

# **World Vision Ireland Terms of Reference for development of a Policy Brief relating to Youth Participation in Local Governance processes**

World Vision Ireland, Youth Work Ireland Galway and World Vision Tanzania are collaborating on an EU funded programme ‘SAUTI-Youth’ – Sustainable Accountability Uniting Tanzanian and Irish Youth. The project works with young people in both Ireland and Tanzania to monitor and influence local government implementation of climate policies.

World Vision Ireland is seeking a Consultant to develop a Policy Brief detailing lessons learned and key recommendations emerging from the application of a Social Accountability model aimed at enhancing youth participation in Climate policy development and implementation.

## **Background**

### **Goal of project**

The overall goal of SAUTI-Youth is to have empowered youth monitoring, engaging and influencing local government on climate action.

### **Concept**

SAUTI-Youth is based on World Vision’s CVA (Citizen Voice and Action) model. CVA is an evidence-based social accountability model which helps communities engage directly with government service providers to improve the quality of services delivered at the local level. CVA equips communities with simple tools to enable them to engage in constructive dialogue with their government and jointly agree on ways of improving services.

The SAUTI-Youth project works with over 48 Youth Groups across Ireland and Tanzania who have received training in CVA. Throughout September and October, the Youth Groups will monitor local government implementation of climate policies in their communities, conduct mini social-audits of service delivery; and engage with local Government representatives at Interface meetings to agree joint Action Plans with the aim of enhancing delivery of climate policies.

The project is the first of its kind to focus primarily on youth involvement in CVA and the first to apply the approach to climate action policies. A key outcome of the project is that new learnings and Best Practices are developed, shared between the youth groups and disseminated at the local, national and international level.

## **Policy Brief – Recommendations for enhancing Youth participation in Climate Governance**

World Vision Ireland is seeking a consultant to lead on the development of a Policy Brief detailing the key lessons learned from the process and recommendations for using similar approaches to increase youth participation in climate governance.

### **Deliverables**

**Deliverable 1:** Policy Brief detailing lessons learned, new best practices and key recommendations emerging from the use of CVA to enhance youth participation in local governance processes.

#### **Description:**

- Briefly outline the need for Citizen and Youth engagement in climate policy development and implementation
- Briefly outline challenges young people face in engaging with local Government in both Ireland and Tanzania
- Outline World Visions CVA approach and how it has been adapted to climate and youth involvement by the SAUTI-Youth project.
- Discuss best practices and lessons learned from focusing CVA on youth involvement. (*What worked well, what didn't - Illustrate through direct examples from the project through case study/quotes from participants etc*)
- Discuss best practices and lessons learned from applying CVA to climate action. (*What worked well, what didn't - Illustrate through direct examples from the project through case study/quotes from participants etc.*)
- Develop a set of 3-5 key recommendations for Policy makers and Practitioners implementing similar youth focused projects in future

### **Proposed Methodology**

The work will be undertaken between 1st October and 12th October 2021. Background research will involve a desk-based review of key project documents. Qualitative data collection will also be conducted through semi-structured interviews conducted with Youth and project staff from Ireland and Tanzania as necessary.

## Duration of the work

The work is expected to take approximately 15 Consultancy days. The final policy brief is expected to be delivered by Tuesday 12 October.

## Indicative Timeline

	Deliverable/Output	Estimated Duration	Estimated Timeline
1	Project Briefing & provision of key project documents	1 day	29 September
1	Background Research	2 days	30 September – 1 October
2	Interviews with Staff & Youth engaged by the project.	3 days	2 – 4 October
3	Writing of first draft of Policy Brief	3 days	5 – 7 October
4	Review by Project Staff and provision of initial feedback	2 days	8 – 9 October
5	Revisions and writing of second draft	3 days	10 - 12 October
6	Delivery of Policy Brief		12 October

The above timeline represents purely an indication of expectations for the piece of work. The policy brief is expected to be delivered to World Vision Ireland by the Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Intermediary milestones and time allocated to various activities will be agreed and form part of the final contract with the successful applicant.

## **Renumeration**

Daily consultancy fee to be agreed commensurate with experience and on the basis of agreed timelines.

Final payment for services will be made upon the provision of the final drafts of agreed deliverables.

## **Management of Consultancy**

The consultancy will be managed on behalf of World Vision Ireland by Aidan Sinnott, Programmes Officer – Development Programmes.

## **Requirements**

The consultant should have the following skills and experience:

- Experience of developing and writing policy briefs;
- Ability to research and write at a high level;
- Ability to research and conduct interviews with key informants;
- Ability to produce high quality outputs in a timely manner while understanding and anticipating the evolving client needs.
- Strong organizational skills;
- Ability to work independently, produce high quality outputs;
- Knowledge of local and international climate policy, climate legal framework,
- Knowledge of government processes, social accountability approaches; democratic inclusion, youth participation
- Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS Word, Excel, etc.)

## **How to Apply**

Applicants should apply by sending a cover Letter, examples of previous work and a financial proposal to [programmes@wveu.org](mailto:programmes@wveu.org) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Applicants will only be considered on the basis of the submission of a full set of the aforementioned documents.

SAUTI-Youth Project will contact shortlisted applicants only for the next stages in the selection process.