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**Call for Expression of Interest for an
International Evaluation Team for the
Final Independent Evaluation of the ILO-project
Tackling Child Labour Through Education (TACKLE)**

The International Labour Organization-International Programme for the Elimination of Child Labour (ILO-IPEC) invites proposals for an evaluation team to conduct a final independent evaluation of the ILO-project Tackling Child Labour Through Education (TACKLE).

TACKLE is a global EC-funded project supporting 12 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (Angola, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Sierra Leone, Sudan, South Sudan, Zambia, Guyana, Jamaica, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea) to eliminate child labour through education and related interventions.

The project has a budget of EUR 16 millions and is the largest child labour project of the ILO at this point. It is a major strategic project of ILO-IPEC, key to the ongoing development of the strategy on child labour and education.

The key objectives of the project are to help reduce poverty by providing access to basic education and skills training for disadvantaged children and youth; and to strengthen the capacity of national and local authorities in the formulation, implementation and enforcement of policies to tackle child labour in coordination with social partners and civil society.

INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION TEAM

The final independent evaluation will be carried out by an independent evaluation team consisting of an international team leader and an international team member, supported by 12 national evaluation consultants.

The international evaluation team will prepare a common evaluation framework/ instrument for the 12 project countries and the global activities. Four or possibly five countries will be selected for in-country work by the international evaluation team based on a list of criteria. In line with the global nature of the project, it is proposed to conduct visits to each of the three regions; one country in Anglophone Africa (possibly Kenya); one in francophone Africa (possibly Madagascar); in the Caribbean possibly Guyana and/or Jamaica, and in the Pacific, possibly Fiji and/or Papua New Guinea. The international team leader and team member will visit two or three of these countries each and will be supported by a national evaluation consultant in each of these countries.

In the remaining seven-eight project countries, national evaluation consultants will be engaged to conduct country specific reviews and prepare country review reports, under the direction of the international evaluation team. The country review reports will be used as a basis for the final report to be developed by the international evaluation team.

The evaluation will be managed by the Evaluation and Impact Assessment section (EIA) of ILO-IPEC and will be conducted in line with ILO guidelines for independence, credibility and transparency. It will start in April 2013 and it is expected to be completed by the end of August 2013.

For the purpose of this evaluation, ILO-IPEC is ideally looking for a full international evaluation team; consisting of a team leader, a team member and 12 national evaluation consultants. We are also open for individual applications for the positions as an evaluation team leader, a team member or individual national evaluation consultants. However, we will give preference to applicants that will present a full international evaluation team or at minimum an international team leader and team member together.

The evaluation team leader and member should be available for around 50 days of work each from April until the end of July, including for meetings in Geneva and de-briefing in Brussels. It is essential that the evaluation team is fluent in both English and French and preferably has knowledge in Portuguese. The team leader and team member should have strong international evaluation experience at appropriate senior level, including from global, inter-regional or multi-country evaluations of a similar nature.

For the national evaluation consultants, it is expected that they are based in the country that they will work in, speak the local language and have excellent skills in either English or French. Furthermore, relevant national evaluation experience, preferable from externally funded projects is required. The 12 national evaluation consultants should be available for 10-15 working days during this period.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Social development, economics or similar background
- Training on planning and evaluation (desirable)
- Sound analytical skills and ability to write high quality reports in English and French
- Experience with implementation and evaluation of social development projects and programmes, including areas such as employment, rural development, governance, poverty eradication, legislative reforms, human rights and international standards.
- Applied social research (quantitative and qualitative)
- Documented evaluation experience responding to the level and position in the proposed team; preferable from UN system, EC or bilateral donor setting
- Relevant regional, sub-regional or country level experience
- Experience with child labour and/or education (desirable)

APPLICATIONS

Interested applicants should express their interest and send the relevant CVs with fee level to the Head of EIA Mr. Peter Wichmand at wichmand@ilo.org by **March 18 2013 at the latest** and cc to Evaluation Officer Ms. Jennifer Jokstad at g15ipec@ilo.org. If a full team is proposed, at minimum the CVs of the team leader and team member should be attached, with a statement of the capacity to identify national consultants.

Shortlisted candidates will receive the detailed TOR by 21 March 2013. Upon receiving the TORs, applicants proposing a full team are expected to send a brief technical and financial proposal together with a cover letter no later than 4 April 2013.