



## Call for Consultancy – Terms of Reference

### **Assessment on the status of girls and young women at risk of dropping out of school due to Teenage Pregnancy (TP) and Child Marriage (CM) in Kenya**

#### **Project Background**

The Forum for African Women Educationalists Kenya (FAWEK) is a Non-Governmental Membership Organization affiliated to FAWE – a Network working in 33 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa to achieve gender equality and equity in education across the continent in line with Education for All (EFA) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). FAWE Kenya believes that through girls' and women's education, the entire communities' livelihoods, civic education and liberties are enhanced. Educated girls get equipped with knowledge, skills and opportunity to play a role in governance, democratic processes and influence societal development.

FAWE Kenya is part of the Break Free Alliance (BFA) – a consortium of three co-partners i.e. Plan International, SRHR Africa Trust (SAT) and FAWE. The alliance equally has the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) and Rozaria Memorial Trust (RMT) as technical partners. The programme aims at ensuring that the adolescents are more informed about their SRHR and live free from Teenage Pregnancy (TP) and Child Marriage (CM), supported by civil society. In Kenya, the BFA has three main pathways of change leading to the strategic programme objectives:

- Pathway 1: Adolescent girls at risk of CM/TP and FGM/C have access to quality education in a safer school environment with improved participation, retention and completion
- Pathway 2: Duty Bearers and decision makers at national and county level, review, resource and implement laws and policies that respond to adolescents' needs.
- Pathway 3: Adolescent girls and boys access quality SRHR education, information and youth friendly services.

#### **Objectives**

A critical component of the project is having the adolescents exercise their right to live free from Teenage Pregnancy (TP) and Child Marriage (CM) and increase access to quality and safe education for girls at risk of CM/TP. Subject to this, FAWE Kenya is seeking the services of a consultant to assess the status of girls at risk of dropping out of school due to TP/CM/FGM in the Kenya.

#### **Specific Objectives of assignment**

- To collate and synthesize data on the number of girls at risk of dropping out of school due to TP/CM/FGM including the COVID 19 context.
- To document the factors exposing girls to TP/CM/FGM and the ultimate learning discontinuation.
- To document best practices in reducing girls' exposure to TP/CM/FGM and propose an effective model for addressing TP/CM/FGM.

## Scope of Work

The assessment should at minimum address the following:

- Education (e.g., EMIS) data produced by the Education Ministry and local representatives is important, but the assessment should look at a wide range of data sources that touch upon Education including surveys, population censuses and across sectors: health, justice system, budget and expenditure data, etc.
- The mapping should cover National statistical systems and/or data generated by UN/bilateral/multilateral agencies in support of programmes touching on TP, CM and FGM with linkage to Education, especially specialized agencies of the UN (e.g. UNICEF, UNFPA, etc.).
- The mapping should include data generated by civil society groups or citizen generated data and other non-official sources.
- Document information on the availability of gender disaggregation data by population groups as appropriate.
- In addition, the consultant shall compile public datasets and correlate them where possible, flagging key data gaps and data challenges related to TP, CM and girls Education.

## Key Deliverables

The following are the key deliverables expected from the engagement:

- Refine the scope and focus of the assessment template, based on up-to-date knowledge of existing data related to TP, CM and girls Education in Kenya
- Undertake desk research regarding a review of existing data related to CM, TP, FGM/C and girl's education in Kenya
- Consult informally with key Education data stakeholders in Kenya to ensure that as many data sources as possible on girls' education related to TP, CM and FGM/C are documented. Draft and final 15-20-page report summarizing key findings and an electronic compilation of existing data sources.

## Qualification, technical expertise, skills and knowledge

- A minimum of Masters in education, development studies, gender or related social sciences.
- Up to date knowledge of a wide range of data sources related to TP, CM and Education in Kenya.
- Demonstrated understanding of barriers to quality education for girls in Kenya.
- A minimum of 5 years' experience in consultancy.

## Budget, timelines and ways of working

- The consultant will work remotely
- The Scope of Work is estimated to take about 10 – 15 days to complete, but consultants should provide details for their proposed timing and costings in the cover letter
- The work should be completed by **20th April 2021**, with a first draft of the research findings submitted for project partner review by around **15<sup>th</sup> April, 2021** and a final draft by **20<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**.

## Application Procedure

Interested and qualified candidates should submit their applications, which should include the following:

- Detailed proposal for implementing the assignment outlining the key scope of the work, budget, methodology, report structure and work plan;
- CVs showing the qualifications and experience of the individual(s) who will undertake the consultancy (not more than five pages);
- A history of relevant assignments conducted in the past two years, kindly give specific reference of relevant assignment; and,
- **MUST** provide sample of similar products development.
- A statement of availability and commitment to undertake and complete the consultancy.

Expressions of interest, in English, must be received **by latest Friday of 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 by 17:00Hrs.** Please send proposals as PDF or MS Word attachments addressed to Chief Executive Officer emailed to [info@fawe.or.ke](mailto:info@fawe.or.ke) with the subject quoting **“Assessment on the status of girls and young women at risk of dropping out of school due to Teenage Pregnancy (TP) and Child Marriage (CM) in Kenya”** on the subject line.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis