

**MEL Consultant: Synthesis of Evidence
Right to Play International - Lebanon**

1. Project Summary

Project	RTP Lebanon Program
Implemented by	Right to Play – Lebanon
Locations	Beirut
Consultancy Objectives	<p>The objective of the consultancy is to comprehensively review, analyse, and synthesize evidence from previous evaluation reports including the SAT7 report conducted over the past three years on Right to Play programs in Lebanon.</p> <p>This synthesis aims to identify key findings, trends, and lessons learned from a variety of applied approaches, to inform strategic decision-making, improve program effectiveness, and enhance outcomes for beneficiaries.</p>
Consultancy Start and End dates	30 April 2024 – 31 May 2024
Submission Deadline	Wednesday, 25 April, 2023

2. Background on the organization

Right To Play is a global organization that protects, educates, and empowers children to rise. We work with children in some of the most difficult places on earth, helping them to stay in school and graduate, to resist exploitation and overcome prejudice, to prevent disease and to heal from war and abuse.

For more than 20 years, we have delivered programs with impact in both development and humanitarian contexts. As pioneers in a unique approach to learning, both inside and outside of the classroom, we harness play, one of the most fundamental forces in a child’s life, to help children dismantle barriers and embrace opportunities. We are the only global development organization focused exclusively on using the power of play to transform children’s lives.

We reach millions of children each year in 15 countries around the world. By collaborating with teachers, governments, communities, and parents, we help children unlock their potential, enabling them to make positive and healthy choices and to create better futures for themselves, their families, and their societies.

In Lebanon, Right to Play has been serving at risk children and youth since 2006 where it began its operation by supporting Palestinian refugee children then expanded to include displaced Syrian children and youth from vulnerable communities in Lebanon. Our goal is to promote positive educational outcomes, psychosocial well-being, inclusion and life skills among youth and children across Lebanon. We do this utilizing our play-based approaches and methodologies, and working in partnership with local civil society organizations, ministries, and other relevant stakeholders.

3. Objectives of the consultancy

The objective of the consultancy is to comprehensively review, analyse, and synthesize evidence from evaluation reports conducted over the past three years, on Right to Play programs in Lebanon, considering the recent SAT7 report. This synthesis aims to identify key findings, trends, and lessons learned from a variety of applied approaches, to inform strategic decision-making, improve program effectiveness, and enhance outcomes for beneficiaries.

The consultant will provide actionable recommendations based on synthesized evidence to guide future program planning, implementation, and resource allocation.

4. Methodology and scope

The methodology for this consultancy involves a thorough desk review of existing evaluation reports spanning the last three years regarding Right to Play programs in Lebanon (15 papers). This review will entail an in-depth analysis of qualitative and quantitative data, along with the identification of key themes and trends related to the organization’s impact in Lebanon.

Additionally, the scope will include engaging with stakeholders through focused group discussions (FGDs) and/or key informant interviews (KIIs) to gather insights, perspectives, and contextual information complementing the findings from document review. This combination of document review and stakeholder engagements ensures a comprehensive understanding of program effectiveness, impact, and areas for improvement.

Anticipated number of working days for the consultancy is **10 – 15 days**.

5. Responsibilities and deliverables of the consultancy

Submission of proposal: Wednesday, 25 April 2024

Responsibilities and tasks	Deliverables	Deadline
Inception Meeting with Right to Play team to discuss the consultancy details, focus and key stakeholders; followed by submission of an inception report outlining the methodology and data collection plan for the consultancy tasks.	Inception report	5 May 2024
Review and analyze evaluation reports from the past three years concerning Right to Play programs in Lebanon to identify key findings, trends, successes, and challenges.	–	–
Collect data from key stakeholders as outlined in the inception report.	–	–
Synthesize evidence from multiple evaluation reports and collected data to draw overarching conclusions about program effectiveness, impact, and areas for improvement.	–	–
Conduct a validation meeting with Right to Play staff to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the evaluation findings and align recommendations with the new strategy.	Validation meeting	15 May 2024
Submit a draft report synthesizing the evidence.	Draft report	20 May 2024
Prepare a final version of the report and a summary brief of the findings.	Final report Summary brief	31 May 2024

6. Qualifications of the consultant

A consultant is needed with the following competencies and experience:

- Advanced degree (master's or above) in a relevant field such as international development, social sciences, public health, or a related discipline.
- Minimum 5-year practical experience in monitoring and evaluation.
- Proven experience in program evaluation, synthesis of evidence, or research, particularly in the context of international development or humanitarian organizations.
- Strong understanding of evaluation methodologies, data analysis techniques, and statistical methods.
- Familiarity with monitoring and evaluation frameworks, indicators, and tools commonly used in the development sector.
- Ability to work appropriately with a variety of populations and stakeholders, including children, youth, parents, teachers and school administrators, government, and other partners. Strong cross-cultural skills and cultural sensitivity.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English; proficiency in Arabic would be advantageous, particularly for work in Lebanon.

7. Proposal submission

Interested Individuals are requested to submit the following documents:

- One previous inception report (plan of study) developed by the applicant,
- One previous evaluation/ synthesis of evidence report, developed and submitted by the applicant,
- Financial proposal (dated and signed) that includes a budget for the expected activities in USD,
- MOF registration number if available,
- CV and Cover letter of applicants, or of key persons involved and the portfolio of the organization if relevant.

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Kindly submit the proposal with requested documents by **Wednesday, 25 April 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