

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CONSULTANT TO UNDERTAKE THE EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF THE LESOTHO NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ORGANISATIONS OF THE DISABLED (LNFOD) PROJECT ENTITLED: **REFORMING JUSTICE AND EDUCATION SECTOR FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Lesotho National Federation of Organisations of the Disabled (LNFOD) is seeking a qualified Consultant to conduct external evaluation of the project implemented in the Maseru district, but there was only one activity which was implemented in four districts namely; Mafeteng, Mochale's hoek, Bera, Leribe and Butha-Buthe .

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

The Lesotho National Federation of Organisations of the Disabled (LNFOD) seeks support to enforce inclusive education rights of learners with disabilities especially children through litigation, advocacy and sensitization. This grant is preceded by a recent study conducted by LNFOD with OSISA support that documents Lesotho's legal and policy compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) particularly those that speak to Articles 9 (Accessibility); 12 (Equal recognition before the law); 13 (Access to justice) and 24 (Education). Findings of the study have influenced LNFOD's decision to address challenges that hinder the access to justice of person with disabilities as well as the enjoyment of the right to quality inclusive education.

Through this grant LNFOD is focusing on:

- 1) Advocacy for the amendment of laws particularly those that deny equal recognition before the law and legal capacity of witnesses and victims with disabilities; and enhancing the capacity of Investigators, Prosecutors, and Magistrates to handle cases involving persons with disabilities; and
- 2) Development of an inclusive education policy to support the enrolment of children with disabilities in mainstream primary schools and on the other hand address attitudinal and environmental barriers faced by children with disabilities at regular schools.

The primary goal of the project is to ensure access to justice for persons with disabilities and promote and protect the right to inclusive education in Lesotho.

The specific objectives are:

1. To advocate for and support the domestication and implementation of Article 12 and 13 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD).
2. To support implementation of the right to inclusive education and development of an inclusive education policy for Lesotho.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objective of the external evaluation is to assess the extent to which the project has achieved its objectives and results as articulated by the plan.

SCOPE OF WORK

To review the projects reports in order to make an independent opinion on the extent to which the results have been achieved.

To assess the impact of the project on the beneficiaries and service providers who were trained on both access to justice and inclusive education.

Produce draft external evaluation report and the final external evaluation report for the management of LNFOD.

Reports and Schedule of Deliverables:

- Inception report
- Draft external evaluation report
- Final draft external evaluation

REPORTING

The consultant will be supervised by the Assistant Advocacy Officer at LNFOD. Duration of the consultancy will be for one month, consultancy is expected to commence immediately after contract award/ signing.

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The consultant will provide own resource and facilities for undertaking the assignment.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

Payment for services will be output based and upon acceptance of the deliverables, first 50% on approval of the inception report, secondly 50% on acceptance of the final draft of the external evaluation report.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS AND ATTRIBUTES

Advanced degree in monitoring and evaluation and at least 3 years of experience in monitoring and evaluating the organisational programs and projects.

In-depth knowledge of the sector and issues therein and a good understanding of the issues in the context of Lesotho or region. The consultant must have excellent writing skill, good research and analytical skills. Fluency in both Sesotho and English is a requirement.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

A Consultant will be selected for contract award in accordance with the LNFOD Procurement Guidelines, and is open to all eligible consultants and firms as defined in the guidelines.

The criteria and sub- criteria for selection of the consultant shall be as detailed below:

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

Experience and expertise to do the assignment

Experience in the region and language requirements

SUBMISSIONS

Interested applicants should submit a proposal briefly demonstrating applicants understanding of the terms of reference and outlining a methodology for conducting the work under the consultancy, a proposed work plan, CVs of the individual consultant to undertake

the assignment, and an itemized budget and indication of the total cost of the proposed work plan and number of days. Applications and supporting documents must be submitted on or before the 31st July 2017 at 12:00 am, in English at the address below.

Attention:

The Executive Director

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