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TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR no. 2023/0170)

Service provision for school-based health promotion activities and community-based health promotion activities in the framework of the project “Shkollat për Shëndetin”

1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

In March 2023, Save the Children started the third-year implementation of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) Project: “*Shkollat për Shëndetin*”.

The aim of the Project is to promote healthy behavioural practices and healthy lifestyle habits in the Albanian population, with a particular focus on schoolchildren (aged 6-16 years) in order to control and prevent effectively the major risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

More specifically, “*Shkollat për Shëndetin*” is intended to promote positive behavioural changes among all primary schoolchildren (aged 6-16 years) in Albania, their respective families and communities at large.

Beneficiaries of this project consist of all 9-year schools in Albania (through online interventions).

Furthermore, a nationwide representative sample of 120 schools benefits from additional onsite (in-depth) interventions, through a gradual inclusion of schools. Currently, in the third implementation year of the project, 90 schools are targeted for in-depth (onsite) interventions in the following nine regions of Albania: Kukës, Elbasan, Korçë, Lezhë, Durrës, Berat, Shkodër, Vlorë and Gjirokastrë.

Onsite (in-depth) interventions of the third-year implementation (covering the period March 2023 – February 2024) are mainly focused in 30 schools pertinent to the following three regions of Albania: Shkodër (12 schools), Vlorë (10 schools), and Gjirokastër (8 schools). In these 30 schools and their respective communities, a wide range of activities is envisaged for the third implementation year of the project aiming at promoting sustainable positive behavioural changes among children, their respective families, and communities at large.

2. AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SERVICE

Aim:

Save the Children is seeking to contract a service provider (company/NGO) capable of conducting school-based health promotion activities and community-based health promotion activities for the needs of the project “Shkollat për Shëndetin”.

Specific Objectives:

- To conduct a range of school-based health promotion activities in selected schools pertinent to the 9-year system in the following three regions of Albania: Shkodër, Vlorë, Gjirokastër:
 - School-based learning activities on cooking and preparing healthy foods, as well as physical activity classes;
 - Competitions: organisation of different competitions between schools regarding a wide range of healthy behaviours;
 - Promotion of good hygienic practices.
- To carry out an array of community-based health promotion activities in selected areas pertinent to the following three regions: Shkodër, Vlorë, Gjirokastër:
 - Supportive collaboration in healthy recreational activities like organized sports, music, etc.
- To conduct awareness raising and information sessions to transfer the “know how” for the children, teachers, other school staff, local health personnel and other local staff on health and education topics.
- To enable supportive environments in schools regarding health promotion interventions and health education activities.
- To ensure a wide reach of children aged 6-16 years in the areas targeted for in-depth interventions.

- To offer different scenarios in order to ensure that the most suitable approach is chosen (based on the local context) when is appropriate.
- To ensure timely and effective response to the current needs of beneficiaries, schools, and all relevant stakeholders at community level.
- To ensure direct participation and contribution of beneficiaries, schools and all institutions involved in project activities.
- To enable prompt feedback and valuable insights from all concerned parties and project beneficiaries.

3. APPROACH OF THE SERVICE

3.1. *The Service Provider (NGO/Company) is expected to be capable of conducting school-based health promotion activities as specified below:*

- *All school-based health promotion activities should consist of suitable approaches and sustainable models ensuring supportive environments for children to develop and apply effective life skills and positive behavioural changes.*

3.2. *The Service Provider (NGO/Company) is expected to be capable of conducting community-based health promotion activities as specified below:*

- *All the community-based activities should be coordinated with all relevant sectors and across a large number of stakeholders in the governmental sector, other state actors, non-governmental sector and also the private sector with the aim of providing synergy and foster joint action through appropriate incentives for each actor involved, to ultimately induce sustainable positive behavioural changes and healthy lifestyle practices among children, their families, and communities at large.*

3.3. *The Service Provider (Company) is expected to be capable of ensuring a wide coverage of project beneficiaries as specified below:*

- *All the interventions should aim at reaching also the most marginalized and vulnerable subgroups of children and adolescents and create a sustainable solution for their social inclusion.*
- *The service provider should consider carefully the situation of vulnerable and marginalized population subgroups and should apply meaningful approaches to ensure that children with special needs, those pertinent to Roma and Egyptian minorities, and other population subgroups left behind are included and benefit from the health promotion activities implemented in the framework of the current project.*

3.4. *The Service Provider (Company) is expected to be capable of ensuring timely and effective response to the current needs of beneficiaries as described below:*

- *All the activities should respond to the current needs of beneficiaries and other actors involved. From this perspective, the service provider should also respond to and address the implications of the ongoing pandemic and other health emergencies, thereby reshaping the approach toward healthy lifestyle choices.*

3.5. *The Service Provider (Company) is expected to be capable of ensuring direct participation and contribution of beneficiaries as described below:*

