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USAWA AGENDA

TERMS OF REFERENCE – REPORT WRITING 2021 UWEZO NATIONAL LEARNING ASSESSMENT

BACKGROUND

Usawa Agenda is a not-for-profit organization registered and working in Kenya, with a vision of a Kenya where all children have equitable access to quality learning opportunities. This is a vision that Usawa, previously existing as Uwezo program, has pursued since its inception 11 years ago. The name 'Usawa' is Swahili for 'Equity' and it underlies the strong belief that we can make it possible for ALL children to access and benefit from quality education. We work in all the 47 counties of Kenya, with a vision of a world where all children have equitable access to quality learning opportunities.

Our mission is to promote equitable access to quality learning opportunities by ALL children in Kenya. We do this through research, innovation and engagements with stakeholders at multiple levels. Usawa is organized around three core departments: Research and Evidence, Learning and Strategy and Communication and Engagement.

For ease of understanding and implementation, we articulate Uwezo as consisting of three main components: 1) conducting assessments; 2) communicating about the assessment; and 3) stimulating parents, citizens, educators, governments and education funders to take action.

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OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

Following the recently concluded 2021 Uwezo National Learning Assessment, Usawa Agenda seeks a Consultant to write a report on children's competencies in literacy and numeracy in a manner that informs the public, stimulates national debate and policy discussions. The specific objectives that Uwezo seeks to achieve are to:

- Develop and promote a simple broad-based method to assess children's competencies, particularly in literacy and numeracy;
- Collate and analyse national and county level data on learners' competencies
- Communicate the information in a comprehensive and simple manner which can be understood by parents, teachers, government and the general public;
- Put the issue of equity in learning outcomes on the front banner of the public debate; and
- Stimulate, through dialogue and advocacy, education actors' commitment (through policy, practice and financing changes) to improving the quality and equity of education by focusing on learning outcomes and their drivers.

SPECIFIC OUTPUTS

The Consultant will be responsible for writing the 2021 Uwezo National Learning Assessment Report, in 3 key outputs: National report, Summary Report (Three key facts) and a Popular Version of the Report.

The Consultant will ensure that the following outputs are achieved:

- i. The consultant attends a meeting with the Usawa Agenda Executive Director to agree on direction, tone, emphasis and conceptualize the 2021 Uwezo Learning assessment report against emerging trends and thoughts and develop and share outline of the report;
- ii. Review the survey tool and submit a list of dummy tables and figures for the national report and avail them to the data analyst.



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- iii. Utilize data provided by the data analyst to develop a draft of 2021 Uwezo National Assessment Report, including the introductory pages and any other attachments to the main report;
- iv. Present draft report to Usawa Agenda for comments and inputs and use the feedback to revise the report.
- v. Produce and present the final report to Usawa Agenda for further processing.

In accomplishing the above tasks, The Contracting Party will provide the consultant with;

- i. All relevant documents and resources about Uwezo Initiative that shall enable the Contracting Party to undertake the assignment.
- ii. Data and a sample of past Uwezo reports (2014 and 2015 reports) for reference;
- iii. A continuous feedback including comments to the draft reports on receipt of the drafts
- iv. A consultation fee for undertaking the tasks;

Consultancy Timeframe

The entire consultancy shall take 14 days. The Consultant should be ready to commence the work immediately.

Who are we looking for?

Usawa Agenda is looking for a competent results-oriented and focused report writing consultant.

Specific attributes include:

- Specialization and in-depth understanding in the field of education landscape in Kenya;
- Minimum 5 years' experience in the field of research in education; and
- Deep knowledge of education trends in Kenya;

Parties interested in undertaking this assignment should send the following:

- Quotation and time schedule indicating the cost for this assignment
- Cover letter stating availability and experience (maximum 1 page), and a CV (maximum 3 pages)
- Attach two samples of your most recent written reports, relevant work.

The application and supporting documentation should be e-mailed in MS Word or pdf format to info@usawaagenda.org by close of business on Tuesday 16th November, 2021. However, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and the search could end before the deadline if a suitable candidate is identified.