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TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR no. 2026/0329)

Call for expressions of interest for Consultants in the framework of implementation of the project “Shkollat për Shëndetin”

1. Background

In May 2025, Save the Children has started the first-year implementation of the second phase of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) Project: “Shkollat për Shëndetin”.

The overall goal of Phase 2 of the Project “Shkollat për Shëndetin” in Albania is:

The population of Albania increases its adoption of healthy behaviours and reduces the main risk factors for NCDs.

The project focuses on promoting positive behavioural changes among schoolchildren aged 6–16, their families, and communities. It aims to ensure national ownership, sustainability, and institutionalization of health promotion interventions in schools and at all levels of governance.

The expected outcomes and the respective main outputs of the project are:

- i. Outcome 1: ***Schoolchildren (6-16 years), their parents, community members, school staff and health professionals have the necessary skills and knowledge to prevent risk factors for NCDs.***

Within Outcome 1, the project will focus on increasing the knowledge and skills of beneficiaries at both the school and community levels. This will be achieved through various activities targeting children; capacity-building interventions for teachers, other relevant school staff, and health promotion specialists at the local level; as well as through the strengthening of the network of “school health coordinators” at the national level.

- ii. ***School health promotion programs are institutionalized in a sustainable manner by the ministries of health and education***

Within Outcome 2, the focus will be on the institutionalization of the interventions. The project will support the development and integration of annual plans embedding health promotion programs within existing structures and systems, across all relevant institutions at both central and local levels — including all local health care units, local education offices, and municipalities. In addition, the project will support the integration of health promotion components into the new national core curricula.

As per above outcomes and respective outputs, Save the Children is launching this call to expand the expression of interest, which is addressed to the national consultants with expertise in the fields of:

- Institutionalisation of school health promotion interventions within local and central planning mechanisms
- Annual plans in the health and education sectors
- Public health and health promotion for school-aged children, including prevention of NCD risk factors (nutrition, physical activity, mental health, sexual education, environmental health, etc.)
- Stakeholder engagement processes at central and local level
- Governance and inter-institutional coordination involving municipalities, local education offices (LEOs), local health care units (LHCUs), regional education units (REUs), and other relevant actors in order to strengthen national health coordinators network.
- Gender equality, social inclusion, and rights-based approaches, including work with vulnerable populations
- Community-based approaches for behaviour change and engagement of children, parents, and communities
- Pedagogical methods and school-based health education, including strengthening the role/network of school health coordinators
- Curriculum integration of health promotion topics and related quality assurance processes
- Data analysis and evidence-based reporting for planning and implementation follow-up.
- Information and communication technology (ICT) and digital tools in support of health promotion.
- Communication, visibility, and dissemination
- Legal and regulatory expertise related to governance, health, and education sectors at central and local level

The consultants of roster lists 2021-2025 will be included directly in the roster list 2026, thus there is no need for reapplication.

2. QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE CONSULTANT

The *Consultants* should have the following qualifications in order to address effectively and timely the needs of the project:

- Minimum MSc degree in the field of interest or related to the field of interest/expertise.
- Background and qualifications in the field of interest/expertise.
- Proven expertise in the field of interest.
- Proven expertise in report writing in English/Albanian languages.

- Proven ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure.
- Flexibility in responding to the needs of the contracting agency.

3. AWARD CRITERIA

Potential candidates will be ranked in each group, based on a result that takes into account the technical profile.

- Academic background and qualification 40%
- Proven experience in the field of interest 60%

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS

The selected candidates will be notified and a list of consultants will be compiled. The consultants will be hired at different time periods, according to the needs of the project “Shkollat për Shëndetin”. The enrolment of the selected candidates on the list of consultants in the respective fields does not imply commitment to consultancy.

If the selected candidate (part of Albanian public service) will be invited to perform a service, an approval letter for this service from the current employer will be required to be submitted.

Interested *consultants* should submit a letter of interest (the field/s of interest should be clearly indicated), two letters of reference from the employers of the last 10 years, a detailed CV, and a copy of ID card (in a single email) to: shkollat.per.shendetin@savethechildren.org by close of business **17 – 03 – 2026**.