



TERMS OF REFERENCE

National Strategy on Youth, Peace, and Security Consultant

Duration: 40 working days

Duty Station: Juba with frequent travel to the field (States and Administrative Areas)

Type of Contract: International Consultancy

Background

UNESCO's main goal with this project is to promote and institutionalize youth participation in peacebuilding processes in South Sudan by facilitating young women and young men-led designing of the costed National Strategy on YPS. Even though over 70% of the country's population being under the age of 30 and being disproportionately affected by violent conflict either as perpetrators or victims of the same, they are often excluded from conversations and processes around peace. The project thus is using an innovative, participatory and institutionalized approach to meaningful engagement of young women and young men in peacebuilding processes that encompass strategic partnerships and consultations with the youth and their organizations; capacity building of young women and young men on understanding United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2250 (2015) in its totality to drive and engage in peace processes; advocacy for increased youth spaces in national and local peace structures; support towards operationalization of youth inclusive peace architecture; and formulation of a comprehensive Strategy on Youth Peace and Security based on perspectives of youth at the grassroots, and inspired by the UNSCR 2250, 2419 and 2535.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under the overall authority of the Director of UNESCO South Sudan Office and under the direct supervision of the Head of Education Unit and Education Programme Specialist, and in close coordination with Programme Officer for the "Youth Leading Peace" project, the International Consultant will develop a costed gender-responsive National Strategy on Youth, Peace and Security and will perform the following tasks:

- 1) Take part in the mapping of the existing peace negotiation fora across the country
- 2) Take part in the mapping of youth groups across the country

- 3) Conduct consultations with young women and men across the country to gather insights into their participation, challenges to their meaningful participation, and consolidate their recommendations on how best they could participate in the peace processes
- 4) Consulting with the national, local and international partners working on and/or have a stake in the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda
- 5) Draft a costed gender-responsive National Strategy on Youth, Peace and Security and submit to UNESCO for inputs.
- 6) Finalize the costed gender-responsive National Strategy on Youth, Peace and Security incorporating feedbacks and suggestions received from UNESCO and relevant ministry.
- 7) Facilitate physically or virtually a validation workshop organized by UNESCO juba office and incorporate comments and suggestions received in the workshop to finalize the strategy.

Deliverables

- i) An inception report before undertaking the fieldwork
- ii) A validation workshop to receive feedback from participants before finalizing the draft Financing Strategy document
- iii) A costed gender-responsive National Strategy on Youth, Peace, and Security.

Requirements

- Master's degree in social/ political sciences, international development, law, or any related field.
- Minimum of 5 years relevant work experience in youth programming, monitoring evaluation and learning and development of youth strategies.
- Strong research and writing skills including experience writing studies and producing reports.
- Experience working with youth/youth issues in sectors such as peacebuilding, education, youth empowerment, and decent youth employment ideally at the international organization level.
- Knowledge of youth related best practices and trends in youth engagement.
- Knowledge of and/or experience of working with UNESCO or other UN entities is desirable.
- Credibility in demonstrating commitment to youth leadership in implementing the assignment.
- Experience in organizing workshops and events with youth, both as organizers and target audience, is an asset.
- Contextual knowledge about South Sudan and the region's conflict dynamics will be an advantage.

- For this consultancy excellent writing and oral skills and fluency in English is required. Knowledge of Arabic language would be an asset.

Technical and Budget Proposals

- A detailed technical proposal on how to carry out the assignment should be submitted along with the application.
- A financial proposal that includes personal fees and related expenses in the application too.

Application

The deadline for applying the consultancy is by 17th August 2023, 1700hrs (GMT -2). Please include with the application:

- An up-to-date CV.
- An indication of the approach you would adopt to carry out the assignment.
- Financial proposal (overall cost) for the assignment, expressed as an overall lump-sum.

Please send your application with all the relevant documents to proposals.juba-ed@unesco.org or drop hardcopies addressed to Education Unit, UNESCO Juba Office located at Tomping, adjacent to Nile Fortune Hotel, Juba, South Sudan.