

1. Title of Consultancy	TERMS OF REFERENCE: ENDLINE EVALUTION OF LOCALIZATION PRACTICE PHASE II: STRENGTHENING LOCAL AND NATIONAL ACTORS IN CHILD PROTECTION COORDINATION AND ADVOCACY IN SOMALIA
2. SCI Contracting Office	Save the Children (SC), Somalia Country Office
3. Consultant Type Required	Individual Consultancy/Firm
4. Responsibility for Logistics arrangements and Costs	Save the children will pay the consultant fee in installments and the consultant will cover their own logistical arrangements and costs; including food, accommodation and local transport and all cost associated with data collection work and other activities.
5. Taxation Provisions	Consultant shall be responsible for all Taxes arising from the consultancy in line with the local Tax regulations applicable at the SCI contracting office named above.
6. Travel Requirements	The consultant will cover his travel costs (tickets) and arrange local travel to field sites.
7. Security Requirements	Consultant will comply with standard of Save the Children Security procedures, including the completion of SCI online security training, adhering to the terms of access negotiation and maintaining low profile while in Somalia
8. Qualification and Experience	The following are the minimum requirements for the Consultant/Firm to be considered for carrying out the assignment. • Should have a minimum bachelor's degree in social science or equivalent experience in good governance, localization and Child protection - Protection of children from violence and/or related fields. • At least 5 years of experience in conducting similar work (experience in evaluating projects is mandatory). SC-Somalia is interested to verify related assignments conducted in the past 2 years. • The technical consultant should have full access to the areas to be assessed. And consultant firms should legal registration of Federal republic of Somalia. • Fluency in English (both written and spoken). • The consultants should have report writing and data analysis skills. • Technical team who are visiting the field for purpose of data collection should be Somali natives and familiar with the context and fluent in the Somali language. Considerable track record and proven experience in quantitative and qualitative methods.

9. Evaluation Criteria	The consultant the below evaluation criteria. ✓ Valid Registration license from Ministry of Commerce-FGS ✓ Valid Tax Compliance Certificate from Ministry of Finance-FGS with good standing of Q3 2026 ✓ Technical proposal on how the assignment will be conducted including methodologies, data analyses, interpretation, reports, and detailed work plan, including software to be used for analysis (30%) ✓ Proven experience in undertaking qualitative studies in social sciences or development-related sectors, including demonstrated knowledge of Somali localization processes and initiatives. Evidence of the contracts to be shared. (20%) ✓ Detailed financial proposal with budget breakdown (30%). ✓ Update Company or Individual Profiles. (10%) ✓ Sample of Previous Work (10%): Copies of previous reports or deliverables relevant to the subject matter of this study. Overall rating out of 100% Note: For the technical analysis, a company must score 70% and above to be considered in the financial analysis.
10. Background	Save the Children International (SCI) is a non-governmental organization whose mission is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in children's lives worldwide. SCI has been operational in Somalia since 1951. Guided by the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) for 2022-2024, SCI strives to ensure the most deprived children aged 0-5 years have a strong start in life; children aged 6-14 years have a better foundation for a bright future; young people aged 15-24 years become socially and economically productive citizens; girls and women have greater voice, choice and control over decisions affecting their lives, and strengthened government and civil society capacity to sustain child wellbeing in Somalia/Somaliland. SCI Somalia/Somaliland implements a range of child-focused and thematically integrated programs across Somaliland, Puntland and Southern States through sustainable humanitarian and/or development programming which enhances both government and community ownership. Strengthening the organizational capacities and coordination of local actors is essential for fostering local resilience and ensuring that humanitarian interventions are both sustainable and accountable to affected populations. Local actors are uniquely positioned to understand the needs of their communities, allowing them to tailor interventions that are most relevant and appropriate. Long-standing relationships with communities, rapport with target populations, and unique contextual understanding are key reasons why local actors are well placed to design and deliver interventions. Empowering local and national NGOs to participate in decision-making processes leads to increased ownership, resulting in more timely, effective, and responsive outcomes for the most deprived and vulnerable children and their communities, while promoting the

fulfillment of children's rights.

This project aligns with and contributes to the localization goals set forth in Save the Children Somalia's CSPs for 2022-2024 and upcoming 2025-2027. Both plans emphasize building equitable partnerships and advancing institutional development among local and national partners. Specific targets include increasing the number of projects co-designed or led by local actors, boosting direct support through tailored capacity-building, and ensuring that 50% of funding is directed to national CSOs and government institutions, including overhead and administrative costs. The Somalia Country Office Localization Strategy for 2022-2024, as well as the upcoming 2025-2027 strategy, outlines clear steps to achieve these localization commitments.

