



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Mid-term review of the project

*Protect the children from abuse, neglect and exploitation through a strengthened and functional child protection system*

#### I. GENERAL OVERVIEW

<b>Project name</b>	Protect the children from abuse, neglect and exploitation through a strengthened and functional child protection system
<b>Implementing organization</b>	National Center for Child Abuse Prevention (NCCAP)
<b>Implementing partner</b>	Child Rights Information Center (CRIC)
<b>Funding organization</b>	OAK Foundation
<b>Project duration</b>	May 2015 – April 2018
<b>Period to be evaluated</b>	May 2015 – December 2016
<b>Timeframe of the evaluation</b>	March – April 2017

#### Context

The National Centre for Child Abuse Prevention (NCCAP) is a non-profit organization, which since 1997 is promoting children's rights to protection from all forms of violence through prevention activities and specialized services for children and their families.

As a result of joint efforts from civil society and government, on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, the Law on special protection of children in risk situation and separated from parents entered into force. Based on this law, the Government approved on 28 April 2014 the intersectorial cooperation mechanism for identification, evaluation, referral, assistance and monitoring of children victims of violence, neglect, exploitation and trafficking (intersectorial mechanism).

In the framework of strengthening the child protection system to implement the newly adopted legislation, NCCAP with the support of OAK Foundation is implementing the project *Protect the children from abuse, neglect and exploitation through a strengthened and functional child protection system*. The project is implemented in collaboration with key-ministries (Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, General Police Inspectorate) and Local Public Authorities in 7 districts and 2 municipalities of Moldova.

#### Project description

Although a regulatory framework for a unified and comprehensive system for identification, record and assistance of cases of abuse, neglect, exploitation, trafficking of children was approved, in practice there are many gaps in implementation and monitoring. These gaps are a consequence of the low capacity of professionals, lack of practical tools for the prevention and assistance of children victims, insufficiency of prevention and support services for children in risk of abuse, as well as specialized services for children victims. In this context, the project will support the national and local authorities to implement the intersectorial cooperation mechanism, strengthening the authorities (stakeholders) and children (rights holders) capacities in monitoring on respect for the rights of children to protection from all forms of violence; implementing structural programs for primary prevention of violence addressed to children and parents; developing child participation policies at school level; At national level the project focuses on the social protection, health, education and police sectors. At local level the project covers the following regions: Chişinău and Bălţi municipalities, and Căuşeni, Cimişlia, Criuleni, Hânceşti, Leova, Orhei, Străşeni districts.

The **overall objective** of the Project is to protect the children from abuse, neglect and exploitation through a strengthened and functional child protection system at local and national levels and create opportunities for national expansion and replication.

### **Objectives of the project:**

1. By March 2018, the child protection system and duty bearers at national and local level have been strengthened with tools, capacities and services to efficiently implement and monitor the intersectorial mechanism.
2. By March 2018, children, parents and members of the community are empowered to recognize, prevent, report and monitor child abuse, neglect, exploitation, trafficking; children victims have access to specialized services and enjoy their rights to protection.

## **II. THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT MID-TERM REVIEW**

### **Purpose of the Mid-Term Review**

The consultancy aims at assessing the implementation and achievements of the project at its mid-term, in relation to the expected outcomes described in the project proposal. The evaluation will identify and analyse factors that contributed to results/ lack of results, in order to help the implementing organizations adapt and revise the intervention strategies.

### **Tasks and responsibilities**

The selected consultant will perform the mid-term review of the project looking at its efficiency, relevance, effectiveness and sustainability. More specific, the evaluation will answer to the following questions:

- What has been the progress so far in terms of outcomes and outputs of the project?
- What were the major factors influencing the achievement or non-achievement of the objectives?
- How relevant and efficient are the activities of the project for achieving the project outcomes?
- Which activities, strategies, processes are leading to the desired outcomes and outputs (effectiveness)?
- Which elements of the project are or could be sustainable?

- What are the major factors and stakeholders which influence the achievement or non-achievement of sustainability of the project?
- What has worked well, what hasn't?
- What challenges and obstacles were identified in the implementation process?
- What new learning as a result of this project has been identified, and what are the recommendations for any changes in order to improve the projects' delivery?

## **Methodology**

The evaluation methodology shall include, but not limit to:

- Desk research (project proposal, project reports, other relevant documents)
- Questionnaires
- Interviews, focus-group discussions with project implementation team
- Interviews, focus-group discussions with project beneficiaries.

The draft methodology will be consulted with implementing organization.

## **Evaluation report**

Evaluation report shall include, but not limit to the following sections:

- a) Cover page
- b) Executive summary
- c) Purpose and objectives of the evaluation
- d) Analysis of the qualitative and quantitative data collected within the evaluation
- e) Findings on the efficiency, relevance, effectiveness and sustainability of the project activities
- f) Conclusions and recommendations
- g) Annexes

The draft report will be consulted with the implementing organization.

## **Profile of the consultant**

The consultant shall meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Relevant experience in the field of child protection (at least 5 years);
- ✓ Experience in project evaluation (at least 2 similar consultancies);
- ✓ Experience in working in Moldovan context and/ or other countries in Central and Eastern Europe;
- ✓ Experience in working with civil society organizations/ international organizations;
- ✓ Excellent command of English, both oral and written;
- ✓ Working knowledge of Romanian will be an asset.

## **The application dossier will include**

- ✓ CV of the candidate;

- ✓ Technical proposal which will outline the evaluation methodology and the proposed working plan;
- ✓ Financial proposal (total cost, cost per day, travel costs, all in USD);
- ✓ Documents supporting the relevant experience of the candidate;
- ✓ At least 2 references.

**Evaluation criteria for selection**

- ✓ Level of the candidate's expertise
- ✓ Relevant previous experience
- ✓ Quality and relevance of the evaluation methodology and working plan
- ✓ Financial proposal adequately reflects the technical proposal
- ✓ General overview of the proposal.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **20 January 2017**.

The proposal shall be sent to the following address:

Centrul Național de Prevenire a Abuzului față de Copii, mun. Chișinău, str. Calea Ieșilor 61/2

e-mail: [office@cnpac.org.md](mailto:office@cnpac.org.md) with reference to "mid-term evaluation"

Contact person: Veronica Goinic, +373 22748378

For any additional information on NCCAP, please visit [www.cnpac.org.md](http://www.cnpac.org.md)

Only pre-selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.