

MEL Consultant
Baseline Study - Sports for Development Project

1. Project Summary

Project	Sports for Development (SfD)
Implemented by	Right to Play - Lebanon
Project duration	August 2024 – December 2025
Project locations	North, Beirut
Baseline Objectives	<p>The purpose of the Baseline Study is to draw out information on the operating context, beneficiary needs and gaps to be filled through the project’s intervention.</p> <p>The baseline will inform the program of the current situation of its beneficiaries, against which growth/progress and outcomes/impact will be measured over time.</p>
Study Methodology	Mixed methodology using quantitative and qualitative tools
Consultancy Start and End dates	August – December 2024
Submission deadline	Wednesday, August 14, 2024

2. Background on the organization and the project

Right To Play (RTP) is a global organization that reaches millions of children yearly across 15 countries, protecting, educating, and empowering them to rise. RTP works with children in some of the most difficult places, helping them stay in school and graduate, resist exploitation, overcome prejudice, prevent disease, and heal from war and abuse. For more than 20 years, RTP has delivered impactful programs in both development and humanitarian contexts. As pioneers in a unique approach to learning, both inside and outside the classroom, RTP harnesses play—one of the most fundamental forces in a child’s life—to help children dismantle barriers and embrace opportunities.

In Lebanon, RTP responds to declining psychosocial well-being, learning loss, and the need for enhanced youth leadership. It emphasizes localization of expertise, supports marginalized communities, and strengthens early childhood care and education.

The Sports for Development (SfD) project, running from mid-2024 until end of 2025. The project is funded by The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is channeled through a consortium led by International Sports Alliance (ISA). The project aims to support a total of 2,000 young people, around 700 children in three 3-months cycles, improving their physical and mental health (SDG 3), enhanced educational opportunities (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), and inclusive, safe communities (SDG 11).

3. Baseline Objectives

This study aims to:

- Understand the current situation in the project areas, focusing on:
 - Coaches’ knowledge and capacities in teaching life skills and sports,
 - Children’s life skills at a Baseline value,
 - Communities’ participation in sports and social activities.
- Identify specific needs and gaps based on feedback from participants and stakeholders.
- Provide recommendations to improve the program's effectiveness and impact.

4. Methodology and scope

Given the project design, the methodology will be as follows:

- **Baseline Assessment (Starting September 2024):** A comprehensive baseline will be conducted, including both quantitative and qualitative data. This will involve collecting quantitative data on social and emotional skills (SEL) for the first cycle of children (sample of the 700 children) before the project starts, as well as qualitative feedback from coaches and parents regarding the use of sports to deliver life skills and improve SEL, providing a baseline understanding of the context.
- **Post data collection for cycle 1:** Collecting post data from the same children that participated in the baseline study. This dataset will NOT be part of the baseline study but will serve as monitoring data internally.

Anticipated number of working days for the consultancy is **15 days**.

5. Responsibilities and deliverables of the consultancy

Submission of proposal: Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Responsibilities and tasks	Deliverables	Deadline
Develop a study methodology based on KIIs with the team	Inception report	30 August 2024
Develop data collection tools	Data collection tools	30 August 2024
Train and lead a team of enumerators to conduct the data collection (consultants should have a team of enumerators)	Raw data sets	Pre-cycle: 15 September 2024 Post-cycle: 15 December 2024 (This dataset will not be part of the baseline report)
Analyse the data and submit the first draft report	Evaluation report, 1 st draft	30 September 2024
Conduct a validation workshop with the project team to validate the findings and set practical recommendations	Validation workshop	5 October 2024
Finalize the evaluation report	Final report	30 October 2024

6. Qualifications of the consultant

A consultant is needed with the following competencies and experience:

- Evidence of experience in conducting quantitative and qualitative evaluation studies, especially within vulnerable communities.
- Proven knowledge and experience in applying participatory research methods and tools.
- Degree in relevant field (e.g. Public Health, Social Sciences or any related technical field);
- Strong facilitation skills, particularly with regards to working with vulnerable groups.
- Demonstrated understanding and support of principles of equity, participation and inclusion.
- Good writing skills.
- Fluent spoken and written English and Arabic.

7. Proposal submission

Interested Individuals are requested to submit the following documents:

- Proposal (2 pages max) of the suggested methodology and stakeholders to collect data from.
- Financial proposal (signed) that includes a budget for the expected activities and the per diem for each person involved in USD.
- MOF registration number if available.
- CV of key persons involved and the portfolio of the organization if relevant.
Please specify if the team includes enumerators or not.
- 2 relevant and updated past experience with contact details.

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Kindly submit the proposal with requested documents by **Wednesday, August 14, 2024**, to the following email address: mzaytoun@righttoplay.com

For more clarification regarding the proposal contact Mrs. Mariam Zaytoun.

Incomplete proposals will not be considered, and early submissions are encouraged. While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

Competitive budgets would be considered.

Right to Play is a child-centered organization. Our recruitment and selection procedures reflect our commitment to the safety and protection of children in our programs. To learn more about how we are and what we do, please visit our website at www.righttoplay.com