

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Request for expert on conducting an impact assessment of the health care service among the afghan population on the coast of Shengjin/Lezhe

1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Save the Children is the leading global independent organisation for children. Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. Around the world, we work every day to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. We ensure children's unique needs are met and their voices are heard. We deliver lasting results for millions of children, including those hardest to reach.

Save the Children in Albania is a long-term development programme and has established a high profile and sound reputation in child rights issues, particularly in the three thematic priority areas: Education, Child Protection and Child Rights Governance. Save the Children focuses its work on capacity building and strengthening of services for children and the creation of a policy and legislative environment which responds to key child rights issues in the country. To achieve our tasks, we primarily work with and through partners like non-governmental organizations (local and international), UN and the Government. This ensures that the rights of the greatest number of children are met in the best possible way.

Our vision: A world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation.

Our mission: To inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Our values: Accountability, ambition, collaboration, creativity and integrity.

We are committed to ensuring our resources are used as efficiently as possible, in order to focus them on achieving maximum impact for children.

Background information/context

Through the implementation of the project: "Support provision of MNCH services for Afghan mothers and children and communication to improve IYCF practices for children in times of irregularities, SC in Albania will continue the support of the immediate needs for health services to Afghan families. Albania, a NATO member since 2009, has now been a host country for a considerable number of Afghan people who left their country to escape the Taliban forces which seized power in Afghanistan. As for today, around 1600 people

have been accommodated in the Rafaeleo Resort in the area of Shengjin/Lezha across the coastline.

Save the Children aims to address the needs of specifically Afghan children and their mothers, and more widely to the community members in accessing quality health services and health promotion activities, with a focus on immunization, child and mother health, nutrition and overall child upbringing.

2. AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

AIM:

Save the Children is seeking to contract an expert to conduct the impact assessment of the health care service among the Afghan population on the coast of Shengjin/Lezhe.

The aim of the evaluation is to assess externally the performance and the impact of the project” Support provision of MNCH services for Afghan mothers and children and communication to improve IYCF practices for children in times of irregularities”, financed by UNICEF in Albania and implemented by Save the Children. It also aims to analyse the perceptions of stakeholders and beneficiaries, to document lessons learned and to provide practical recommendations to better improve the future health intervention for Afghan families.

Specific Objectives:

- Develop the outline and the methodology of the impact assessment as well a timeframe for the consultancy and agree on it with Save the Children appointed staff.
- Conduct the impact assessment of health care service in the community (field data collection through survey, focus group and interviews with beneficiaries and project staff should be considered as a source of information).
- Develop a final report with findings and recommendations for future relevant interventions.

3. SERVICE PERIOD

The duration of the service will be over the period 10 March– 10 April 2024.

In total are 4 (four) full working days for this consultancy.

4. DELIVERABLES

It is expected from the expert to submit the following deliverables:

1. Develop the methodology of the impact assessment and plan the of activities in the field accordingly.

2. Conduct individual interviews with key stakeholders of local authorities and communities.
3. Conduct focus group discussions with community members (beneficiaries, health centre staff and community leaders).
4. Prepare the final report (in English language) including findings and recommendations.
5. Timesheet. Template to be provided by the project staff (end of the consultancy

5. QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE EXPERT

The *applicant* should have the following qualifications in order to address effectively and timely the specific requirements of this assignment:

- Minimum MSC degree in Health Sciences
- Proven experience on public health field
- Excellent knowledge on the health care system in Albania specially in primary health care
- Previous experience on conducting impact assessment analyses.
- Excellent oral and written communication and drafting skills in Albanian and English
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and under pressure.

6. RESPONSIBILITY OF SAVE THE CHILDREN AND EXPERT

In order to respond to the objectives of assignment, the expert is expected to work closely with Save the Children Albania and other staff of health centre responsible for the health care service of afghan population on the coast of Shengjin/Lezhe

Save the Children will monitor, supervise and facilitate the expert in every step of the process.

7. Child safeguarding & ethical considerations

The consultant will have to comply with Save the Children's Child Safeguarding policy and procedures as well as apply professional and ethical guidelines that respect human dignity, anonymity and confidentiality of the information.

8. Ownership & Payment

The payment will be done as a lump sum after the delivery of the final reports (in English language) and timesheet.

Payment procedures will follow UNICEF policy on fees and terms of payment set out in the contract attached. The payment for this consultancy is **28,600 ALL** per one day of consultancy. In total are **4 (four)** full working days for this consultancy.

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

Expenses related to travelling to different sites and/or other potential expenses are responsibility of the expert.

9. Submission of application:

The individual should express their interest by sending a recent CV, motivation letter and proof of similar work to **info.albania@savethechildren.org** by close of business day, 5 March 2024. Please ensure that the subject line of the application states **“Impact assessment of the health care service in Shengjin”**.

Applicants may also submit their application in hard copy to the following address:

Save the Children

Rruga Komuna Parisit

Pallatet 1Maji, Vila Lami

Tirana, Albania

P.O Box 8185

Selection of the individual will be based on:

- How well the application meets the requirements set out in the ToRs (30 points)
- Experience on developing impact assessment (30 point)
- Proof of similar work (40 points)

Note: Please indicate on the envelope and/or on your cover letter the subject you are applying for.

Only short-listed candidates will be notified.