



SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES
THE GAMBIA

WE ARE RECRUITING FOR Consultant

SOS Children's Villages in The Gambia Trust is a non-governmental social development organisation that has been active in the field of children's rights and committed to children's need and concerns since 1982. Focussing its work on children without parental care and children in families in difficult circumstances, the organisation has a wide range of programmes, which include Children's Villages, Youth Facilities, Family Strengthening Programmes, Kindergartens, Schools, a Mother and Child Clinic, Vocational Training Centres, Child's Rights & Protection, Sustainable Nutrition Improvement, Youth Empowerment and Youth Employability and Sustainable Waste Management.

SOS CV believes that adequate livelihood and food security is an important part of ensuring a family's capacity to care for their children. With funding from the European Union, SOS Children's Villages in The Gambia implemented a four-year project on Sustainable Nutrition Improvement in three (3) communities in the Upper River Region, Kosemar, Fatako and Tabajang. Within the scope of this recently concluded Sustainable Nutrition Improvement Project, SOS CV addressed the root causes of child malnutrition by building the capacity of community actors and caregivers to ensure good nutrition practices, livelihood, food security, and social protection at the household and community level. By doing so, the project reduced the likelihood of families seeking alternative solutions like family separation and illegal migration to Europe, directly supporting the mandate of SOS CV and the global objective of the European Commission (EC) call for proposals (CfP), specifically **to facilitate access to diversified and quality nutritious, traditional foods in vulnerable rural households.**

SOS Children's Villages in The Gambia is looking for a **Consultant** to carry out an Endline Evaluation to assess the impact of the Sustainable Nutrition Improvement Project (SNIP) in the lives of the participants and their environment. The quality of the project design and implementation will also be assessed.

Objective:

An evaluation is a deep, systematic, and objective analysis of the design, performance, or results of a programme. It is conducted at the end of a project intervention to assess the outcomes of a programme, to inform strategic decision-making and generate recommendations to be harnessed in subsequent planning processes and/or by similar programmes. Therefore, an evaluation of the Sustainable Nutrition Improvement Project (SNIP) project has become essential as the project has been running for 4 years and has phased out in October 2022.

The main objectives will be to:

- Determine the relevance of the SNIP intervention model over time and how it has resulted in positive/negative outcomes for the project;
- Measure the performance of the project against its key indicators;
- Appreciate the effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the induced changes;
- Capitalize on learned lessons, good practices and success stories;
- Recommend substantial improvements in subsequent project/programme planning, intervention and close-out for sustainability.

Time Line:

This assessment is proposed to take place within approximately 35 days, between December 2022 and January 2023, and should be completed by **9th January 2023.**

Expected Deliverables (please see ToR for details):

- Refinement of evaluation study design and methodology in an inception report
- First draft of the final report
- Presentation of preliminary results to SOS Children's Villages in The Gambia and International (face-

to-face)

- Final report including all requirements indicated as specific results for the study.

The consultant must have:

1. proven competency (record of previous experiences) in project/programme evaluations, including End line project evaluations
2. a good understanding of development work in in the Gambia
3. Master's Degree or equivalent in Development studies, Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and/or Research Studies relevant to the assignment
4. At least ten (10) years' experience in field work
5. a good understanding of child rights, nutrition, agricultural practices and issues affecting vulnerable children and their families
6. good facilitation, organizational and interpersonal skills
7. proven experience in participatory processes and data collection methods (including age appropriate data collection methods)
8. strong analytical and conceptual skills
9. excellent written communication skills

Application for Endline Evaluation should contain the following information:

- Bid submission / identification form
- Previous experience format
- Price schedule form
- Technical proposal
- CVs of the research team member(s) including current geographical location(s)
- Three references (at least two of them must be familiar with your work)
- An example of a recent/relevant evaluation report (if available for public use)

Contract Details:

The contract price will be fixed, based on the financial offer and contract negotiations, regardless of changes in your cost components. The consultant is responsible for all costs (e.g. travel, bank transfer, accommodation, flights, interpretation, material supplies, etc.). Upon request and approval by the National Director, SOS The Gambia will provide a vehicle and office space if necessary.

Payment terms: Payment will be 25% upon submission and approval of inception report, 25% upon completion and submission of the draft report, and 50% after submission and approval of the final report.

Duration of contract: the contract is effective from the moment it is signed until the acceptance of work by SOS Children's Villages in The Gambia.

More details in the terms of reference here <https://sosgambia.org/main/info/we-are-recruiting-for-consultant/> If you are unable to open the link, please request for the terms of reference at: fatoulette.jallow@sosgambia.org.

Please submit your applications to job.apply@sosgambia.org. The Closing date for submission of applications is **24th November 2022**.

What We Stand For:

SOS Children's Villages is committed to creating and maintaining a caring and protective environment, which promotes its core values, and prevents and addresses child abuse and exploitation. We strongly condemn all forms of child abuse and exploitation, be it within or outside of our organisation, and always respond to any case of proven, alleged or attempted abuse within our sphere of influence according to its nature. Efforts ensure that mechanisms are in place to raise awareness, aid prevention, encourage reporting and ease response. They range from human resource development actions such as training and counselling to measures such as suspension, dismissal, and legal action.

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