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SAVE THE CHILDREN REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) FOR REFUGEE EDUCATION ADVOCACY TRAINING

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Introduction:

Save the Children Federation, Inc. (hereafter “SCUS”) is the world’s leading independent organization for children. In 2015, we reached an estimated 185 million children, achieving lasting, large-scale results around the world. We worked in 120 countries, including the United States. Our signature programs in 13 countries have contributed to increasing newborn survival, giving children a healthy start and improving learning outcomes on a national scale. We work with our donors and partners to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Background on Return to Learning (RTL):

Over the past decade, the number of people displaced around the world has increased nearly 70% driven in large part by violent conflict in places like Syria, South Sudan, Afghanistan, Myanmar and Somalia. Right now, there are 70.9 million people who have been forced to flee their homes – more than any other time in history.

We know that more than half of all refugees are children and that the average length of displacement for a refugee is 18 years – an entire childhood. Getting these children back into school is vital to giving them an immediate sense of stability and a long-term hope for the future.

In 2016, in the run up to the World Refugee Summit, Save the Children issued an ambitious call that no refugee child should be out of school more than 30 days. As a result of concerted advocacy over the course of two years, global leaders responded with the first-ever time-bound commitment to get refugee children back in school within no more than 3 months of arrival in a host country as part of the 2018 Global Compact on Refugees.

Our Return to Learning (RTL) program was developed to show the world how to make good on this promise, bringing an evidence-based, scalable, and sustainable response to the huge gap in education services available to the growing number of forcibly displaced and refugee children worldwide. RTL works to ensure that out-of-school refugee girls and boys can continue building their academic skills and begin to cope with the emotional effects of displacement within weeks while long-term solutions (learning spaces, teachers, and supplies) are identified and procured.

In addition to direct programmatic support, the RTL intervention includes crucial international, US and host-country advocacy efforts to ensure that these advances are sustained. Save the Children advocates for the policies and financial support needed to achieve the goal of returning displaced children to learning as soon as possible and ensure that learning opportunities for displaced children and others affected by conflict can be accessed and sustained over the long term.

The advocacy component of Return to Learning (RTL) supports two key elements of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR): 1) ensuring implementation of policies and programs to return refugee children to learning as soon as possible and 2) ensuring education for refugees is included in national education plans and systems. The goal for RTL advocacy is to increase awareness of the right of refugee children to access quality education and ensure global accountability to the implementation of the education elements of the GCR.

Scope of Work and Expected Deliverables:

SCUS is seeking a qualified consultant to design a refugee education advocacy training module for use in Lebanon and other countries with significant child refugee populations in need of access to safe and quality education in line with the two key GCR education objectives. This training will be a critical component of the advocacy pillar of SCUS' Return to Learning program, and should focus on what advocacy is and how to do it at the global and the national level via both technical and political advocacy/campaigning. This would be followed by a facilitated planning session for country office staff to develop a national advocacy plan in support of refugee education connected to the education-related commitments in the GCR.

We anticipate this training will be approximately a day and a half in length, and will be the second module of a larger workshop and will follow a module focused on the background of the Global Compact on Refugees and its implications as well as a lay of the land in terms of global and national advocacy opportunities.

The consultant will produce the following deliverables:

- Training module design and methodology
- Training module structure and proposed agenda
- Training module content and background materials
- Relevant materials and tools (power points, instructions for group exercises etc.) needed to implement the above

While Lebanon will be the illustrative case study, we seek a format and materials that can be tailored for particular national contexts. We will explore having the consultant who designed the modules also play a role in facilitating the workshops.

The selected consultant must be able to meet the objectives and deliverables described above within 45 days of the contract start date, and we anticipate that the work will take approximately 100 hours to complete.

Response Instructions:

A. Questions about the RFQ

Questions regarding this RFQ can be directed to Allyson Neville and must be submitted on or before September 13, 2019.

B. References

Please provide 3 references. Save the Children will alert you before contacting references.

C. Submission and Deadline

Please submit an electronic copy of your quote and proposal to Allyson Neville no later than 5 p.m. on September 16, 2019. The official copy must 1) describe similar engagements and identify key personnel to be assigned to this project, 2) contain a general description of techniques, approaches and/or methods to be used in this role, and 3) quote a firm fixed cost for completion of all deliverables. Finally, please also describe relevant experience and the potential ability to play a role in facilitating the training in country.

D. Preparation Costs

Save the Children is not liable for any costs incurred by consultants in preparing or submitting a quote and/or proposal.

E. Basis for Award

Cost and ability to accomplish deliverables within the requested timeline.

Provisional Calendar of Events:

<i>August 30, 2019</i>	Request for quote issued
<i>September 16, 2019</i>	Quote and proposal submission deadline
<i>September 19, 2019</i>	Review of proposals completed and consultant contracted
<i>November 4, 2019</i>	Workshop design and workshop materials complete