

Strengthening institutional education information systems for data driven EIE and resilience to crises

Call for proposals

Terms of Reference – National Implementation partner to support the rollout of subnational capacity development on crisis and risk-related education data

Background

UNESCO, as the lead UN agency for SDG 4 and in line with the Education 2030 Framework for Action, commits to support Education Systems towards being "more resilient and responsive in the face of conflict, social unrest and natural hazards — and to ensure that education is maintained during emergency, conflict and post-conflict situations". As outlined by the 2019 EiE Data Summit, one of the key challenges facing education in crisis-affected countries is the lack of accurate, reliable and timely data, needed to drive effective education responses.

In response to these challenges, UNESCO (including <u>IIEP</u> and <u>UIS</u>) in partnership with <u>NORCAP</u> and supported by <u>Education Cannot Wait</u> (ECW) and the <u>Swedish International Development Cooperation agency</u> (SIDA) is working to <u>strengthen institutional education information systems</u> for data driven <u>EIE</u> and resilience to crises.

To date, as part of the strengthening institutional education information systems for data driven education in emergencies (EiE) and resilience to crises project, UNESCO has been working in close partnership with the Ministry of General Education and Instruction (MoGEI) to build system-wide capacities on fundamental aspects of the crisis and risk-related data life cycle. Currently, this capacity development is being delivered at the national level through training on the practical and contextual use of such data.

This training aims to provide key MoGEI staff at the national level with the capacity to train MoGEI officials at state, county and payam level. UNESCO is in the process of conducting a Training of Trainers (ToT) of 15 officials at the national level who have been selected by MoGEI based on experience and competencies. These trained MoGEI government officials will be equipped with the knowledge, skills, and materials to cascade a version of the training to 81 participants at state, county and payam levels.

Scope of the assignment

As outlined, the selected implementation partner (IP) will be responsible for supporting the cascade/rollout of the subnational component of the training. The training will take place in the following states:

	# Of	# Of
	Counties per	Payams per
# of States	state	county
Northern		
Bahr-el-		
Gazal	4	4
Central		
Equatoria	4	4
Unity	4	4

A framework and schedule of the capacity development activities is provided below for context and reference. The IP will be responsible for supporting the setup and rollout of sessions A and B (highlighted), responsibilities are detailed in the following section.

Sessions	Targeted participants	Topics	Intended learning outcomes	Tentative timeline
		Fundamentals of crisis-sensitive planning	Apply main concepts of education crisis context to undertake planning exercises Understand what crisis-sensitive planning is Outline key concepts (safety, resilience, social cohesion, displacement, inclusion, risk,	
Session 1	Central level	Data analysis for situation assessment in crisis-affected settings and risk analysis	hazard, risk reduction) Understand what SMART indicators are and how to evaluate the quality and relevance of indicators in measuring inputs, outputs, and outcomes Understand the value of and using core indicators with standardized methodologies Create an analytical report,	17th-21st of October
			including risk analysis, which can feed into ESP/ESA	
Session 2	Central level	Programme design and identification of data-driven policies	Describe the role of data and information for effective planning and management of education in crisis contexts Prepare and analyse key education policy and planning documents Propose policy options based on	16 th to 20 th January 2023
		Elaboration of M&E framework	data from education indicators Create a key policy or programme document, for example an ECW programme, an Education Cluster Strategy or ESA/ESP	

			Understand the key concepts		
		Fundamentals of	around ToT		
		Training of Trainers	Create training content for local		
		Training of Trainers	deployment		
			Understand key education		
			indicators and data evidence on the		
		Dissemination of	education context		
		results at the sub- national level	Demonstrate the need of a data-		
			driven approach for planning and	Tentatively planned	
			managing education in crisis		
			contexts		
			Analyse crisis-relevant education	for 3 rd and 4 th week of February 2023.	
Session A	Sub-national		data in the form of selected		
3633101171	level		indicators and descriptive statistics	Dates to be	
			Give examples of the main	confirmed	
		Indicator	education indicators used for		
		calculation	monitoring education in crises		
			contexts		
			Calculate the selected education		
			indicators used for monitoring		
			education in crises contexts		
			Understand the benefits of making		
			data available in a timely manner		
			to relevant partners that is also		
		Use of key MOGEI	safe and secure		
		tools	Identify challenges and		
			improvements to existing tools		
			Manage complex data sources		
			Explain the importance of clearly		
			defining arrangements for	Tentatively early March 2023	
	Central level		collaboration within and among		
Session 3			government bodies and key		
			stakeholders		
			Understand the various data	-	
		Data charing	sources available		
		Data sharing	Propose solutions to harmonize		
			and align various sources	_	
			Develop data sharing processes		
			Identify ways to harmonize and align MoE tools with other data		
			collection tools		
	Sub-national level	Use of annual	Use annual census data and SAMS		
		census and SAMS	to identify priority groups		
		for the local	Produce descriptive statistics using		
		deployment	annual census data and SAMS	Tentatively 4 th	
Session B				week of March /1st	
		Improve data	Identify the key challenges related	week of April 2023	
		Improve data collection process at payam level	to data collection, evaluation, and		
			quality management		
		at payani level			

The IP will be expected to work closely with the project team based in the UNESCO Juba Office, MOGEI structures at state, county and payam levels, education partners and where necessary UNESCO's International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) who are responsible for technical leadership of the capacity development activities.

