



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6. Due to the urgency of the impact of Climate Change on Children's Rights in Africa and response to the challenges brought by this phenomenon, the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) with the support of Save the Children decided conducting a continental study on the impact of climate change on children's rights in Africa.
7. During its 45th Ordinary Session, the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child officially launched the Continental Study on the Impact of Climate Change on Children's Rights in Africa.
8. Recognizing the importance of child participation and the right of children to access information that affects them, there is a need to develop a child-friendly version of the study. This version is expected to be simple, age-appropriate, and engaging content that children can understand easily.

ii. **Purpose**

To develop a child-friendly version of the Continental Study on the Impact of Climate Change on Children's Rights in Africa to make the study's content accessible and understandable to children, thereby promoting their awareness of climate change and its effects on their rights and empowering them to participate meaningfully in advocacy and decision-making processes.

iii. **Objectives**

The main objective of the consultant is to develop a Child Friendly Continental Study on the Impact of Climate Change on Children's Rights in Africa. The specific objective is as follows.

- To analyze the key findings and recommendations of continental study into clear, concise, and age-appropriate content suitable for children across different age groups.
- To design and produce an engaging and interactive child-friendly document using child-sensitive language, illustrations, and format.
- To ensure that the child-friendly version promotes children's understanding of their rights in the context of climate change and supports their meaningful participation in climate action and advocacy at local, national, and continental levels.

IV. **Methodology**

The consultant is expected to analyze the original study and related documents to identify key messages and child-relevant content. Interviews and key informant discussions will be carried out by the Consultant with diverse groups of children, CSO, and ACERWC. The consultant is also required to collaborate with child-friendly illustrators and designers to produce an engaging layout using child-accessible fonts, visuals, and page structure. The consultant must consider the Nine Basic Requirements for Meaningful and Ethical Child Participation.



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V. Child Safeguarding

The consultant must adhere to the child safeguarding policy of Save the Children ensuring that all interactions with children during this consultancy—whether direct or indirect—are safe, respectful, and uphold children's rights and dignity. The consultant shall undergo child safeguarding orientation if required and sign a child safeguarding declaration.

Vi. Expected Deliverables

- A detailed Inception Report outlining the work plan, and proposed structure.
- First Draft – simplified, age-appropriate version of the study with visuals.
- Validation Report – summary of feedback from children and stakeholders.
- Final Child-Friendly Version commented collected, revised, designed, and publication-ready document.
- Presentation of the document on various platforms.

Vii. Qualification and experience

- Advanced university degree in Law, International Environmental Law, Human Rights, Child Rights, or a related technical field.
- Minimum 10 years of demonstrated work experience with issues related to climate change/ environment and children's rights/ human rights or related field, in the African context.
- Demonstrated knowledge with environmental issues affecting children's rights and welfare.
- Good knowledge and understanding of the African Human Rights System, specifically the African Children's Charter as well as the ACERWC.
- Fluency in English, excellent writing and analytical skills.
- Extensive experience in translating documents and research findings into child-friendly formats.

Viii. Duration

The estimated duration of the consultancy is a maximum **40 calendar** days. Even less of the specified date is welcomed.

IX. Renumeration

Consultancy fees will be paid at the daily rate to be negotiated with the selected consultant. Payment will be made in two instalments. The 1st instalment, which is 30% of the contract amount, will be paid after submission of the first draft; and the 2nd and final payment, which is 70% will be paid at the end of the agreed period upon submission of the expected deliverables.



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X. Application Deadline

Save the Children Africa Union Liaison and Pan Africa Office invite interested candidates to submit their CV, a cover letter detailing their relevant experience, and a technical proposal outlining their approach to the consultancy and a financial proposal by **June 20, 2025 at 17:00 Hours** East African Time (EAT) at the following email address enkunesh.amare@savethechildren.org.