



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Child Rights in Elections Monitoring

Location: Remote/Desk Based
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Background

Dates for the 2023 Zimbabwe harmonised presidential and parliamentary elections have been confirmed for the 23rd of August and the runoff is set for the 2nd of October 2023. From the past experiences elections comes with insecurity and political uncertainty, a humanitarian crisis might unfold during the election period. Electioneering is expected to pick up pace in the runup to elections. Historically, these elections have been accompanied by violence. Whilst the atmosphere has been relatively quiet this year the risk of violence remains high based on past elections. Over the past years, build up to elections have been marked by inter -party political clashes resulting in injuries and at times deaths. The consequence of elections is likely to trigger an upsurge in human rights violations. Often, women and children feel the brunt of violence, infringing on their rights with different forms of abuse being perpetrated which include physical, sexual, exploitation, neglect and emotional abuse. This impacts on the safe development into adulthood for children with lifelong trauma.

Save the Children International (SCI) in partnership with the Zimbabwe National Council on the Welfare of Children (ZNCWC) is implementing a preparedness action in response to the evolving situation, the election and runoff, with major focus on Child Rights Governance and Child Protection. The project is aimed at ensuring children enjoy their rights to survival, development, protection and participation during critical times as elections. It is against this background that a consultant is sought to develop a child rights monitoring tool to be used in monitoring the child rights situation during elections; analyse the data provided and draft a report which will be used to inform advocacy initiatives with relevant duty bearers like ZEC, Politicians, other election focussed networks at country and regional levels.

Purpose and Objectives

Purpose: ZNCWC has in place a child rights monitoring tool for election processes monitoring

Objectives:

1. To develop the child rights monitoring toolkit (training guidance, monitoring tool)
2. To analyse the data and draft the child rights in election report.

Key questions to address in carrying out the above objectives:

Scope of Work

To facilitate this, the consultant will engage in a combination of:

- Collaboration with ZNCWC and Child Rights coalition members to draft the key pillars for the monitoring tool through a review of existing materials – resource libraries, CRINSA reports and other country reports.
- Engage through focus groups or key informant interviews with child representatives, CSOs, government departments focussed on child rights implementation and coordinating bodies of the elections.

Timeframe: an estimated four (4) weeks

NB. Consultant will be co-managed by Save the Children.

Deliverables

1. Inception report with methodology and questionnaires drafted.
2. Draft the stakeholder engagement plan.
3. Conduct consultations on the monitoring tool
4. Collate the feedback and draft the tool.
5. Share the finalised tool and train the observers for standardised understanding.
6. Analyse data
7. Share draft findings.
8. Draft the final report.
9. A PowerPoint presentation on the outcomes and recommendations

Consultant Qualifications

- Minimum 5 years' experience in civil political rights programming.
- Track record of working with diverse people across global organizations.
- Proven experience in research, evidence collection, monitoring or evaluation on children's rights, especially children's participation.
- Proven experience in strategic planning, and supporting written communications for strategic processes.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Familiarity with KOBO
- We value lived experience in addition to professional experience and encourage applications from persons from equity-seeking communities, an in particular persons who originate from the communities of children we support.

How to Apply

Send an expression of interest to E2023consultant@gmail.com that includes:

- CV(s)
- Brief description of the proposed approach/methodology to be taken for this assignment
- Illustrative workplan (no longer than 4 weeks in duration)
- One example of previous work/deliverables relevant to this scope of work
- Preliminary budget – daily all-inclusive rate (final budget to be negotiated based on final-agreed workplan)