



Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for
CHILDREN AND ARMED CONFLICT

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CONSULTANT – TERMS OF REFERENCE

A. Background

This consultancy is located in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. The mandate and work of the Office derives from General Assembly resolution 51/77 and subsequent resolutions, as well as successive Security Council resolutions on children and armed conflict, in particular Security Council resolution 2427 (2018).

B. Project description and objective

In coordination with stakeholders, the Special Representative has identified a need to reinforce and expand funding for reintegration programming for children affected by armed conflict, and to engage in a coordinated multi-stakeholder effort to enhance the provision of reintegration programmes as well as their design and their financing.

This follows the focus given by the Security Council on reintegration of children through its resolution 2427 (2018) on providing *long-term and sustainable reintegration and rehabilitation opportunities for children affected by armed conflict that are gender- and age-sensitive, including access to health care, psychosocial support, and education programmes, as well as raising awareness and working with communities to avoid stigmatization of these children and facilitate their return, while taking into account the specific needs of girls and boys.*

On 24 September 2018, on the margins of the opening of the 73rd session of the General Assembly, at a high-level event entitled, ‘Funding the Future: Challenges and Responses to the Reintegration of Child Soldiers’, the Special Representative launched the Global Coalition for Reintegration and a one-year-long roadmap process to research this issue and eventually establish a new fund or similar mechanism to assist these children.

This consultancy will contribute to the roadmap process which will explore the scope, structure, governance and funding of a mechanism to exponentially increase resources for reintegration programming for former child soldiers, as well as explore the way forward in reintegration programming. A final report will present a summary of funding modalities, an assessment of current and future funding needs, an overview of reintegration programming globally, and a recommendation for a possible new funding mechanism.

The Office is looking for a consultant to provide substantive and organisational support in the implementation and coordination of the road map. The consultant will provide substantive expertise to the process, assist in the coordination of activities and meetings of the various stakeholder committees, assist in the conceptualising and organisation of events, support the production of needed documentation, including briefing papers and the final report, and other tasks as required.

C. Responsibilities

Under the overall guidance and supervision of the Chief of the Analysis and Outreach Unit/CoO, the consultant will be responsible for the following:

- provide substantive expertise on reintegration programming for children affected by armed conflict, including funding mechanisms and flows,
- research and collate best practices and lessons learned of reintegration programmes and their funding,
- assist in the function of the roadmap secretariat including supporting the Secretariat in preparing and following up the final Steering Committee meeting, making revisions in the documents and planning for implementation of recommendations from the documents,
- assist in the creation and organisation of the launch of the papers in January 2020,
- finalise the production of 3 briefing papers and a final report, and
- provide support to any other tasks as required for the process.

D. Expected Outputs / performance indicators

Under the overall guidance and supervision of the Chief of the Analysis and Outreach Unit/CoO, the consultant will be responsible for producing or assisting in the production of the following:

- provide timely and relevant substantive expertise on reintegration programming for children affected by armed conflict, and on funding mechanisms,
- collate information received on best practices and lessons learned on reintegration programmes for former child soldiers,
- assist in conceptualising and organising the final launch and Phase II of the project, including implementation of recommendations,
- assist in the coordination of the implementation of the project, ensuring flow of information within the Office and with stakeholders, liaising with the Office communications teams for outreach, keeping track of timelines and deliverables, and drafting the final report, and
- provide support to any other tasks as required for this project and its next phase.

E. Location

The consultant will work from their home base.

F. Duration of Work

The duration of the consultancy will be for 3 months as soon as possible. The consultant will be paid at the end of each month upon successful completion of the tasks allocated for that month.

G. Qualifications

Education

Advance degree (Master's or equivalent) in law, political sciences, international relations or other disciplines related to human rights

Experience

Candidates for this consultancy shall have the following qualifications:

- four years' knowledge of or experience working in reintegration programmes for former child soldiers or relevant child protection experience,
- experience with working in or with international organizations,
- excellent writing skills in English,
- experience in coordinating multi-stakeholder projects,
- experience in organizing events or performing secretariat-like functions,
- proficiency in the English language is required, a knowledge of French is desirable.

How to apply

To apply, please email the following information to Denise Badila at badilad@un.org under reference Child Protection Specialist Consultant **no later than 5 November**.

The following three documents must be submitted with all applications; incomplete applications will not be accepted:

1. cover letter,
2. personal CV, including experience in similar projects and names of 3 references, and,
3. writing sample.

Only successful candidates will be contacted