

Terms of Reference

Programme/Project Name	Technical Assistance Project on Capacity Building Prevention and Reduction of Child Labor in Vietnam (ENHANCE).
Name of Institutional Service Provider	
Duration of the contract	20th August – 31st August 2022
Total value of contract (USD/VND)	
Source of funding (AFF/PTAEO)	VNM/22/03/USA

I. Background & Rationale

The prolonged and complicated COVID-19 pandemic has not only caused a health crisis but also had a great socio-economic impact, including on people's livelihoods, production and business. In particular, this pandemic has had a heavy impact on mental health and living conditions of children and young people. It has increased the likelihood that children of legal working age or younger drop out of school to enter the labour market to earn extra income for their families, increasing the risk the risk of child labour. According to a report by the International Labour Organization (ILO), the pandemic has increased the number of child laborers worldwide by 160 million – an increase of 8.4 million children in just four years. The report also pointed out that COVID-19 has caused poverty to rise, which in turn also leads increase child labour as family incomes and livelihoods decline and parents lose their jobs due to the pandemic.

In Vietnam, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the government has introduced policies to share difficulties among society and ensure people's lives through the issuance of support policies/programs such as: 42/NQ-CP on measures to support people facing difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic (amended and supplemented in Resolution 154/NQ-CP dated October 19, 2020), Resolution 68 and Resolution No. Resolution 116 on policies to support workers and businesses facing difficulties due to COVID-19, etc.

With funding from the US Department of Labour, since 2015, the ILO together with the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) has been implementing the Technical Assistance Project on Capacity Building for Prevention and Reduction of Child Labor in Vietnam (ENHANCE). The project objective is to develop comprehensive and effective solutions to prevent and reduce child labor in Vietnam. To achieve this goal, the Project has been carrying out activities in three interconnected components: capacity building, awareness raising and direct intervention in three provinces and cities: Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and An Giang province. The project will end in June 2024.

In Ho Chi Minh City, the project has been implemented in 9 wards in 4 districts (Tan Binh, Tan Phu, Binh Tan and Cu Chi districts). In addition to activities to support Ho Chi Minh City in implementing the Plan to prevent and reduce child labor for the period 2016-2020 and continuing into the current period 2021-2025, the project will also contribute to with the efforts of the Government of Vietnam to respond to the pandemic and support affected communities. The project will help children and project beneficiaries

overcome with economic and medical shocks, and stabilize their lives, by providing essential (immediate) support for children and post-pandemic support for their parents to restore their livelihoods.

To identify the needs of children and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to design the project's support activities, the ILO/ENHANCE project is seeking a qualified service provider to carry out a rapid survey to identify the needs of beneficiary children and their families affected by COVID-19 pandemic in the project areas in Ho Chi Minh City (children and households). Based on the identified needs, the project will be able to design appropriate support activities (immediate and long-term) to meet the needs of the beneficiary children and their families.

II. Objective/purposes

The purpose of the assignment is to support the ILO/ENHANCE specifically and its counterpart, HCMC DOLISA through conducting a rapid survey to identify the immediate and post-COVID-19 support needs of beneficiary children and their family. The result of this survey is expected to contribute substantively to the development of appropriated support activities for beneficiary groups. In addition, the survey is expected to assist in updating information on beneficiary children and newly profiled children in the Direct Beneficiary Monitoring and Reporting system (DBMR) which is managed by HCMC DOLISA for project monitoring and further support.

The selected service provider is required to use a questionnaire form designed by the project to collect information on the following issues:

- General information about children
- Information about children's education
- Information about children's employment
- Information about the needs of children and their families
- Information about the need for COVID-19 support

III. Scope of Work

Under this assignment and in close collaboration with ILO/ENHANCE and its counterpart, HCMC DOLISA, the selected service provider is liable to undertake the following tasks:

- Develop a detailed work plan with the time frame and agreed with the ILO/ENHANCE and HCMC DOLISA.
- Review the list of beneficiary children provided by HCMC DOLISA and consult with them on the potential list of at least 1000 children (including beneficiary children and newly profiled children) to be involved in the survey for project support.
- In consultation with HCMC DOLISA and the ENHANCE project, carry out the survey in from 3 to 5 selected wards in the two districts of HCMC (Tan Binh and Binh Tan) using the questionnaire form provided by the ILO/ENHANCE project.
- Prepare a list of children who need support in an EXCEL spreadsheet with information including two priorities for the project's immediate support to children and two priorities for the project post-COVID support to children and families.

IV. Expected results

- An EXCEL spreadsheet listing children/households and all required information together with two priorities for the project's immediate support to children and two priorities identified for post-COVID support.
- A summary report of the survey process including results, and recommendations for the project support (with two options for immediate support and long-term support).

V. Timeline

- Location: the survey will be conducted in 5 wards in two districts of Tan Binh and Binh Tan, HCMC
- Timeline: the assignment is expected to be carried out from 20th to 31st August 2022.

Notes: Interested consulting firms are requested to submit a survey proposal, including budget estimation to the Project ILO/ENHANCE by 10 August 2022.

VI. ~~Source of fund & financial agreement~~

Source of fund:

Prepared by

Approved by Project Manager

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