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## **TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR no. 2024/0235)**

### **Call for express of interest for Consultants in the framework of implementation of the project “Shkollat për Shëndetin”**

#### **1. Background**

In March 2021, Save the Children started the implementation of the main phase 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 6-15 years) in order to control and prevent effectively the major risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

The expected outcomes and the respective main outputs of the project are:

- i) Schoolchildren, their families and communities at large in Albania obtain the necessary skills and knowledge to prevent behavioural risk factors for NCDs and cope with health emergencies such as COVID-19.

Within Outcome 1, the schoolchildren’s knowledge of behavioural risk factors, health emergencies and environmental issues shall be increased. It is anticipated that this will translate into engagement in healthy lifestyles, good hygienic measures, and safe environmental practices. Hence, addressing children’s knowledge and skills about NCD and health emergencies prevention and coping will contribute directly to their engagement into healthy behavioural practices, good hygienic measures and safe environmental practices.

- ii) Teachers and school authorities promote healthy behaviours, proper hygienic measures, safe environment practices, and engage in setting an enabling framework in class and in school as an institution.

Within the outcome 2 the engagement of teachers and school authorities for promoting healthy behaviours among schoolchildren shall be increased. It is expected that this will also translate into schoolchildren's engagement into healthy lifestyle practices. The main outputs under outcome 2 at the policy level consist of the establishment of an effective network of local trainers and enabling of supportive environments at schools.

- iii) Central and local government promote healthy behavioural patterns, proper hygienic measures and safe environment practices in an inter-sectoral approach based on evidence and adequate standards.

Within Outcome 3, facilitation of school-based health promotion by the central and local government shall be enabled. It is expected that this will ultimately translate into schoolchildren's engagement into healthy lifestyle practices. The main outputs under outcome 3 at the policy level consist of strengthening capacities of both central and local government structures, as well as strengthening of multi-sectoral collaboration and inter-sectoral cooperation.

As per above outcomes and respective outputs, Save the Children is launching this call to expand the expression of interest, which is addressed to the national consultants with expertise in the fields of:

- Institutionalisation of the project interventions and deliverables;
- Transversal themes of the project including gender aspects, social inclusion and governance;
- Collaboration with the private sector with a clear focus on private-public partnerships;
- Law (legislation) regarding the central and local governance, as well as health and education sectors;
- Policies on healthy nutrition and development of educational modules for children and parents;
- Screening of scoliosis in children;
- Health aspects and health behavioural characteristics of school-aged children including food and nutrition, physical activity, sexual education, mental health, environmental health, control and prevention of health emergencies including COVID-19, etc.
- Methods of teaching regarding health aspects, strengthening the governmental bodies in the schools, engagement of parents and communities in the school activities.
- Psychology and work with vulnerable population groups including disabled, poor individuals, Roma and Egyptian communities, etc.
- Information, communication and technology in relation to health and education.
- Data analysis and reporting.

**The consultants of roster lists 2021, 2022 and 2023 will be included directly in the roster list 2024, thus there is no need for reapplication.**

## **2. QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE CONSULTANT**

The *Consultants* should have the following qualifications in order to address effectively and timely the needs of the project:

- Minimum MSc degree in the field of interest or related to the field of interest/expertise.
- Background and qualifications in the field of interest/expertise.
- Proven expertise in the field of interest.
- Proven expertise in report writing in both English and Albanian languages.
- Proven ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure.
- Flexibility in responding to the needs of the contracting agency.

## **3. AWARD CRITERIA**

Potential candidates will be ranked in each group, based on a result that takes into account the technical profile.

- Academic background and qualification 40%
- Proven experience in the field of interest 60%

## **4. ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS**

The selected candidates will be notified and a list of consultants will be compiled. The consultants will be hired at different time periods, according to the needs of the project “Shkollat për Shëndetin”. The enrolment of the selected candidates on the list of consultants in the respective fields does not imply commitment to consultancy.

If the selected candidate (part of Albanian public service) will be invited to perform a service, an approval letter for this service from the current employer will be required to be submitted.

Interested *consultants* should submit a letter of interest (the field/s of interest should be clearly indicated), two letters of reference from the employers of the last 10 years, a detailed CV, and a copy of ID card (in a single email) to: [shkollat.per.shendetin@savethechildren.org](mailto:shkollat.per.shendetin@savethechildren.org) by close of business 01 – 05 – 2024.