



Save the Children International – Middle East and Eurasia

Terms of Reference for Consultancy to map Youth-led informal grassroots groups in MENA Region

Background

Save the Children International is looking to hire a consultant to map youth-led informal grassroots groups in MENA Region for its Youth and Civil Society program. The youth and Civil Society Program aims to strengthen civil society actors to promote young people's voice and participation at local and regional level. It is a multi-location, multi-sector program with a focus on youth and civil society strengthening.

Purpose

The main objective of the mapping is to increase understanding of youth organizing, acquire a deeper understanding of the youth led grassroots structureless platforms as well as young actors active in the Middle East and North Africa especially in the civil society sphere, which will help Save the Children catalyze support and collaborate with these platforms.

Objectives of the consultancy

- To Map youth-led grassroots structureless/ informal initiatives in Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen, Iraq, Turkey and Egypt;
- To analyze Trends of youth-led grassroots structureless initiatives engagement in development;
- To analyze the relationship between Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), informal youth-led groups and the various levels of governments including local level;
- To document the topology, in different areas and an overview of the presence of youth-led grassroots structureless initiatives through the country and their main sector of intervention, budget size, issue and campaign areas, geographic representation, organizational structure and youth development supports provided to young people;
- Have an overview of activities and management structures;
- To examine what is youth organizing and how does it work; who leads youth organizing efforts; how is youth organizing delivering youth development outcomes;
- To examine the leadership, the power dynamic, the management culture and partnership in the youth-led grassroots structureless initiatives;
- To identify gaps and barriers in these platforms;
- To examine the motives behind young people joining structureless youth-led groups;
- To examine the gender dynamic in structureless youth-led groups;

Deliverables:

- A draft work plan outlining timeline, detailed methodology, list of definitions to be used, suggested criteria for selection of CSAs, list of key resources, and refinement of mapping questions.
- An inception report, outlining preliminary findings of desk review of available data and analysis related to the topic.
- First draft of the report and/mapping, with analysis and contact details for groups identified
- Final report/mapping

Methodology

The consultant is expected to develop a methodology document, which will include but not limited to:

- Literature Review
- Individual interviews and focus groups with young people engaged in structureless platforms and their partners
- Individual interviews and focus groups with any relevant stakeholders

Timeline

The consultant will work closely with the Technical Manager Youth and Civil Society.

Activities	Dates
Work plan and methodology	June 15
Findings of desk review	June 30
Primary Data Collection (interviews, focus groups ...etc)	July 31th
Data analysis and Submission of First Draft Report	August 18th
Comments and Feedback from SC/Partners	September 01
Submission of Final Version of Report	September 09th
Report is Presented to Wider Audience	September 24th

Expertise

- Minimum of 10 years work experience relevant to the function;
- Proven experience in research and mapping of civil society actors and platforms;
- Knowledge of civil society and youth in the MENA region
- Background in sociology or political science;
- Extensive knowledge in youth activism and structure-less platforms;
- Fluency in English and Arabic required.

If the applicant is a non-Arabic speaker, he/she will be expected to work with national consultants

How to apply

- Please send a CV, a proposal and a daily/monthly rate (US\$) to procurement.mee@savethechildren.org
- In case consulting firm or group of consultants are applying please send the CVs of all the team who will be working on this consultancy.
- Deadline for submission is 8th of June 2018 at 17:00