



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Consultant

To Conduct an Assessment of NGO-run Residential Care Institutions (Shelters) funded by the National Social Inclusion Foundation for the Protection and Welfare of Children

Overview

The National Social Inclusion Foundation (NSIF) is the central body to receive and allocate public funds to NGOs. The Foundation operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity.

Our Vision is “To be a catalyst for change, driving social inclusion, equity and sustainable development”.

Our Mission is “To empower and improve the wellbeing of people living in conditions of poverty and vulnerability through impactful and sustainable stakeholder partnerships”.

The NSIF supports programmes/projects of NGOs in ten priority areas to the benefit of individuals and families registered under the Social Register of Mauritius (SRM) and of vulnerable groups as defined by its Charter.

It works in close collaboration and coordination with the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare to fund 16 NGOs operating Residential Care Institutions (Shelters) for the protection and welfare of children. They provide basic residential facilities, care and support to some 500 children victims of neglect and violence and at risk in their immediate family environment. The funding allocation to these organisations represents around Rs95 million per annum.

The Foundation seeks to retain the services of a Consultant with the view to enhancing the welfare of vulnerable children in residential institutions and ensuring that funding provided by the NSIF is used in the best interest of children. The main objectives of the assignment are to assess the quality of service delivery, identify key challenges and capacity building needs of NGOs running residential care institutions for children.

Scope of Work and Deliverables

The consultant is expected to:

- To carry out an assessment of service delivery and programmes of residential care institutions run by NGOs funded by the NSIF
- To identify the needs of children in these residential care institutions
- To assess the quality of service and identify gaps in delivery
- To evaluate the human resources and management capacity of the residential care institutions and recommend capacity building programmes
- To make appropriate recommendations for the elaboration of a National Programme aiming at improving and harmonising services in residential care institutions funded by the NSIF
- To consult with all relevant stakeholders in carrying out the above

The main deliverables will be:

- A report containing the methodology and findings of the assessment exercise
- Recommendations for a National Programme and an action plan for implementation

Duration of Assignment

The expected duration of the assignment is 3 months.

Qualifications and Experience

- Minimum Master's degree in a relevant social science or management discipline
- At least 5 years of professional experience in the area child protection and welfare and social services
- Proven experience in conducting research using different qualitative and quantitative approaches
- Well-versed with capacity and quality assessment methodologies
- Strong working knowledge of the NSIF, Residential Care Institutions and NGO sector

Submission of Proposal

The following documents should be submitted to the NSIF:

- a) Detailed CV outlining relevant qualifications and experience, including experience of similar nature
- b) Supporting documents (NID card, certificates and at least 2 professional references)

- c) Technical Proposal: Brief on Consultant's background and experience, providing information on similar consulting services carried out and a methodology on how the assignment will be conducted
- d) Financial Proposal including a breakdown of the costs of the consultancy

The proposals should reach NSIF by 15.00 hours, Wednesday 6 October 2021 at the following address:

The Secretary General
National Social Inclusion Foundation
Level 6, Garden Tower
Port Louis

Proposals should **not** be forwarded by electronic mail.