

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultant to develop policy proposal for the establishment of Students Support Fund

Background

Okay Africa Foundation (OAF) is a Youth led Non-Governmental Organization registered by Relief and Rehabilitation Commission in 2016, focusses on Peace, Governance and Democracy, Health, Nutrition and WASH, Education, Agriculture, Food Security and Livelihood, Gender and Child Protection and Environmental Protection. OAF's mission is "Committed to attain sustainable Socio-Economic development through a peaceful generation of citizens, embracing diversity, improvement of quality of life, and reducing illiteracy" while the vision is "To have an informed, peaceful, self-sustainable and healthy society".

South Sudan is the least country in Sub-Saharan Africa, with the lowest literacy rate (27%) with approximately 2.8 million of out-of-school children. In South Sudan more than 70% of the population above the age of 15 years is illiterate, majority of them are women. This is because of the long civil war and then less investment in the education sector by the government. With the Students Support Fund and a policy governing it, students will be retained in school and complete their studies without financial challenges.

Okay Africa Foundation is calling for competent Consultant with experience in Policy Proposal to apply to develop policy proposal for the establishment of Students Support Fund

The primary responsibility (not exhaustively) of each of the Policy Consultant will be:

- Develop, in consultation with stakeholder ministry(ies), policy proposal in line with Government's key pledges and National/Sector Development Plan;
- Liaise with line directorate in the Ministry and the Project Officer in coordinating consultative and validation meetings, as and when required to discuss;
- Provide systematic advice and support to the Ministry on Policy Proposal with reference to comparative analysis of such policies in the region;
- Undertake analysis and research and provide timely input to policy formulation function:
- Provide advice on developing and maintaining a framework to collect, collate and update on the development and implementation of the Policy Proposal;
- Coordinate and collaborate with relevant government agencies to strengthen and maintain effective information management system in developing the Policy Proposal;

Timeframe

• The consultant is expected to start third week April and end third week May 2021.

Reporting Relationship

• The consultant will report directly to the Program Coordinator. The consultant will work in collaboration with the Project Officer and other members of the project and the relevant ministry(ies).

Selection Criteria

- Master's degree in relevant discipline with at least 3 years' relevant professional experience in a similar function within development context
- Ability to work effectively under pressure, prioritize and juggle multiple tasks within tight deadlines, and to deliver time-sensitive high-quality work.
- Strong conceptual and research/analytical skills with the ability to quickly analyze data and information from different sources and produce coherent reports.
- Demonstrated strength in written and oral communications.
- Ability to communicate and write competently in English. The ability to communicate professionally in Arabic will be considered an asset
- Highly organized at both the task and policy level.
- Must be a South Sudanese National

Please submit your CV and proposal to <u>okayafricafoundation2015@gmail.com</u> with the subject line "Consultant – Student Support Fund", no later than April 16, 2021. Only short-listed consultants will be contacted.