Questions and Answers – Call fo tenders
Integrated Care & Support Systems for Children with Disabilities: Evidence Review

This document includes all questions received up to 5 November 2026, at 17:00 (CET, UTC+1). The answers provided apply equally to all candidates and form an integral part of the Call for Tenders documentation.

1. **Is there an indicative number of working days for this assignment, or should the consultant determine the level of effort required?**

The number of working days is fully up to the consultant as long as the final deliverables can be submitted by the deadline. We estimate a number of 20-30 working days in the case of one consultant.

2. **Are specific countries or HI programmes in scope, or is the review global?**

The scope of this assignment is global. The criteria for the selected good practices and evidence are that the context should be a low-resource or fragile context, and the good practices should have (at least some) potential to scale in national systems.

3. **Who are the expected key informants (HQ, country teams, external experts)?**

For the key informant interviews it would be a mix of internal and external experts.

4. **What is the approximate number of interviews?**

On average 5-6 interviews.

5. **Will interviews be conducted in languages other than English?**

The interviews are expected to be conducted primarily in English. However, there is a small possibility that a limited number of interviews may need to be conducted in French or Spanish, depending on the availability and language preferences of certain stakeholders. At this stage, we anticipate that the vast majority, if not all, interviews will be conducted in English.

6. **Are there previous Nurturing Care initiative outputs to build on, and can these be shared before proposal submission? Is the review part of a broader project, and if so, is information about the project publicly available?**

This evidence review is based on an initial (internal) learning activity in the frame of the DGD (Belgian) funded Nurturing Care programme in Uganda, DRC, and Rwanda. This learning report is not publicly available but can be shared with the selected consultant as well as other project related documents (e.g. project reviews). The main objective of the evidence review mentioned in the ToR is to inform future Nurturing Care programming, with a focus on linking social and health systems at different levels of intervention. The scope of this assignment is global.

7. **Are independent research practices based anywhere in the world eligible to bid for this consultancy?**

   Yes, consultants may be based anywhere in the world, provided they meet the eligibility requirements and can submit all requested documentation, including documentation demonstrating compliance with applicable tax requirements in their country of tax residence.

8. **Can the evidence review be conducted fully remotely through primarily asynchronous written communication?**

Yes, this contract is expected to be delivered remotely with all research, interviews, presentations and reports to be delivered online

9. **Would you consider a narrowly scoped documentary evidence-review service if the full assignment requires additional clinical or programme evaluation expertise?**

We would review and score any application that was received; however we expect to issue only one contract that covers all deliverables listed in the ToR. An offer of services that only partially covers the deliverables requested is unlikely to be successful in our scoring review process.

10. **Will the final product be private or public**?

The final product will be a public document.

11. **Are there any specific countries or contexts of particular interest for this review? While examples of good practices are expected to emerge from the review, we would like to confirm whether any priority countries or contexts have already been identified.**

For now, we do not have any specific countries or contexts in mind. It can be good practices from any low-resource or fragile context that have (some) potential for scaling into national systems.

12. **Would it be possible to propose a slightly adjusted timeline?**

Any proposed adjustments to the timeline may be discussed during the selection process. However, the deliverables are tied to donor funding requirements, which means there is very limited flexibility regarding the overall timeline.

13. **Would it be possible to extend the proposal submission deadline?**

    There is no flexibility regarding the proposal submission deadline, which remains as stated in the Call for Tenders.

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