World Vision Ireland Terms of Reference for Research on Inclusive Engagement in Social Accountability Processes

Background

World Vision Ireland, World Vision Tanzania and Youth Work Ireland Galway are collaborating on the SAUTI-Youth project, a 3-Year EU-funded grant programme which empowers Tanzanian and Irish youth to monitor local government implementation of climate policies.

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.

SAUTI-Youth is the first project 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.

Thus far, over 80 Youth Focal points (18-35) across both countries have been trained in the CVA model and equipped to lead community advocacy on climate action. CVA trainings have been rolled out to over 40 youth groups who continuously monitor their local government's implementation of climate policies. Youth group members also engage in regular cross-country learning activities to share experiences and best practices which have emerged through their application of CVA in their communities.

Inclusion

In Tanzania, citizen participation and in particular, youth participation in governance structures is an ongoing challenge. Good governance processes are limited by centralised power structures, reduced civic space and a still-emerging civil society, reducing government capacity and presenting barriers to accessing information. While participation of women has marginally improved, men are still more active in local government leadership than women, and elders were far more involved than youth. Involvement of people with disabilities can also be a challenge, with access to community meetings often presenting a barrier to full participation in governance processes.

In Ireland, public participation and youth involvement is considered high with Ireland ranked 15th out of 183 countries in youth civic participation. However, differences such as race, class, gender, culture, language, immigration status and sexuality can affect how young people experience inclusion.

SAUTI-Youth aims to promote the equal participation of Male and Female youth in the project, along with the intentional inclusion of marginalised groups in Tanzania and Ireland in project activities. There has been intentional inclusion of people with disabilities, youth from poorer socio-economic backgrounds and migrant youth in the project, however further research is needed to understand the enablers of and barriers to their full participation.

Research Report – Inclusive participation in Social Accountability processes

Purpose

World Vision Ireland is seeking a Consultant or organisation to conduct research on youth, gender-sensitive and inclusive participation in social accountability processes.

Objectives

- Explore the dynamics of representation and participation amongst Youth Focal Point Leaders in Tanzania and Ireland
- Identify and articulate the enablers of and barriers to participation of youth group members in project activities
- Explore the efficacy of the programme model, CVA, in promoting inclusion of marginalised groups in processes including comparison with other approaches and/or contexts
- Explore the possibilities and considerations for scaling up of programme approaches

Deliverable 1: Research Report on Inclusive Participation in Social Accountability Processes

Proposed Methodology

Background research will involve a desk-based review of key project documents, which will be provided with World Vision Ireland.

Qualitative data collection will also be conducted through semi-structured interviews / FGD's and workshops conducted with Youth and project staff from Ireland and Tanzania.

Review and discussions with other actions/projects and approaches related to youth engagement in climate action is encouraged.

Duration of the work

The work is expected to take place between 1 July – 31 September 2022. The final research report is expected to be delivered by 31st September 2022.

Intermediary milestones and time allocated to various activities will be agreed and form part of the final contract with the successful applicant.

The final product is intended to be available for dissemination and engagement at COP27.

Renumeration

Contract payment schedule will be structured on the basis of agreed milestones and deliverables.

Final payment for services will be made on a 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 in consultation with Maurice Sadlier, Programmes Director.

Requirements

The consultant should have the following skills and experience:

• Experience of developing and writing research papers;

• Experience in qualitative research methods including KII's, FGD's etc.

• Ability to produce high quality outputs in a timely manner while understanding and anticipating 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

How to Apply

Applicants should apply by sending examples of previous work, proposed methodology and a financial proposal to programmes@wveu.org. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

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