

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYST/CONSULTANT

1.0. Introduction

The AfriChild Centre is a multidisciplinary research institution that undertakes child-focused research, develops skills in research and advocates for evidence-based policy and programming to improve the well-being of the African child. Established in January 2013, the AfriChild Centre undertakes multidisciplinary research, evidence-based knowledge building, skills development and influences policy and practice for the wellbeing of the African child. The Centre is promoted by ChildFund International – Uganda Office, the Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development, Makerere University, Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO), Uganda, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Columbia University. The Centre fits squarely within the ensuing global initiative aimed at promoting learning, advocacy, and building human resources capacity to promote child protection. It also fits in the efforts pursued by the Uganda Government, civil society organizations (CSOs) and development partners in building an effective national response to children in adversity. Most notably, this response is articulated in the Uganda National Action Plan for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC), and the National Strategic Program Plan of Interventions (NSPPI 2), which underlines the importance of research and equipping the national workforce in the OVC sector with relevant knowledge and skills so as to build an effective and sustainable national response to children in adversity

2.0 Background

Columbia University, (Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health), World Vision International in collaboration with The AfriChild Centre (AfriChild) for the Study of the African Child (Makerere University) and World Vision, Uganda are conducting research on Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Emergencies. The study is a “*Randomised Control Trial (RCT) of Child Friendly Space interventions for girls and boys affected by conflict and displacement*”. The RCT involves a three-armed design (basic, enhanced and waitlist/control CFS packages) provided to a randomized set of children for each of those arms.

This study is implemented using mixed methods approach, concurrently collecting qualitative data and quantitative survey data to triangulate and corroborate findings. The study intends to recruit competent individual (s) to fill the position of **Qualitative Data Analyst/Consultant** who will conduct qualitative data analysis of approximately 144 interviews conducted with children, their parents and other stakeholders in Omugo Refugee Settlement. Qualitatively, the study employs various methods including focus group discussions with children’s parents and caregivers, and semi-structured interviews with key informants. The major themes of

these discussions include explorations of existing child protection systems and the role of CFS' in supporting or strengthening them, through the use of community based participatory approaches such as Participative Ranking Methodology (PRM), body mapping, spider diagrams and participatory community mapping of resources.

3.0 Scope of Work

The consultant will be provided with the original Interview guides used during the qualitative interviews. A licensed software (*dedoose*) will also be provided to the Consultant for the length of time of engagement. In particular the consultant will:

- Develop and produce an adequate codebook for analysing the data, which will be initially reviewed and validated in collaboration with the project team based at the AfriChild Centre, Makerere University, Kampala;
- Based on the codebook and the qualitative data collected in each Child Friendly Space organised into the study cycles; produce analysis in collaboration with the local partners of the study;
- Produce analysis as well as conclusions to be drawn from the qualitative data collected in all the Child Friendly Space (CFS) study sites focusing vividly on the thematic data analysis approach;
- Deliver a report including the analysis at the baseline, end line, and/or other measurement points, which will contribute to feeding the final report drafted by the entire R2HC CFS study project.

4.0 Timelines and Outputs

- An initial codebook will be submitted to the Research Manager (AfriChild Centre) and the Research Coordinator (Columbia University) by the 11th of May, 2020.
- The analysis of the entire qualitative data will be submitted by the 19th June, 2020.
- A first draft of the report will be submitted by the 26th June, 2020.
- The final draft of the report will be submitted by the 17th July, 2020.

5.0 Reporting

- The Consultant will be supervised by the Director, Research and Knowledge Development and will work closely with the Research Manager at AfriChild Centre. Also, the Consultant will receive continuous technical backstopping from Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health investigators attached to the CFS study.

6.0 Duration

This assignment will take 45 working days.

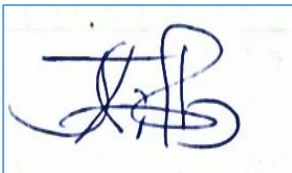
Qualifications

- Masters or PhD degree in a discipline such as public health, sociology, anthropology, development studies, social sciences or any other relevant discipline with a strong focus on qualitative analysis;
- Relevant understanding and experience with mental health and psychosocial support issues;
- Robust analytical skills and qualitative focus and strong knowledge and understanding of qualitative research/data;
- Knowledge of or preferably direct field experiences of humanitarian setting research especially in the Ugandan and/or South Sudanese context;
- Fluency (written and spoken) in English. Knowledge of South Sudanese Arabic or Kakwa would be an advantage but not a requirement.
- Remarkable analytical and drafting skills, and the ability to work quickly and produce concise, top quality reports in English;
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity, particularly in relation to the subject matter of the interviews including child protection, mental health and psychosocial well-being.

Application

Interested candidates should submit a Technical and Financial Proposal, curriculum vitae and application letter by email to Denis Nono (dnono@africhild.or.ug), Research Manager, AfriChild Centre, copying Moses Mukundane (mmukundane@africhild.or.ug), Director, Research and Knowledge Development, AfriChild Centre by 27th April, 2020.

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