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Request for Proposals: Development of Child Participation Strategy for Right To Play

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1. Overview:

Right To Play is the only global development organization focused exclusively on using the power of play to transform the lives of children and youth affected by war, poverty and disease. Right To Play was founded in 2000 and has responded to humanitarian crises and engaged in development initiatives in 40 countries. Right To Play addresses some of the most critical issues facing children today. We are aligned with the global community to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Right To Play is headquartered in Toronto, Canada and has national fundraising offices in Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. It has programmatic presence in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Our programs are facilitated by more than 600 international staff.

Play is a powerful tool for learning and development. The effectiveness of play-based learning is grounded in a strong body of research and evidence. We focus on four key forms of play: sports, games, creative play and free play. Through the power of play-based learning we create impact in thematic areas of Quality Education, Health and Wellbeing, Child Protection, Gender Equality and Peace Building. The key activities to achieve results in our outcome areas place children at the centre of all activities, transform learning for children and adults and create a lasting change with a focus on advocacy, learning and measurement.

Right To Play works directly with the children and place important emphasis to meaningfully participate children in all processes in a project. Currently, Right To Play implements a project called GREAT (Gender Responsive Education and Transformation) in Rwanda, Mozambique and Ghana with a view to improve quality education for girls and boys. While the project's main focus is to integrate gender responsive play-based learning into teaching practices, to increase parents' and caregivers' engagement and to increase the adoption of gender responsive play-based learning in in-service and pre-service teacher training, there are important elements of child participation within the project's structure. In order to improve the implementation of these elements, there is a need for a structured analysis of the ongoing and planned activities. This assignment is expected not only to document good practices but also to suggest strategies, based on RTP's strengths and comparative advantages and the country contexts, to ensure meaningful participation of children.

2. Scope of work:

The consultant will engage in the following activities:

1. Develop an understanding of Right To Play's programs and tools:
 - a. Review key documents like Theory of Change documents, project proposal etc
 - b. Organize country visits to observe activities and interview RTP staff and beneficiaries
 - c. Conduct skype calls with other relevant country teams
2. Develop a child participation strategy for the GREAT project
 - a. Analyze the current status of child participation activities and identify weaknesses and strengths in RTP's methodology
 - b. Identify RTP's comparative advantages for the adoption and implementation of child participation activities

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- c. Identify areas of improvement and required steps
- d. Finalize the strategy (5-10 pages) as per the feedback received from the country offices

These activities will be conducted in close collaboration with the key staff at Right To Play, under the supervision of Global Child Protection Specialist.

3. Location of Work:

Home-based with travels to two countries (to be selected from Ghana, Mozambique, Rwanda -TBC at the beginning of the consultancy)

4. Timeline:

The completion of the assignment is expected to take 15 working days in the period of September-December 2019.

5. Qualifications and Experience:

- Proven expertise and extensive experience in developing strategy documents
- Previous experience in developing and/or implementing child participation strategies
- Sound knowledge on child participation methodologies in various contexts
- Good understanding of the context in Africa
- Fluency in English
- Familiarity with play-based methodology is an asset

6. Submission of Proposal:

Please submit a cover letter, CV and a sample work along with the proposed budget (breakdown of days for each task with a timeline to complete the assignment within the planned dates), daily rate, estimated cost for travel and any other relevant expense that the consultant deems necessary. Please ensure that your cover letter includes information on your previous work of similar nature, your proposed methodology and initial ideas on the proposed strategy and why you are well-positioned to undertake this assignment.

Please submit your proposal electronically to Iraz Soyalp, Global Child Protection Specialist before **2 August 2019 12 pm** to isoyalp@righttoplay.com.