A key element of this project is engaging the Somali Child Rights Coalition (SCRC) as an implementing partner. The SCRC plays a vital role in strengthening the capacity of local partners, facilitating coordination, promoting leadership, increasing funding access, and driving policy advocacy. This multi-sectoral coalition of civil society organizations is dedicated to protecting and advancing children's rights across Somalia, with broad membership from both local and national organizations. As an independent coalition, the SCRC serves as a united voice for Somali children, advocating for systemic change and policy development at national, regional, and international levels.

The project engages 15 CSOs — including women-led, youth-focused organizations, and Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs) — to strengthen local ownership and drive capacity-sharing efforts. Five new partners have been added in this phase, building on previous progress. These organizations have undergone Organizational Capacity Assessments (OCA) and received tailored support to strengthen their institutional and technical capacities in areas such as coordination, advocacy, safeguarding, fundraising, programme planning, mutual accountability, risk management, gender equity and social inclusion, negotiation, and leadership pathways.

The project works with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) at an institutional level to strengthen local partners' and OPDs' roles in national coordination and advocacy frameworks. This includes peer-to-peer learning sessions to enhance local leadership in OPM-coordinated activities, as well as high-level advocacy meetings to promote active participation from women, youth, child-focused CSOs, and OPDs, with the aim of creating a more inclusive child protection system.

A key component of the project is increasing access to funding for locally-led initiatives, enhancing the resource mobilization capacities of local partners. Local and national CSOs are encouraged to take on leadership roles within the Child Protection Cluster, Child Rights Coalition, and Areas of Responsibility (AoR), increasing their influence in national decision-making processes. To support

learning and evidence generation, the project conducts several studies, including assessments of the impact of locally-led initiatives and frameworks for measuring the effectiveness of capacity-building efforts.

Overall Objective: To empower local and national actors by strengthening their institutional capacities, enhancing their leadership roles in CP coordination mechanisms, and increasing their access to funding.

Outcome 1: Strengthened capacity for local civil society organizations to access and implement locally led projects on child rights, child protection, and localization.

Outcome 2: Influential local and national actors playing a leadership role in CP coordination mechanisms and the Child Rights Coalition.

Outcome 3: Strengthened and sustainable institutional capacities for local and national actors from the Somali Child Rights Coalition, CP Cluster, and Localization Working Group, taking collective action on child rights and child protection.

Save the Children International has been implementing the Localization Practice Phase II project since November 2024, with a project end date of October 2026. The project has engaged 15 civil society organisations in institutional and technical capacity strengthening, coordination leadership, and improved access to funding. Key implementing partners include the Somali Child Rights Coalition, the Child Protection Cluster, the Localization Working Group, and the Office of the Prime Minister. A baseline evaluation was conducted at the start of the project to establish initial values for all outcome indicators. This endline evaluation is now commissioned to measure achievements against those baseline values and project targets, assess the overall effectiveness and impact of the intervention, and generate evidence-based lessons to inform future localization programming in Somalia.

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2.1. Specific Objectives

- ✓ Measure the change in organisational capacity of the 15 supported CSOs

	against baseline OCA scores, assessing improvements in governance, advocacy, fundraising, safeguarding, gender integration, and programme management. ✓ Assess the extent to which local and national CSOs have increased their access to funding and their ability to design and implement locally led child rights and child protection projects. ✓ Evaluate the level of participation and leadership of local and national actors in the Child Protection Cluster, Localization Working Group, Child Rights Coalition, and other relevant coordination mechanisms, compared to baseline. ✓ Assess the degree to which the Somali Child Rights Coalition has strengthened its institutional capacity, strategic direction, and ability to take collective action on child rights and child protection. ✓ Evaluate the effectiveness of capacity-strengthening approaches used, including peer-to-peer learning, OCA-based plans, and mentorship, in producing measurable and sustainable organisational change. ✓ Assess the quality and equity of partnerships between SCI and local/national actors, including progress toward addressing power imbalances and increasing direct funding flows to CSOs. ✓ Document key lessons learned, best practices, and recommendations to strengthen future localization programming and equitable partnership models in Somalia.
11. SCOPE OF WORK	The consultant/consulting firm will design and implement the endline evaluation of the Localization Practice Phase II project, including reviewing relevant project documentation; developing the evaluation methodology, sampling approach, and data collection tools; collecting and analysing quantitative and qualitative data from the 15 supported CSOs and other key stakeholders; conducting the endline Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA) using the baseline tool; measuring project outcomes and indicators against baseline values and targets; assessing the project's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, sustainability, partnership quality, and localization outcomes; documenting lessons learned, best practices, challenges, and recommendations; ensuring data quality, ethical standards, and safeguarding throughout the evaluation; validating findings with Save the Children and stakeholders; and submitting all agreed deliverables, including clean datasets, evaluation reports, presentations, and supporting documentation, within the agreed timeline.
12. Methodology	The endline evaluation will predominant qualitative approach, combining qualitative and very little quantitative secondary data collection to enable direct comparison with baseline findings. The evaluation will be guided by the DAC evaluation criteria of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and sustainability, with particular attention to gender equity, inclusion of persons with disabilities, and child participation.