- *All the interventions should carefully consider and adequately address the principles of participation and decision-making, which are fundamental principles of good governance. From this standpoint, all the proposed interventions should consider (whenever relevant and applicable) direct participation and full involvement of pupils' governments, parent councils, curricular teams, teachers' councils, school boards, commissions of health, safety & environment of the schools.*

3.6. *The Service Provider (Company) is expected to be capable of ensuring prompt feedback and valuable insights from all concerned parties as described below:*

- *All the interventions should stimulate sharing of the ideas, feedback, opinions, and discussions of the participating schoolchildren, school staff, parents, and all other relevant actors.*
- *The service provider should consider introduction of appropriate technologies for effective and timely delivery of health promotion messages to schoolchildren, their parents, and school staff thereby increasing further their capacities, competencies and resources for promoting healthy behaviours among schoolchildren.*
- *In addition, appropriate means should be sought by the service provider in order to allow beneficiaries (schoolchildren, parents, and school staff) to communicate, share and discuss about all the envisaged activities implemented in the framework of the current project.*

4. SERVICE PERIOD

The duration of the service will be over the period: 20 November 2023 – 26 January 2024*. The service provider should ensure timely and effective response to the current needs of beneficiaries, schools, and all relevant stakeholders at community level.

The service provider (company/NGO) is required to conduct the following activities according to the respective timelines:

No.	ACTIVITY**	QUANTITY	TIMELINE		Shkodër	Vlorë	Gjirokastrë
			Begin	End	12 Schools	10 Schools	8 Schools
1.	School-based learning activities on cooking and preparing healthy foods, as well as physical activity classes	40 cooking and physical activities classes completed (20 cooking classes and 20 physical activities) in 3 regions of the project (Shkodër, Vlorë, Gjirokastrë)	20-11-2023	26-01-2023	16	14	10
2.	Competitions: organisation of different competitions between schools regarding a wide range of healthy behaviours	13 competitions implemented in 3 regions of the project (Shkodër, Vlorë, Gjirokastrë)	20-11-2023	26-01-2023	6	4	3
3.	Promotion of good hygienic practices	6 sessions on good hygienic practices conducted in three regions (Shkodër, Vlorë, Gjirokastrë)	20-11-2023	26-01-2023	2	2	2
4.	Supportive collaboration in healthy recreational activities like	4 events on healthy recreational activities like organized	20-11-2023	26-01-2023	2	1	1

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* Any changes of the timeline should be agreed with the selected service provider based on the work plan.

** The activities will be conducted in Shkodër in 12 schools (6 schools in urban areas and 6 schools in rural areas), Vlorë in 10 schools (5 schools in urban areas and 5 others in rural areas), Gjirokastër in 8 schools (5 schools in urban areas and 3 schools in rural areas). The names of the schools and the respective communities where the activities will take place will be provided by the project team in due time.

5. DELIVERABLES

It is expected from the service provider to submit the following deliverables:

DELIVERABLE TITLE	FORMAT
Cooking and physical activities classes: Pictures Original signed lists (by adults) of participants Report of the activity Questionnaires (completed) on satisfaction with the activity Pre and post tests	Cooking and physical activities classes: JPG Hard copy, excel format Electronic word document Hard copy document Hard copy document
Competition between schools: Scenario used Pictures Original signed lists (by adults) of participants Report of the activity Questionnaires (completed) on satisfaction with the activity Post tests	Competition between schools: Electronic word document JPG Hard copy, excel format Electronic word document hard copy document
Promotion of good hygienic practices: Documents used Pictures Original signed list (by adults) of participants	Promotion of good hygienic practices: Electronic word document JPG Hard copy, excel format

Report of the activity	Electronic word document
Post tests	
Supportive collaboration in healthy recreational activities:	Supportive collaboration in healthy recreational activities:
Documents used	Electronic word document
Pictures	JPG
Original signed list (by adults) of participants	Hard copy, excel format
Report of the activity	Electronic word document
Questionnaires (completed) on satisfaction with the activity	Hard copy document

6. QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE SERVICE PROVIDER

The service provider (company, or NGO) should have the following qualifications in order to address effectively and timely the specific requirements of this assignment:

- *The service provider must be a legally registered Company/NGO in Albania and comply with the country's legislation.*
- *The service provider must have proven working experience with community-based and/or school-based activities.*
- *The project manager must have adequate qualifications (at least a master degree) and proven working experience (at least 5 years) with community-based and/or school-based activities.*
- *In particular, the key health experts proposed by the service provider should have background in public health and health promotion (with a working experience of at least 5 years in these fields).*
- Also, the key health promotion experts and education experts proposed by the service provider should hold a MSc degree in Health Sciences, Social Sciences, or other relevant degrees and should have proven working experience with community-based and/or school-based activities.
- The service provider should have proven experience in project management.
- Furthermore, the service provider should have proven expertise in Albanian and English report writing.
- The service provider should have proven ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure.
- The service provider should have flexibility in responding to the needs of the contracting agency.