Responsibilities

Under the overall direction of the Head of the Education Unit in the UNESCO Juba Office, the IP will work closely with the project team to conduct the following activities and responsibilities:

- 1. Support the project team in proposing a final selection of relevant counties and payams in collaboration with the state education authorities
- 2. Liaise with the MOGEI at central level, the UNESCO project team and sub-national education authorities to ensure the delivery of the subnational training is well coordinated
- 3. Facilitate the selection of the right individual participants from counties and payam in close collaboration with the County and payam education authorities
- 4. Organize two training sessions per selected state which will be delivered by the trainers from MOGEI. Each training session is further divided into two sessions: a 2 day's session that will bring together State Ministry of Education staff (3 per State) and County Education officials (2 per county) and a 3 day's session for Payam Education supervisors (1 from each Payam). In total in each state, each phase of the training will be for a total of 5 days.
- Ensure information about the training is shared with state level authorities, including acquiring necessary security clearances and authorizations for conducting the training workshops where necessary
- 6. Support the organization of travel for trainers, MOGEI national officials and UNESCO staff supporting the training sub-nationally
- Organize and facilitate all logistical arrangements for participants travelling from counties and payams to participate in the training, including paying expenses related to travel, accommodation, and allowances
- 8. Ensure timely communication with the selected participants as soon as the workshop date and venue are confirmed
- 9. Support the effective delivery of the training through robust logistical backstopping, including during the training sessions where needed
- 10. Provide key monitoring and evaluation documentation including submitting activity reports, attendance sheets, and evidence confirming the completion of the training
- 11. Submit a final narrative report on the delivery of the subnational training

Deliverables

- 1. Through liaising with the relevant state education authorities, the MOGEI and the UNESCO project team, use the defined criteria to propose a selection of counties and payams to be included in the training
- 2. Complete all logistical arrangements for two training sessions per state, including making all bookings related to venue hire and accommodation and the paying of all expenses related to travel, accommodation, and allowances
- 3. Produce an activity report for monitoring and evaluation purposes for each training session conducted
- 4. Submit a final narrative report, produced in collaboration with the MOGEI trainers and the UNESCO project team, on the delivery of the subnational training

Guidance for financial proposals

Deliverable	Description	Unit	Quantity
1	Proposal, in consultation with state education authorities, for selection of counties and payams to be included in training. Costing should cover staff time needed as well as costs related to communication to produce the proposal.	Fee	1 proposal
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2	Make 6, 2 per state, DSA payment cycles for state, county and payam officials participating in training. Each training cycle is for a maximum of 5 days. Note that in each cycle state + county officials (11 participants) will have a 2day training. While Payam based Education officials (16 per state) will train for 3 days. Consider the likelihood that participants may need to arrive a day before the training if they travel from far. UN daily DSA rates for the selected states will apply.	Fee	27 participants per state and cycle (DSA amount x # of days x 27 x 3 states x 2 cycles) Note: where meals and accommodation has been provided, DSA rates will reduce accordingly
	2-way transport reimbursement for participants from counties and payams. For Central Equatoria provide for return air tickets for (Reimbursement based on actual expenses)	Persons	67 participants (two rounds of transport reimbursement) 5 participants 2-way flight tickets
	Allowances for transport for participants from state education office. Daily transport rate will be provided on request.	Persons	6 participants

	Training costs – venue, catering (breakfast,	Hotel	18 people per state per			
	lunch, and evening tea. For state+ county	services/	cycle.			
	officials, this will be for 2 days per cycle.					
	Training costs – venue, catering (breakfast,	Hotel services	23 people per state per			
	lunch, and evening tea). For Payam level		cycle			
	each training cycle, will be for 3 days.					
	Stationery (note- books, pens, flip charts,	material	30 participants per			
	marker pens (good quality), stick pads,	costs/services	state per cycle			
	masks printing service for training					
	materials as needed.					
	Accommodation – for cost comparison	Hotel services	72 participants			
	purposes provide costing for county and		State+county officials-			
	payam participants to stay in pre-booked		3 days per cycle for 2			
	pre-paid accommodation. It is assumed		cycles			
	that State based officials don't need		Payams officials- 4 days			
	accommodation as they are based in the		per cycle for 2 cycles			
	state capital.		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
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	Production of activity reports for each	Fee	6 activity reports			
3	training for monitoring and evaluation					
	purposes					
	Production, in collaboration with the	Fee	1 narrative report			
	trainers and UNESCO project team, of final					
4	narrative report on the delivery of the all					
	the training					
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Eligibility

This call for expression of interest is open to national non-governmental organizations (NNGOs) who are duly registered with Relief and Rehabilitation Commission and whose registration certificates are still valid at least up to the end of 2022. Must have a good rapport with the MOGEI and experience of working with either the South Sudan Education Cluster, the Girls Education South Sudan programme, the Education Cannot Wait (ECW) MYRP, or any of the UN system AFPs. Evidence of audited books of accounts in the last two years is required. Spot check reports from any of the UN AFPs is added advantage. Physical presence in Northern Bar-el-Gazal, Unity and Central Equatoria states is required. Must be a member of South Sudan Education Cluster with track records of working with the Ministry of General Education and Instruction.

Application process

Interested organizations are invited to submit their proposals (in English) and referencing "Proposal to support the rollout of subnational capacity development on crisis and risk-related education data" by COB **27th.01.2023.** This should be accompanied by detailed organization profile, registration certificates, audit reports for the last two years.

A technical proposal and financial proposals detailing approach and costs to the assignment described above. Only shortlisted organizations will be invited to present a final financial proposal.

Proposals should be sent to the following email proposals.juba-ed@unesco.org, using the subject line "Proposal CaRR data subnational training cascade".

Note: Partner (s) that expressed interest and submitted their proposals do NOT need to submit again.

Only Inquires can be directed to wj.godi@unesco.org