Document Review: The consultant will review all relevant project documentation including the baseline evaluation report, Indicator Performance Tracking Table (IPTT), quarterly and annual progress reports, OCA assessment reports, training records, meeting minutes, partner capacity action plans, and any studies or guidelines produced during the project.

Organisational Capacity Assessment (OCA): An endline OCA will be administered to all 15 supported CSOs using the same standardised tool applied at baseline, enabling direct before-and-after comparison of organisational capacity scores across all domains.

Key Informant Interviews (KIIs): In-depth interviews will be conducted with SCI staff, SCRC leadership, CSO representatives, CP Cluster coordinators, Localization Working Group members, OPM representatives, and relevant donors to capture stakeholder perspectives on project achievements, quality of partnerships, and sustainability.

Focus Group Discussions (FGDs): FGDs will be conducted with CSO staff and board members, women-led organisation representatives, DPO members, and youth group representatives to capture collective experiences of capacity change, coordination, and funding access.

Quantitative Indicator Measurement: All outcome and output indicators from the project logframe will be measured using secondary data through systematic review of the available data, with findings directly compared against baseline values and project targets.

The consultant will agree the final sampling strategy, data collection tools, and analysis plan with SCI during the inception phase. All tools must be piloted before full deployment. Data will be disaggregated by gender, organisation type, and geographic location where relevant.

The endline evaluation will seek to answer the following key questions:

Effectiveness:

- To what extent have the 15 supported CSOs improved their organisational capacities as measured by OCA scores compared to baseline?
- Have local and national actors increased their leadership and participation in CP coordination mechanisms and the Child Rights Coalition?
- Have supported CSOs increased their access to funding and ability to implement locally led projects?

Relevance:

- To what extent did the project design and activities remain relevant to the evolving needs of local CSOs and the localization agenda in Somalia?

Efficiency:

- Were project resources and implementation approaches used efficiently to deliver the intended outputs and outcomes?

Impact:

- What tangible changes in child protection coordination, advocacy, and local ownership can be attributed to the project intervention?
- Has the project contributed to more equitable partnerships between INGOs and local actors in Somalia?

Sustainability:

- Are the capacity gains, coordination mechanisms, and partnership frameworks established through the project likely to be sustained beyond the project period?
- Has the SCRC developed sufficient institutional strength and strategic direction to continue its role independently?

The evaluation will have the following key phases:

Phase I - Desk study: Review of documentation and elaboration of field Study
The lead consultant/evaluation team will review relevant documents (Reference material). Based on this review, they will produce an inception report which will include an elaborate plan of the evaluation that will include but not limited to study, methodology including (KII & FGD guides), and sampling strategy of the data collection plans etc. The evaluation will only proceed to the next stage upon approval of the inception report. An appropriate inception report format will be provided to the selected consultant.

Reference Materials

- ✓ Project narrative proposal and the logical framework
- ✓ Project monitoring and evaluation plan
- ✓ Monthly and Quarterly Reports
- ✓ Project MEAL reports – baseline report
- ✓ Training reports
- ✓ Capacity assessment report

	✓ Project narrative reports Phase II: Field Data Collection This phase of the evaluation will seek to collect primary data on the key evaluation questions explained under the evaluation criteria. The consultant will use the agreed plan, methodology, tools, and sampling strategies from phase 1 to conduct the fieldwork. Phase III – Data analysis and production of evaluation report As a minimum, the evaluation process will include the following key steps: ✓ Review of relevant literature related to the project (list of reference materials provided below) and draft an inception report before the evaluation exercise in the field. ✓ Application of appropriate data collection tools for interviews and focus group discussions; ✓ Data analysis and Evaluation Report writing, and ✓ Presentation of key evaluation findings. ✓ to share transcripts, photos, and case studies.
13. Outputs and Deliverables	The consultant is expected to deliver the following: ✓ Inception Report – including a refined methodology, data collection tools, sampling strategy, evaluation matrix, and detailed work plan. The evaluation will only proceed with data collection upon SCI approval of the inception report. ✓ Clean data sets – all quantitative and qualitative data collected, including transcripts, OCA scoring sheets, GPS coordinates where applicable, and photographic documentation. ✓ Draft Endline Evaluation Report – maximum 45 pages excluding annexes, submitted for SCI review and feedback. ✓ Final Endline Evaluation Report – incorporating all SCI feedback, structured as outlined in the Reporting section below. ✓ Presentation of findings – a PowerPoint presentation of key findings, conclusions, and recommendations delivered to SCI and key stakeholders. A final report with main text of maximum 40 pages excluding the cover page, table of contents, abbreviations, and annexes. The draft report should be delivered in a soft copy in English. References should be fully cited after all important facts and figures. The report should be structured as follows: ✓ Front page with the title of the report, project and SC CO name, date, and authors of the report ✓ Table of contents

