

Terms of Reference (ToR)

for

Strategy Development and Way Forward for Happy Home Project

ActionAid is a global federation working for a world free from poverty and injustice. Our strategy is to build international momentum for social, economic, and environmental justice, driven by people living in poverty and exclusion. Hence, to address the needs of Dhaka's underprivileged street children, in 2006, ActionAid Bangladesh established the Happy Homes program: five separate homes at five locations of Dhaka, providing 150 girls aged 7-18 who had been homeless providing shelter, food, clothing, skills development and education. Later, in 2016 five homes merged into one single home in Mohammadpur. Many homeless girls over the years were rescued from the streets or brothels, a good number of girls who come to Happy Home also came from lower-class families where they didn't get proper meal three times a day. Hence, they were deprived of education or other basic rights. When the Happy Home programme was initiated, field surveys of nearby slums were conducted to analyze the situation the children faced, mainly girls. Upon investigation, critical information regarding the girls who were identified to be in the most vulnerable state was circulated within the network. Although the main idea here was to provide shelter and cater to other basic rights of the children, saving the children came with challenges because in most cases, parents and relatives were hesitant to give away the children, their only source of income. However, with persuasion, some families were willing to let their children go in hope of ensuring a better future. ActionAid Bangladesh aims to not only ensure the basic needs of these girls, but to also empower them to reintegrate in the society with dignity and become future leaders. At Happy Home, we ensure safe and secure living conditions, healthy meals, proper hygiene, and sanitation along with life skills development, psychosocial counselling, and recreation. Once these girls are settled in, we admit them in formal education. We also offer vocational skills development training, so that they can find their talent and passion towards a promising career later in life. By the time these girls turn 18, the reintegration process starts. In the past, the home has also served as a drop-in centre for children who come to benefit from daily necessities such as safe water, sanitation, and recreation.

Objectives:

- **To conduct a comprehensive needs assessment:** Understand the existing and future challenges at Happy Home, including their educational, healthcare, and social needs.
- **To develop a strategy:** Formulate a robust strategy that outlines the interventions, programs, and initiatives required to support the girls effectively and help them reintegrate back into society successfully.
- **To propose a way forward:** Provide actionable recommendations and a roadmap for implementing the strategy, ensuring sustainability and positive impact.

Scope of Work:

The consultant/team will be responsible for –

- Conducting a thorough literature review on successful initiatives and maintenance strategies supporting street children and safe homes for them globally.
- Undertaking field visits and interviews with current existing Shelter homes for street children to assess the current situation.
- Analyzing data and information gathered during the needs assessment phase.
- Developing a comprehensive strategy that includes educational, healthcare, psychological support, vocational training, and reintegration programs.
- Identifying potential partners, donors, and stakeholders for collaboration and resource mobilization.
- Creating a detailed implementation plan with clear timelines, responsibilities, and budget estimates.
- Providing a monitoring and evaluation framework to measure the impact of the implemented programs.

Key Deliverables:

- A detailed needs assessment report highlighting the challenges faced by Happy Home management to operate the home.
- A comprehensive strategy document outlining the admission, interventions, programs, and initiatives to support the Happy Home project.

- A clear and actionable implementation plan with timelines, responsibilities, guidelines, and budget estimates.
- Recommendations for potential partnerships and collaborations with NGOs, government agencies, and other stakeholders.
- A monitoring and evaluation framework to measure the effectiveness and impact of the implemented programs.

Budget:

A budget of 200000 BDT including Vat & Tax is allocated for this project, covering all expenses including consultancy fees, field visits, data collection, analysis, and report preparation.

Timeline:

The project is expected to be completed within 2 months of the date of the contract signing.

Report:

The consultant/team will report progress to the Manager on a bi-weekly basis, providing updates on the research, strategy development, and implementation planning stages.

Qualifications:

The consultant/team should have:

- Proven experience in conducting research and developing strategies related to social welfare, child rights, or similar areas.
- Demonstrated expertise in working with vulnerable populations, especially street children.
- Strong analytical and research skills, with the ability to translate findings into practical, actionable strategies.
- Excellent communication and reporting skills.

Proposal Submission:

Submission of the Proposal

Interested Consultant(S)/Consultancy Agencies are requested to submit their Technical and Financial Proposals through **e-mail**. aab.jobs@actionaid.org

Interested Consultant(S)/Consultancy Agencies should include the name and detail contact address of the consultant/team. Detailed CVs of the team members should be included in the annexure of the technical proposal.

The deadline for submission of the Proposal is Sunday, 03 December 2023.

For inquiries and proposal submission, please contact –

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