Background

The Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) is a research, education, and advocacy faith-based organization that promotes study and action on issues linking Christian faith and social justice in Zambia. With the vision of promoting social justice especially for the poor, the JCTR has been attempting to see improved living standards of people in Lufwanyama and Kitwe districts through access to education, health and Social protection through a five-year project. This is because these basic services are key to living a dignified life and are also essential for child development. The Centre has been working with many different stakeholders to advocate for improved public investment in Zambia. The advocacy is aided by the findings from budget submissions, budget analyses, budget tracking meetings and follow up activities which are conducted by the centre. The project is implemented in partnership with Save the Children International in the six communities (Bulaya, Nkana, Lumpuma, Mibenge, Kapilamikwa and chinemu) of Kitwe and Lufwanyama districts

The project is intended to address the lack of people’s participation in the planning and implementation of the national budget in their communities. Further, it is aimed at strengthening accountability of duty bearers, who include the local authorities, traditional leaders and government ministries of education, health and community development and social welfare in the two districts in order to promote social and economic justice.

The advocacy work has been done through creating platforms that bring together duty bearers i.e. Local authorities, Heads of local state institutions, traditional leaders and community members to dialogue and find solutions to challenges affecting children. The Advocacy extends to sensitizing community members on children’s rights and social accountability in order to promote rights holders involvement in holding duty bearers accountable.

The JCTR in partnership with Save the Children International (SCI) in strengthening its advocacy work of sensitizing community members and engaging with the service providers, seek the services of a consultant to conduct a study on national budget allocation to education, health and social protection sectors. This is in an effort to use evidence based advocacy to lobby of increased spending to sectors that promote the rights of children
General Objective

- To assess how government allocates funds to education, health, and social protection sectors and provide evidence that can guide policy makers to understand the allocation trend for the last five years from 2016 to 2020.

Specific objectives
The Consultant will focus on the last five years, 2016-2020 and will:
- Examine total budgetary allocation to health, education and social protection sectors.
- Assess sufficiency and effectiveness of allocations to health, education and social protection based on international standards.
- Compare and produce a budgetary allocation trend for past five years.

Scope of Work

- Review of documentation, discussing and agreeing with JCTR on general scope of the study.
- Design and develop inception report of the work towards the study.
- Design and develop a script of what is to be done on the study.
- Develop and produce of the first draft report.
- Review of the draft report by JCTR and meeting with the consultancy to give feedback on the draft report.
- Address the comments and develop the final draft of the study.

Monitoring and progress controls:

- This assignment is for a duration of 20 working days.
- The consultancy work will be under the supervision of the JCTR SED programme manager.
- The consultant will be expected to submit a work schedule once a contract is agreed upon and signed which will form an appendix to the contract.
- Performance Outputs will be based mainly on the scope of work (and any other milestones that may be agreed upon on the signing of the contract).

The deadline for the submission of the Expressions of Interest is Friday 22nd May, 2020 at 12:00hours. The proposal and CVs should be sent to JCTR, addressed to the Director and should be submitted either via email to jctr.office@gmail.com or in person to JCTR, Plot 3813 Martin Mwamba Road, Olympia Park, Lusaka, Zambia. For further details contact the SED Programme Manager on 0966-574-344.