	✓ List of abbreviations used. ✓ Executive summary (3-4 pages) that presents the key points of the different sections. ✓ Brief background and description of project ✓ Objectives and the intended use of the evaluation ✓ Methodology and limitations of the evaluation ✓ Key findings organized by outcome area, with direct comparison to baseline values and project targets 6.Summary Indicator Table – a consolidated table comparing baseline values, endline values, and project targets for all outcome and output indicators. Two pager factsheet summarizing key findings of the assessment
14. Time Frame	The contract period will be from to be determined for a total of 30 working days.
15. Terms and Conditions	Consultancy fee: The consultant will come up with his/her own rate which will be subject to negotiation within the bounds of set standards of SC in Somalia. The consultant is also expected to estimate all relevant costs for the exercise, including costs for data collectors, travels, venue rent stationary, and accommodation while undertaking this assignment.
16. Key Indicators to be measured	✓ Increase in level of perception amongst local and national CSOs that they are able to influence humanitarian priorities in the CP AoR clusters ✓ % increment of child right groups influencing child participation in relevant coordination mechanisms ✓ % of coordination meeting attended by influential L/NA representatives. ✓ % Local and national CSOs showing an improvement in their organizational capacity as determined by the OCA tools ✓ % of CSO that have a co-chairing role of in the national cluster meetings as a result of the program support. ✓ % of local CSOs and government representatives attending CP Cluster and Localization Working Group meetings.
17. Code of conduct	Save the Children's work is based on deeply held values and principles of child safeguarding, and it is essential that our commitment to children's rights and humanitarian principles is supported and demonstrated by all members of staff and other people working for and with Save the Children. Save the Children's Code of Conduct sets out the standards to which all staff members must adhere,

	and the consultant is bound to sign and abide by the Save the Children's Code of Conduct. A contract will be signed by the consultant before the commencement of the action. The contract will detail terms and conditions of service, aspects of inputs, and deliverables. The Consultant will be expected to treat as private and confidential any information disclosed to her/him or with which she/he may come into contact during her/his service. The Consultant will not, therefore, disclose the same or any particulars thereof to any third party or publish it in any paper without the prior written consent of Save the Children. Any sensitive information (particularly concerning individual children) should be treated as confidential. An agreement with a consultant will be rendered void if Save the Children discovers any corrupt activities have taken place either during the sourcing, preparation, and implementation of the consultancy agreement.
18. Ethics And Child Safeguarding	The consultant is obliged to conduct the research in an ethical manner making sure children are always safe. The consultant should seek the views of various stakeholders, including children. Efforts should be made to make the research process child-centered and sensitive to gender and inclusion. The consultant must respect the rights and dignity of participants as well as comply with relevant ethical standards and SC's Child Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct. The research must ensure voluntary, safe, and non-discriminatory participation and a process of free and un-coerced consent. Informed consent of each person (including children) participating in data collection should be documented. A contract will be signed by the consultant before the commencement of the action. The contract will detail terms and conditions of service, aspects of inputs, and deliverable.
19. Property Right	All data that will be collected should be considered as SC properties and can't be used for other purposes.
20. Application Procedure and Requirement	HOW TO APPLY: Applications can be submitted by either: Electronic Submission via ProSave (Recommended) ➤ Submit your response in accordance with the guidance provided in the below document:  Bidding on a Sourcing Event.pptx

- Bidders are encouraged to apply via Ariba system. Please request the Ariba link via email sending your company profile and Business registration certificate/CV. Please address your request to apply via ProSave to css.logistics@savethechildren.org,

Electronic Submission via Protected Email box (Optional).

- Email should be addressed to southcentral.supplychain@savethechildren.org
- Note – this is a sealed tender box which will not be opened until the tender has closed. Therefore, do not send tender related questions to this email address as they will not be answered.
- The subject of the email should be **ENDLINE EVALUTION OF LOCALIZATION PRACTICE PHASE II: STRENGTHENING LOCAL AND NATIONAL ACTORS IN CHILD PROTECTION COORDINATION AND ADVOCACY IN SOMALIA** as the subject”
- All attached documents should be clearly labelled so it is clear to understand what each file relates to.
- Emails should not exceed 15mb – if the file sizes are large, please split the submission into two emails.

Do not copy other SCI email addresses into the email when you submit it as this will invalidate your bid.

➤ Your bid must be received, no later than **28th August 2026**

Bids must remain valid and open for consideration for a period of no less than 60 days.

All proposals should be submitted as per the above procedure

The deadline is 28th August 2026