

Terms of Reference (TOR) for Consultancy to Evaluate of the experiment of integrating two SOS families in the community

1. Introduction/Background

SOS Children's Villages Sudan (SOS CV Sudan):

The SOS Children's Village Sudan (SOS CV Sudan) was established in 1978 with affiliation to the SOS Children's Village International. The SOS CV Sudan provides long-term family base services, for the abandoned children who completely lost their parental care regardless colour, race or religious background. The SOS CV Sudan model is stand on four pillars house, brothers, sisters and community. The SOS CV Sudan furnished with 15 houses of 5 to 7 children per house and mother who are living together in one community. Those children are receiving package of parental care, health, education services along with social and recreation activities. The SOS CV Sudan work for abandoned, orphaned children or families and give them an opportunity to build lasting relationship with their families who are unable to care for them. Our commitment is that children grow-up in the healthy environment and pave their way for smoothly integrating in to their communities.

The programs of the SOS CV Sudan focused on protection and development of the children without parental care and those threaten by losing it. The SOS CV Sudan is addressing the needs of the vulnerable children through the Alternative Care Program (ACP).

The evaluation of the families' integration experiment will perhaps help in the future community integration of families. It will eventually provide first-hand information to:

- 1) To smoothly integrate families' in their communities despite of the variant cultural, social and economic characteristics,
- 2) Will help us to come up with clear criteria for selection of families to be integrated, suitable settlement area, preparatory activities for intended families to be integrated and preparatory actions for the recipient communities,
- 3) Provide baseline information about smooth community integration that could be shared with sister organizations towards future cooperation.

2. The Goal:

The goal is to promote and enhance the smooth integration of the SOS families into the community life.

The main Objectives:

- 1- To identify the socio-cultural factors that are facilitating and/or preventing the smooth integration of the SOS two families in their communities,
- 2- To evaluate the level of children adaptation with the socio-cultural setting of their surrounding communities,

- 3- To assess the caregivers parental care skills and its contribution to enhance the interaction of children with their peers as entry point towards the social integration of children – of both genders - in their communities,
- 4- Give and account of the perceptions of hosting community members about the children and how they are dealing with them as an active community members,
- 5- To figure out the key challenges/difficulties that children have experience in the social interaction with the people of their surrounding communities,
- 6- Provide recommendations with suitable approach, corrective actions to be considered for future community integration of SOS families

Target groups and scope of the evaluation:

The evaluation will benefit from interviewing SOS caregivers, staff, children and members of the hosting communities. The evaluation will focus on the integrated two families, their children, children of the host communities and those who are in direct contact with the children and their parents.

The assessment evaluation involves consulting and discussing with community groups including children of concern, mothers, fathers, community, youth, members, government officials, Agencies and NGOs.

The evaluation is anticipated to pay attention taken to children with parents, neighbouring-hood, sibling, aunt and community members of their surrounding

Time Frame:

The assessment survey will conduct in a period of three weeks, starting by October 22th, 2020. The final report shall be submitted in hard and soft copy to the SOS Children's Villages Sudan.

The above-mentioned period is both for preparing and conduct of the survey; and for briefing about the main findings and submitting the final report.

Responsibilities/tasks of the consultant/:

The assignment of the consultant is to prepare a detailed status report of the two evaluated families; whereas that clearly indicates about the overall the socio-cultural factors that are facilitating and/or preventing the smooth integration of the SOS two families in their communities. The evaluation will emphasis on children conditions and the children experience in the social interaction with the people of their surrounding communities. Consultant is requested to:

Prepare a plan and for conduct of the assessment survey. In this connection, he/she are requested to:

- ✓ Specify the tools and methods that will be used for data collection,
- ✓ Identify the main sources of literature to be reviewed,
- ✓ List the main stakeholders to be consulted (Children, GOs, NGOs, Community leaders, parents, local authority officials...etc.,
- ✓ Plan and design methods of data collection to be used, including the questionnaire which should be shared with the SOS CV Sudan to ensure collecting the exact data and information needed to be answer the questions of the survey,
- ✓ Specify the data analysis tool that will be used.

3. Deliverables:

The primary deliverable will be the comprehensive report that contains concrete (i.e. realistic and implementable) program recommendation, based on the findings of collected data,

A secondary deliverable will be a draft report for review by SOS CV Sudan. This will allow the Organization to make comments, suggestions and recommendations for the final report.

3. The main contents of the assessment survey

The evaluation should provide answers to the following questions:

- ✓ What are socio-cultural factors that help to enhance the smooth integration of the children of the SOS families in the communities,
- ✓ What are the results/practices of the integration experiment form the parents prospective, to be considered for future families' integration,
- ✓ To what extent did the children adapt with the values, attitudes, behaviour and practices of the surrounding communities,
- ✓ Did the parental care skills of the caregivers support the children to interact with their peers towards the smooth social integration,
- ✓ Did the children of both genders of children are able to build relationship with their respective peers,
- ✓ Did the community acceptance of the children is clearly visible what are the evident and indicators that confirm the acceptance.
- ✓ What are the challenges that the children have face during the interaction with their peers,
- ✓ What are the key solutions/recommendations to be consider for future community integration of SOS families,
- ✓ What support and encouragement that the community displayed to foster the families integration.

4. Methods to be used:

As minimum requirements, the analysis process must apply the following methods:

1. **Analysis of existing documents:** Published material, reports of other organizations, government reports and studies of research institutions could be sources of information.
2. **Consultation with main stakeholders:** The main purpose of the consultations with stakeholders is to get an overview on the opinions, strategies, and programs of the main public institutions, concerned government bureaus, NGOs, and individuals with reference to the target community.
3. **Focus Group Discussion, case studies, interviews of key informants, could be among the data collection methodologies.** Methodologies like FGDs and interview are recommended.

The consultancy fees:

The consultant fee will be decided based on the financial offer the consultant will submit to the organization upon receipt of the Terms of Reference (TOR).

The mode of payment of fees will be agreed upon with the consultant.

5. Required Skills and Competencies

The consultant must have:

- ✓ Practical experience with conduct of research and studies,
- ✓ A good understanding of community development work and acquaintance about the social welfare system in the country.
- ✓ Experience in participatory research methods.
- ✓ Good analytical, research and report writing skills.
- ✓ Good facilitation and interpersonal skills.

In addition, desirable would be:

- ✓ A social science background or related field is an advantage,
- ✓ Previous experience with conduct of studies, surveys and evaluation is an added value
- ✓ Knowledge about issues of children is often a helpful knowledge,
- ✓ Working with national or international organization or any other agency concerned with development issues will often considered an asset to qualify the candidates for such consultancy.

Note:

Interested persons are requested to submit their proposed plan to undertake the assessment along with the financial proposal.

Please, send you CV and Plan for the study at email: ayman.khider@sos-kd.org, moawia.abdelkareem@sos-sudan.org

The deadline for this consultancy work is October 17, 2020.