

Call for tenders:**Thematic evaluation of SCN's Partner Cooperation – Strengthening local and national capacity**

Redd Barna/Save the Children Norway (SCN) calls for researcher(s)/consultant(s) to lead a thematic evaluation of **SCN's Partner Cooperation – Strengthening local and national capacity**, and invites relevant institutions/consultants to respond with an Expression of Interest (EOI). Deadline for EOI's is **25 February 2011**. Both individual researchers/consultants and established teams are welcome to apply. Several institutions/consultancies might cooperate, but we will require one contracting party. Please send the EOI by email to ingunn.nakkim@reddbarna.no with copy to ann.stewart.pedersen@reddbarna.no and dahilon.mohamoda@reddbarna.no.

The purpose of the evaluation is to gain insight into our work with partners, build learning and ensure accountability. The focus is on how effective different modalities of partner cooperation have been in strengthening local and national capacity in the countries where we work, and how we can develop good partnerships for the future which will ensure relevant and sustainable improvements to children's lives. SCN supported programmes in **Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe** are selected as cases in this evaluation.

Please click [here](#) for the Terms of Reference, outlining the background, purpose, key objectives, time frame, expected deliverables etc. The ToR also suggests research questions and some guiding principles for methodology, which should be elaborated and finalized in cooperation with the researcher(s)/consultant(s).

The assignment should be carried out in 2011, starting as soon as possible, involving a total of 80 days of consultancy, of which approximately 40 days will be spent in the case countries (workshops and data collection). The evaluation budget will cover costs for travel and field work for one of the international consultant(s)/researcher(s) travelling to each of the four case countries, as well as the contracting of local consultants/enumerators to assist the evaluation team in each country. The international researcher(s)/consultant(s) will lead the evaluation and are expected to contribute to a participatory evaluation process together with SCN staff, partners and certainly children in the four countries involved. Participation and learning for SCN staff and stakeholders are key in SCN's evaluations.

An EOI for this commission should as a minimum include:

- information responding to the criteria for selection, including CVs of researcher(s)/consultant(s)
- information on your capacity to take on the evaluation in the indicated time period, and a preliminary schedule for start up workshops and field work in each country
- a calculation of fee for the whole projects, fee per hour (specifying mva) and estimated hours
- your preliminary comments to the ToR and a first draft methodology

Selection of the external researcher(s)/consultant(s) will be done by the SCN Steering Group for this evaluation.

Criteria for selecting consultants:

- Proven record of excellent competence in evaluations and assessments
- Excellent competence in development partnership models and practises involving both civil society and government partners, as well as capacity building with partners.
- Good team leader skills
- Good writing skills
- Preferably have knowledge of SCN and/or child rights' programming (at least one of the consultants)
- Preferably be familiar with the concept of children's participation (at least one of the consultants)



- Preferably have knowledge of Spanish/(Portuguese) (at least one of the consultants)

The EOI should be in English, and not exceed five pages (CV's and other annexes excluded). Further elaboration of research questions and methodology will be expected in an Inception Report as the first deliverable when a contract is signed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions concerning the assignment.

Best regards,

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