



SHORT TERM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE SADC ORPHANS, VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH (OVCY) PROGRAMME

June 2017

Background

The SADC Vision is *one of a common future, a future in a regional community that will ensure economic well-being, improvement of the standards of living and quality of life, freedom and social justice and peace and security for the peoples of Southern Africa.*

Consistent with the Vision, the Mission of SADC is: *To promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development through efficient productive systems, deeper cooperation and integration, good governance and durable peace and security, so that the region emerges as a competitive and effective player in international relations and the world economy.*

The SADC region acknowledged the negative impact of HIV and AIDS, TB, and Malaria on social and economic development of the region and deliberately agreed to respond to the challenges posed by the epidemics. The combined impact of these challenges is evident in the increasingly high numbers of orphans and other vulnerable children and youth (OVC&Y) and the often acute violation of human and child rights. Health, social and economic forecasts suggest that household poverty and orphaning will remain high in the foreseeable future.

In view of these challenges, SADC developed specific interventions focusing on OVC&Y, elaborated through the Strategic Framework and Programme of Action for OVC&Y, 2008-2015 and its accompanying Business Plan with the theme “Comprehensive Care and Support for Orphans, Vulnerable Children and Youth” that was approved by SADC Ministers of Health and HIV and AIDS in November 2008. SADC noted the need to review the 2008-2015 Business Plan and developed a Revised Business Plan 2017-2020 to incorporate emerging issues and to encompass some recommendations from the evaluation of the implementation of the Strategic Framework.

The success of implementing the Business Plan 2017-2020 rests on the goodwill and preparedness of all stakeholders in the region and beyond (governments, civil society and regional organizations, private sector, donors, and most importantly children and young people) to establish mutually productive partnerships focused on collectively achieving comprehensive outcomes for OVC&Y and their families/carers in SADC.

To this end REPSSI is supporting SADC to secure a consultant to provide short term technical assistance (TA) for the orphans, vulnerable children and youth programme. The consultant will provide overall advisory and programme management support to ensure that child and youth vulnerability, development and empowerment take centre stage in a systematic manner, in the social, economic and political development agenda of SADC at regional and national levels.

Scope of Work

The consultancy is for 6 months (July – December 2017). The consultant is required to:

ACTIVITIES
Facilitate interim coordination of the SADC OVCY Programme in particular the 2017-18 Annual Workplan
Ensure that issues of OVCY are mainstreamed in relevant directorates, units and sectors at the SADC Secretariat and domesticated and implemented in Member States.
Represent SADC Secretariat in regional and international forums on OVCY e.g. prepare for the Regional PSS Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invite Government officials from Member States.• Facilitate a learning session in collaboration with East Africa Community (EAC)• Coordinate SADC specific sessions e.g. on the M&E indicators
Facilitate and forge regional partnerships and networks for collaborating on OVCY in SADC and beyond.

Base

The consultant will be based in the SADC secretariat in Gaborone, Botswana.

Qualifications and experience

- The post requires a Postgraduate Degree in either Public Health, Social Sciences, Project/ Programme Management, Business Management or other relevant field;
- A minimum of 10 years' experience in development work, at least 5 of which should be in HIV and AIDS, children and youth development and empowerment;
- A strong understanding of the SADC region and partners working in the OVCY arena;
- A working understanding of systemic /holistic approaches to addressing cross sectoral issues such as vulnerable children and youth development and empowerment.
- Experience in policy and strategy development;
- Strong networking and partnership building skills.

Applications must be submitted to:

REPSSI Human Resources and Administration: hradmin@repssi.org by the 23rd of June 2017.

Please attach the following in your application:

- a) A short cover letter which includes the anticipated remuneration for this consultancy
- b) A detailed and updated curriculum vitae;

The successful applicant will be notified by the 28th of June 2017.