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## TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR no. ALB 2023 0071)

**Service provider for assessment and inspection of delivery methods of the subjects covering health behaviours and for supportive supervision of teaching classes covering health topics in schools in the framework of the project “Shkollat për Shëndetin”**

### 1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

“Shkollat për Shëndetin” is a Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) project implemented by Save the Children, aiming at reducing exposure to the major risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the Albanian population in general, with a particular focus on schoolchildren.

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.

According to one of the outputs, the project aims is to provide supportive supervision in schools for the subjects (disciplines) covering health topics in general and health promotion in particular.

Also, the project aims to strengthen school capacities regarding children's health promotion engagement. The project will ensure social inclusion of the most vulnerable communities and therefore, the schools located in peri-urban and rural areas will be engaged in the project.

## **2. AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT**

### **Aim:**

Save the Children is seeking to contract a service provider (company or NGO) for conducting supportive supervision (assessment visits), as well as assessment and inspection of delivery methods of the subjects covering health behaviours and good hygienic practices in selected 9-year schools in Albania.

### **Specific Objectives:**

- To prepare a checklist (matrix) for assessment, inspection, and observation of the classes during which various health topics and health promotion topics are covered (disciplines/subjects of biology, physical and health education, civic education, as well as relevant teaching classes of schoolchildren in grades 1-5).
- To conduct assessment and supportive supervision visits for an overall observation of 90 classes (on assessment of competency-based curricula during classes on how schoolchildren are involved during the process, how they interact with the subjects/disciplines covering healthy behaviours/lifestyle and good hygienic practices) in the following three regions of Albania: Shkodër, Vlorë and Gjirokastër.
- Identification of potential gaps in effective delivery methods of biology, physical education, and civil education (i.e., subjects/disciplines covering healthy behaviours/lifestyles and good hygienic practices).
- Report on assessment visits in selected regions including recommendations on improvement of the situation based on the potential problems and gaps identified.

## **3. SCOPE OF WORK**

More specifically, the Company/NGO is expected to:

- Develop a checklist (matrix) for assessment, inspection and observation of the classes which cover different health topics and especially health promotion topics.

The assessment checklist should be compatible with the endorsed competency-based teaching curricula of the 9-year school system in Albania.

- Conduct assessment and supportive supervision visits (for an overall assessment/observation of 90 classes) with the attendance of education specialists at local and central level, health experts including health promotion specialists, nutrition experts, infectious disease specialists, and environmental health experts from the local health care units (LHCs) and other relevant institutions and agencies at local and regional level. The education specialists should assess the content, structure and format of the classes, whereas health experts should supervise teachers' work during the implementation of the teaching curriculum facilitating its successful implementation by also making recommendations and suggestions as needed/required.
- The assessment and supportive supervision visits should be conducted in selected schools targeted for in-depth interventions in the third implementation year of the project "Shkollat për Shëndetin" (pertinent to the following three regions: Shkodër, Vlorë and Gjirokastër).

#### 4. SERVICE PERIOD

The duration of the service will be over the period 10 May – 16 June 2023.

The service provider is required to proceed according to the following assignment steps:

No.	Assignment Steps*
1.	Preparatory work (10-12 May 2023): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approach and work-plan for assessment and supportive supervision visits.</li> <li>- Development of the matrix/checklist for assessment, observation and supportive supervision visits.</li> <li>- Consultative meetings with the project team and relevant stakeholders.</li> </ul>
2.	Assessment and supportive supervision visits (for an overall assessment/observation of <u>90 classes</u> ) in Shkodër, Vlorë and Gjirokastër (15 May – 14 June 2023).
3.	Submission of the final report (16 June 2023).

\* The above start date is indicative and will be agreed once the contract will be signed.

## **5. DELIVERABLES**

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

- Methodology, work-plan, and matrix/checklist of the assessment and supportive supervision visits.
- Attendance lists and photos from assessment and supervision visits in classroom environments.
- A narrative report of the assignment at the end of the service.
- The report should be in both English and Albanian languages.

## **6. QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE SERVICE PROVIDER**

The service provider (company/NGO) and its key experts proposed should have the following experience and qualifications in order to address effectively and timely the specific requirements of this assignment:

- Previous working experience in the education system and/or health system (particularly, in health promotion).
- Previous experience in similar assignments (assessment and supportive supervision visits) in education system in Albania regarding the assessment of teaching classes for subjects covering health topics in general and health promotion in particular (covered in the disciplines of biology, physical and health education, and civic education).
- The key experts proposed for assessment and supportive supervision visits should hold a minimum MSc degree in Health Sciences or other relevant degrees.
- The key experts proposed should have background and qualifications in similar assignments and inspection of schools.
- The key experts proposed should have proven expertise in conducting reports of inspection based in the methodology of learning in the subjects of biology, civic education, physical and health education.
- The service provider should have proven expertise in 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 experts proposed should have excellent oral and written communication skills in Albanian and English.

## 7. PROPOSAL

The *Company/NGO* is expected to submit a proposal, including:

- Technical proposal including the approach, proposed work-plan, timeline, and other relevant elements.
- Financial bid/proposal: fee of the assessment and supportive supervision visits in ALL (Albanian Lekë), including taxes according to the Albanian legislation for all services provided. Kindly indicate if *Company/NGO* is subject to VAT or not. The service provider should issue invoices as per government instructions.
- CV of the service provider (*company/NGO*) and the proposed key experts, including a summary of expertise areas as per requirements of these “Terms of Reference”, demonstrating previous experience in similar assignments (assessment and supportive supervision visits) in 9-year schools regarding the assessment of teaching classes for selected subjects (disciplines) covering health topics in general and health promotion in particular.
- A copy of NIPT of the service provider and ID card of the representative.

## 8. AWARD CRITERIA

The award criteria consist of the following:

- Technical proposal: 40%
- Financial proposal: 40%:
- Qualification and experience of the *Company/NGO* and qualification of the key experts: 20%

## 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 closely work 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 the assessments in schools and supportive supervision visits, according to the requirements and timeline included in these Terms of Reference.

## **10. PAYMENT MODALITY**

The payment will be done as a *lump sum* after the delivery of a final report (in English and Albanian languages). The report should include concrete recommendations which will support the methodologies of teaching and learning for the current and the future academic years in Albania.

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 Company/NGO will be established covering the activities defined in these “Terms of Reference”.

Interested Companies/NGOs should submit a technical proposal (approach, work-plan, and other relevant details), the financial proposal, CVs of the proposed key experts and the Company/NGO, and a copy of ID of the representative (in a single email) to: [shkollat.per.shendetin@savethechildren.org](mailto:shkollat.per.shendetin@savethechildren.org), by close of business **05-05-2023**.

Submission of written questions about this call may be addressed to [shkollat.per.shendetin@savethechildren.org](mailto:shkollat.per.shendetin@savethechildren.org), by close of business 27-04-2023. All questions will be responded by close of business 02-05-2023.