- All the proposed experts pertinent to the service provider should have excellent oral and written communication skills in both Albanian and English languages.

7. PROPOSAL

The *Service provider (company/NGO)* is expected to submit a proposal, including:

- Technical proposal including, at least, the following elements:
 - Proposed interventional approaches (models);
 - Comprehensiveness and coherence according to the specific objectives of this call;
 - Feasibility of the proposed interventions.
- Financial bid/proposal including the following elements:
 - Total cost for each type of activity in ALL (Albanian Lekë) as per the table provided below. The fees should be categorized based on the specified activities mentioned in the table under section 3: "Service period". The total cost should cover all costs associated with the activity.

Activity	Type of expertise proposed (name based on CV submitted)*	No of days for each Expert	Daily fee for each Expert (ALL)	Total fee per each activity (ALL)
1. School-based learning activities on cooking and preparing healthy foods, as well as physical activity classes				
2. Competitions: organisation of different competitions between schools regarding a wide range of healthy behaviours				
3. Promotion of good hygienic practices				
4. Supportive collaboration in healthy recreational activities like organized sports, music, etc.				

* For each activity, the applicant should specify the name of the key expert proposed for the activity, based on the CV submission. This will ensure evaluation of the feasibility for each activity cost.

- Overall fee for the required service (based on the quantity/volume of work specified in the table under section 3: “Service period”).
- CV of the Company/NGO, as well as CVs of all key experts proposed (*signed by each expert*), including a summary of expertise areas as per requirements of these “Terms of Reference”, demonstrating previous experience in school-based health promotion interventions and community-based activities.
- A copy of the ID cards for the designated representative of the service provider (Company/NGO) and the key experts proposed.
- Legal registration of the Company/NGO (a copy of NIPT).

8. AWARD CRITERIA

The award criteria consist of the following:

- Technical proposal: 40%
- Financial proposal: 40%
- Qualification and experience of the experts: 20%

The award criteria are specified in detail in the table below:

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	SCORE
Technical proposal	Comprehensiveness (completeness) and coherence (consistency) of the proposal	10%
	Methodology: proposed intervention approaches (models)	20%
	Feasibility and sustainability of implementation	10%
	Subtotal	40%
Financial proposal	i) Fee for each type of activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooking and physical activities classes; - Competitions; - Sessions on good hygienic practices; - Events on healthy recreational activities like organized sports, music, etc. ii) Overall fee for the required service (based on the quantity/volume of work specified in the table under section 3: “Service period”)	20%
	Financial feasibility	20%
	Subtotal	40%

CV of the applicant	<i>Company/NGO:</i> experience of the company/NGO with similar projects (in school-based interventions and/or community-based health promotion)	5%
	<i>Project Manager:</i> degrees, qualifications and experience of the proposed team leader (project manager)	5%
	<i>Experts:</i> qualification and experience of the proposed key experts (in health promotion, health education, school-based interventions and community interventions)	10%
	Subtotal	20%
TOTAL SCORE		100%

9. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY SAVE THE CHILDREN AND THE SERVICE PROVIDER

In order to respond to the objectives of assignment, the service provider is expected to work closely with the team of the project “*Shkollat për Shëndetin*” implemented by Save the Children Albania.

The project team will monitor, supervise and facilitate the service provider in every step of the process. No action will be taken without the approval of the project.

The service provider is responsible for conducting all the envisaged activities according to the requirements and timeline included in these Terms of Reference.

10. PAYMENT MODALITY

The payment will be done as lump sum after the delivery of a final report (in English and Albanian) about all the activities conducted in each of the three regions (Shkodër, Vlorë, Gjirokastër), consisting of the following:

- Completion of 40 cooking and physical activities classes;
- Completion of 13 competitions;
- Completion of 6 sessions on good hygienic practices;
- Completion of 4 events on healthy recreational activities like organized sports, music, etc.

The payment will be subject to the current Albanian legislation taxes.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS

A contract between the project implemented by Save the Children and the service provider will be established covering the activities defined in these “Terms of Reference”.

Interested service providers (companies/NGOs) should submit the applications in English in a sealed envelope no later than **16–11–2023**. Financial offer should be submitted in a separate envelope from the technical proposal and state if **VAT** is applicable for such services. On each envelope (technical proposal, and financial offer) it should be written clearly the full name of the current tender/call.

Address: The envelopes should be submitted to the following address: Please do not open!

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Late submissions: Bids submitted after the deadline will not be taken into consideration. They will not be opened and will be destroyed.

Submission of written questions about this call may be addressed to shkollat.per.shendetin@savethechildren.org, by close of business 13–11–2023. All questions will be responded by close of business 15–11–2023.