



Consultant: Child Protection Assessment in Madagascar

Department

Humanitarian Action

Minimum Experience

Experienced

Employment Type

Consultancy

Compensation

Proposal to be submitted by the consultant

Terre des Hommes is looking for a Consultant to complete a comprehensive child protection risk assessment, as well as capacity and collaboration and partnership assessment in Madagascar.

Background

Terre des Hommes Netherlands (TdH NL) is a child rights organisation and an international NGO. Our vision is that children can flourish in a world free from all forms of child exploitation. Our mission is to protect children by preventing and stopping child exploitation, and by empowering children to make their voices count. In executing our mission we seek to address the root causes of exploitation by creating scalable, evidence-based solutions and influencing systemic change rather than providing one-off remedies.

TdH NL is currently in Madagascar implementing development projects, specifically responding to child labour in the mica mines, in the Southern region. It has previous limited experience with humanitarian aid, between December 2021 and June 2022, where one project was implemented funded by the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA) to respond to the drought in the South region (Betroka). Activities included food and cash distribution to affected families. However given the high needs in the current areas of implementation, it is clearly seen the importance of increasing the emergency response as well.

Objective of the assessment

The assessment is to be conducted in October-December 2024 in Madagascar (Tolagnaro and Betroka). TdH NL aspires to become a recognized leader in child-focused humanitarian action. By demonstrating a deep understanding of local needs and a commitment to long-term solutions, we aim to deepen our understanding of the child protection risks and protective factors as well as enhance collaboration with others and solidify our position as a trusted and impactful organisation.

Outputs and Deliverables

The consultant is expected to deliver the following:

1. One report focused on including all the following inputs:
 - a. Past and recurring crises/ humanitarian context analysis with focus on Child Protection in Emergencies (CPIE).
 - b. Identification of the gaps in the humanitarian scene, both when it comes to needs that are not being sufficiently covered by actors on the ground, as well as areas that are underfunded by donors. With the gaps identified, the report should give an idea of where TdH should put efforts in or add value.
 - c. Identification of humanitarian activities that will not only cover immediate needs, but that will also serve as a foundation for achieving our long-term development goals, particularly in tackling child exploitation. Thus, linking humanitarian action with development.
 - d. An analysis of our relationships with humanitarian actors and donors in the field of child protection, conducted at field level and facilitated by the Country Office, and the steps to undertake to strengthen those connections.
2. One in-person/online meeting to discuss the final findings and recommendations, this will create a platform for the outcomes and outputs to be presented by the consultant followed by Q&A session.

Locations and Data collection methods

The locations where the assessment is to take place are: in District Tolagnaro and in Betroka.

A combination of methods can be employed including:

- **Key Informant Interview (KII):** Interviews with government and relevant ministry officials, humanitarian agencies and actors, community leads and experts.
- **Focus Group Discussion (FGDs):** Affected community members (from different groups, IDPs, Host and if applicable refugee communities), as well as youth and children.
- **Surveys:** when applicable, sample any surveys and studies conducted previously to obtain valuable information, such as MIRA assessment by the UN agencies, or/and any data collected previously from the beginning of the response, compare and share any trends that are applicable to this assessment.

- **Data analysis:** All collected data will be systematically analysed to identify key themes, gaps, and opportunities.
- **Progress meetings and updates:**
 - **Regular Communication:** Bi-weekly progress meetings will be held with the designated TdH NL point of contact to discuss project advancement, address any challenges, and ensure alignment with project goals.
 - **Additional Meetings:** Additional meetings will be called as needed if significant obstacles or delays arise that could impact project timelines.
- **Report writing through a collaborative Review Process:** Data analysis and report writing will be conducted with a focus on meeting the established outputs and deliverables outlined in the Terms of Reference (ToR). Presentation of the findings will be done, in addition to a draft report that will be submitted to TdH NL for review and feedback. This feedback will be incorporated into a revised draft, ensuring the final report meets all expectations.

Profile

Desired consultants should have:

- Extensive experience in conducting participatory action research and qualitative research methodologies, including focus group discussions and (small group) interviews;
- Expertise in child protection;
- Good knowledge of the humanitarian situation in the south of Madagascar.
- Preference for candidates from Madagascar to ensure cultural and contextual understanding.
- Ability to communicate in English and translate reports into English.
- A cleared police background check.

Who can apply

Any individual or agency fitting the profile mentioned can apply. Agencies need to have no conflict of interest and a due diligence check will be part of the selection procedure.

Important to note: as a child rights organisation, we want to uphold the highest level of safeguarding to protect children. This is reflected in our recruitment process. This includes checking two references, a cleared police background check, and signing our Code of Conduct with Child Safeguarding procedures. Methodology training with child safeguarding procedures will be mandatory before commencing with data collection.



How to apply

Interested consultants should send their applications with the subject line *Consultant: Child Protection Assessment (Madagascar)* to madagascar@tdh.nl by **31 October 2024**.

The applicant should include the following documents;

- CV (individuals)/Credentials (Agency), proving relevant expertise and experience of all people working on the assignment.
- A brief paper with the proposed approach and outline of a work plan, especially accessing the target groups and ensuring safety and wellbeing of participants.
- Financial Proposal in line with the approach and outline of the work plan.

For more information about this consultancy, you can contact us through the same email address.