

TERMS OF REFERENCE

New Narratives for New Generations Kick-off workshop Copenhagen, Denmark. November 2024

1. BACKGROUND

ActionAid Denmark (AADK) is implementing a one year project in Georgia, Moldova and Armenia, funded under the New Democracy fund.

The purpose of the new project is to support young people in former Soviet republics to define and promote modern post-Soviet identities that embrace human and freedom rights, minority inclusion and environmental sustainability. A successful project outcome will be for diverse groups of young people to improve their capacity to organise for change and do joint projects that tackle the specific challenges they face in Georgia, Moldova and Armenia – including Azerbaijani minority youth living primarily in Georgia.

The new project is intended to be initiated with an induction workshop taking place in Copenhagen from 18.-22. November, bringing relevant stakeholders together for the project. AADK is inviting consultants to submit proposals for the planning and implementation of the introduction workshop. These Terms of Reference (ToR) describe the main objectives of the project and timeline for consultant proposals for a introduction workshop over 5 days.

2. INTRODUCTION

ActionAid Denmark (AADK) is a dual-mandate organisation with almost 70 years of experience with development work and more recently with humanitarian interventions to improve the conditions of life for and with people living in poverty. AADK's constituents are primarily young people with a special focus on young women. Together with local organisations the aim is to empower people living in poverty and support them in knowing and demanding for the realisation of their rights, for them to build democratic, just, and sustainable societies. As part of the international ActionAid Federation (AAI), AADK supports human rights-based development in 70+ countries and reaches 25+ million people.

The Global Platforms are spaces where young people exchange knowledge, organise, and take action for transformative change. The Global Platform network is a vibrant and global network of youth-led spaces facilitating for radical embodiment and youth-led change. The GPs are instrumental in ActionAid's vision to capacitate young people and there are now more than 70 locally rooted GPs across 30 countries. The AADK lead Global Platform secretariat supports the Global Platform network and facilitates for the concept to be practiced based on a shared approach to youth engagement.

The project runs in continuation and will be an extension of an already existing project between AADK, CENN and GrlzWave called "Seeds of Change" in Georgia on green and feminist youth participation in elections. Halfway through, it has resulted in a joint campaign framework, social media campaigns, training of staff in organising for change and youth exchanges. The new project will continue to build thriving GP's/youth hubs and expand the collaboration to Armenia and Moldova – and beyond, based on the below overall desired outcomes.

1. Enhanced Civil Society Capacity of partner organizations to support inclusive and diverse youth engagement and volunteering for a more vibrant civil society.

2. Youth Empowerment and Networking for increased involvement of young people in regional and international networks, leading to enhanced capacity and confidence in organizing for change on local and global issues.
3. Youth Engagement and Cross-Border Collaboration for collective engagement in democracy in project countries, supported by peers from around the world.

In addition to the above outcomes, young people in Denmark, Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Italy and more countries globally will have increased knowledge of – and collaborations with – youth in the region through AADK's Global Platforms network as the projects include cooperation around the implementation of Global Platforms (www.globalplatforms.org), that will be an integrated part of the projects and will link the region into the Global Platform Network.

3. OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The overall purpose of the assignment is to develop and support the implementation of an induction workshop among all partners, based on the Global Platform methodologies, that facilitates for good cooperation and implementation of the project across the involved organisations and kick of the New Narratives for New Generations project

Scope of the assignment

The assignment will be focused the planning and organizing of the workshop in Copenhagen, based on the GP methodologies, with an aim to strengthening the capacity off staff, trainers and volunteers to mobilise and support young people to take action within the project.

The consultant is expected to organise a workshop, that support and facilitate for the involved partners to implement the project together and be strengthened in their ability to lift the project together.

Expected outputs of the workshop

During the workshop, participants from involved partner organisations are intended to:

- Develop and finalize a plan for youth exchanges/youth-in-residency as well as general project implementation.
- Commonly develop and share a joined narrative on the projects approach to “decolonialising narratives”
- Be introduced and have established working-relationships with new staff/partners and be familiarized with the Global Platforms network and approach, to be able to integrating this into the project implementation
- Revise and develop activity plans and plan next steps in conjunction with other involved stakeholders, including cooperation across the involved countries and organisations
- Develop and establish close and honest working relations between staff and involved stakeholders in the project

It is expected that the contractor will have frequent communication and virtual meetings with ActionAid Denmark staff, partners and other relevant keypersons during the assignment period.

4. TIMEFRAME & SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The assignment will start no later than 1st of November 2024 and end no later than 31. December 2024. A total number of working hours per week and an hourly rate including VAT will be agreed before entering the contract.

Interested applicants are welcome to submit their EOI including expected number of working days for the assignment and CV to: caje@ms.dk. The EOI should suggest a plan for development and implementation of the workshop.

Deadline for submission: 27th of October, 2024 EOB.