



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT ASSESSMENT/SCREENING AND TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT IN KISMAYO, SOMALIA.

Summary.

Project :	094235
Project Name	Promoting Access to Primary Education for At-Risk Children in Kismayo.
Activity	Assessment, Screening and Treatment for Children with Visual Impairment.
Activity Purpose	To assess, screen and treat 150 children with visual impairment in Kismayo, and provide necessary visual assistive devices.
Activity Participants	Children with visual impairment, their parents/caregivers, and relevant schools, and community stakeholders.
Programme Phase	Implementation.
Date	August to December 2024

Introduction and background

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is an international humanitarian organization with a global presence in countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, and Central America. The global headquarters of LWF is in Geneva, Switzerland. At the regional level, LWF is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, serving both the Kenya and Somalia country programs. The Lutheran World Federation provides quality humanitarian assistance to displaced and affected communities and focuses on three priority areas: i) **Sustainable Livelihoods**, ii) **Quality Services**, iii) **Protection and Social Cohesion**. The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) World Service established a presence in Kismayo, Jubbaland State in Somalia in 2017 to create a continuum between its refugee assistance and protection program in Dadaab refugee camps. Since 2017, LWF has been working closely with the relevant Jubbaland State Ministries, including the Ministry of Education and Higher Learning (MoEHL), Ministry of Women, Family Affairs, and Human Rights, and the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs. From 2022, the program embarked on program expansion to implement new projects in Kismayo and areas outside Kismayo, including Dholeb district. More information about the LWF Kenya-Somalia program can be access here.

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General Project Description

LWF Somalia sub-program has recently received funds from the German National Council (GNC) to help in promoting access to education for children with visual impairment. The project will be facilitating

technical rehabilitative assessment, treatment and provide assistive devices where necessary to visually impaired learners. The project will utilize the influence of community and religious leaders to change perceptions and attitudes by conducting extensive awareness campaigns and advocacy sessions highlighting the importance of education and children rights for education.

The project's target outcome is to improve access and retention to inclusive quality education for children living with disability (Visual impairment) in Jubbaland state of Somalia.

The project will directly target a total of 150 (72girls) of children with visual impairments from vulnerable returnees, IDPs, and poor host community members' in LWF supported schools within Kismayo as well as 150 (100 female) parents/caregivers of the targeted children for community-based awareness and advocacy sessions.

Purpose.

The purpose of this Terms of reference (ToR) is to sought for an ophthalmologist consultant to help in the identification, assessment, screening and treatment learners with vision impairment. The consultant will also identify appropriate assistive devices (vision and mobility) for learners to improve their vision and promote access to inclusive education.

Objectives

Main Objective:

- To identify, assess, screen, and treat 150 (72 girls) children with vision impairment who have been enrolled at LWF supported schools in Kismayo.
- To identify appropriate assistive devices (vision aid like eye-glasses and mobility aid) after assessment for learners to improve their vision and promote access to inclusive education.

Specific Objectives:

- Conduct medical assessments to identify levels of visual impairments in learners.
- Provide necessary treatments and medications for those with manageable levels of impairment.
- Identify appropriate assistive device such as of eyeglasses, walking sticks, and other educational adaptation tools needed to provide children with visual impairment that has been assessed.
- Enhance the capacity of teachers and schools to identify children with visual impairments.

Scope of Work

Activity will be conducted in various LWF supported schools in Kismayo district of Jubaland State of Somalia.

Methodology

Assessment and Screening: Conduct thorough medical examinations for 150 (72 girls) children to diagnose levels of visual impairments.

Treatment: Provide appropriate medical treatments for children with manageable levels of visual impairment.

Training: To enhance the capacity of teachers and school managements to identify children with visual impairments.

Assistive Devices: Identify and provide appropriate assistive devices such as of eyeglasses, walking sticks, and other educational adaptation tools needed. This will be done after assessment and screening of learners.

Deliverables

The consultancy will deliver the following:

- Detailed assessment reports for 150 children.
- Assessment and treatment records including types of treatments provided and outcomes.
- Identify appropriate assistive device such as of eyeglasses, walking sticks, and other educational adaptation tools needed.
- Final report summarizing the activities conducted, results achieved, and recommendations for future actions.
- Enhance the capacity of teachers and school managements to identify children with visual impairments.

LWF will be responsible for

- i. Provide the consultant with all necessary project documentations.
- ii. Monitor the consultant services.
- iii. Support the consultant with mobilization and facilitate beneficiaries.
- iv. Review the draft report and provide feedbacks to the consultancy
- v. Organize meeting on the presentation of key findings and data validation
- vi. Review and approve finalized baseline assessment report.

Duration and Timeline

The consultancy will last for the duration of the project period (Aug 2024 - December 2024). A detailed timeline will be developed in consultation with the project team.

Qualifications and Experience

The consultancy should have:

- Degree/diploma with specialization in ophthalmology from a recognized institution.
- Minimum of 4 years' experience in Ophthalmological services.
- Experience in training and capacity-building on early identification of visual problems.

How to apply:

Interested and qualified consultant(s) should submit their technical and financial proposals to procurement.kismayo@lutheranworld.org with the email subject line clearly marked; **Ophthalmology services-** Assessment and Treatment of virtually impaired (VI) learners.

Deadline for submission is until **4th Septembers 2024.**