



ADVERTISEMENT FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO CONDUCT AN EXTERNAL PROJECT EVALUATION.

Project title	School Access, Governance and Functionality Enhancement Project
Implementer	Diocese of Mzuzu Education Commission
Project Duration	3 years
Donor	Misean Cara through St Patrick's missionary society (SPMS)
Location (Districts)	Mzimba, Rumphi, Nkhatabay and Kasungu.
Key features	• Setting up governance structures in schools; Mother groups, Parents of Disabled Children Association of Malawi (PODCAM) and School Management Committee (SMC) • Training of school governance structures on roles and responsibilities. • Establishing and training of Child protection and safeguarding committees • Providing assistive devices to the children with disabilities • Constructing girls change rooms, VIP latrines and ramp surfaces.

BACKGROUND

The Diocese of Mzuzu Education Commission (DOMECE) is under the mandate of the directorate of social development for the catholic Diocese of Mzuzu. DOMECE subscribes to the Malawi Conference of Catholic Bishops – Catholic Education Commission and is a member of Association of Christian Educators in Malawi (ACEM).

DOMECE main strategic objective is to improve access to and quality of education at all levels in the Diocese. It oversees **266** primary schools, **10** secondary schools and **5** tertiary institutions. DOMECE with funding from Misesa Cara through St Patrick's Missionary Society has been implementing the School Access, Governance and functionality Enhancement (SAGE) project which is running for three-years. The Commission is looking to recruit a competent consultant to carry out the endline evaluation on the project after two years of implementation.

SAGE Project has been implemented in 94 schools and it was initiated in response to critical issues including absence of appropriate physical infrastructure for marginalized learners, high disability rate among learners, a rising dropout rate among marginalized girls due to peer pressure, early marriages, unplanned pregnancies, and parents arranging marriages.

Objectives of the Endline Evaluation

The objectives of the endline evaluation are as follows:

1. Determine the extent to which the project objectives are being achieved?
2. Assess the program's relevance to the current needs and priorities of participating schools
3. Analyse the effectiveness of its interventions across different schools
4. To assess the project's impact by documenting the changes, intended or unintended, resulting from project interventions among participating schools
5. Know the extent of sustainability of the project interventions

Scope of Work:

The consultancy firm will be responsible for conducting a comprehensive endline evaluation of the project. This will include:

1. Reviewing project documentation and relevant reports.
 - Project proposal and MERL frameworks
 - Interim and Annual reports (Narrative and Financial)
 - Project Needs Assessment and Endline Internal Evaluation reports
2. Designing and implementing data collection methodologies, including surveys, interviews, and focus group discussions.
3. Analyzing data to assess project outcomes and impact.
4. Providing actionable recommendations for future interventions.

Required Expertise:

The consultancy firm should possess the following expertise:

- Master's degree in Economics, Education, Monitoring and Evaluation, or a related field.
- At least **5 years** of experience conducting education evaluations.
- Demonstrated experience with OECD-DAC evaluation criteria.
- Strong quantitative and qualitative research skills.
- Experience using statistical software such as SPSS, STATA, or R.
- Excellent report writing and presentation skills.
- Experience evaluating donor-funded education projects in Malawi or similar contexts.

Deliverables

The following deliverables are expected

- An inception report outlining the proposed evaluation methodology and timeline.
- Data collection tools and protocols.
- Draft and final evaluation report, including findings, analysis and recommendations.

Reporting and timeline

- The consultant will report directly to Education Coordinator while working closely with the Diocesan Monitoring and Evaluation Office.
- The consultancy is expected to be completed within 15 days from the date of contract signing.

Contact Information:

Applications must be submitted to the following address before close of business on Wednesday, 5th August, 2026.

The Chairperson

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