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Global Schools Forum
Child Outcomes Consultant

Scope of Work
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About Global Schools Forum

Global Schools Forum (GSF) is a catalytic community of non-state organisations working to systemically improve education for underserved children in low- and middle-income countries. Our vision is that all children can realise their potential through safe access to quality education.

Since our establishment in 2017, we've grown our community to **117 organisations** spanning **65 countries**, collectively **running or supporting over 241,052 schools and centres** and providing education to well over **21.4 million children**. Our members are standalone schools; a diverse set of school networks working within or across countries; or organisations providing core support services to non-state schools.

Our work currently covers three core areas:
Growing a global, interconnected learning community. We are continuously expanding our community of mission-aligned, non-state organisations across Asia, Africa, and South America. We provide opportunities for our community of leaders to collaborate and learn from each other, as they confront shared operational and pedagogical challenges. Based on the needs and challenges of the community, we curate an annual programme of events and communities of practice.

Testing promising approaches and diffusing evidence. We fund and support education entrepreneurs to develop, test and scale promising education approaches. We generate and share evidence on 'what works' in education and what makes organisations more effective.

Partnering strategically to shape policy and scale solutions. We enable our community to engage in the strengthening of education systems by engaging in global policy processes, and with support in forging partnerships with other organisations, funders, and policymakers.

About the Impact at Scale Labs

GSF launched the Impact at Scale Labs in 2021 and we have supported 7 organisations to date.

Our first Impact at Scale Lab, distributed $300,000 in grants to **Dignitas**, **Gyan Shala** and **Sabre Education** to test new scale pathways and reached an additional 32,198 students, 1081 teachers and 303 schools during pilots on the Impact at Scale programme. Each organisation worked on specific areas to sustainably scale their interventions.

- Sabre strengthened the feasibility of their model by nurturing their partnership with government who are now supporting their operational delivery of their APS model in 29 schools in Ghana;
- Gyan Shala improved the viability of their model by improving their cost per programme through rigorous financial modelling, making their model more appropriate for scale in the APS sector and;
- Dignitas determined the desirability of their model by ensuring their model is effectively solving the right problem through rigorous A/B testing.

Our second Impact at Scale Lab, focused on early childhood solutions in Kenya, launched in late 2023. In this cohort we are working with four organisations, EERUi, Jackfruit Finance, LRDP and Toto Care, to develop and test impactful scalable solutions to early childhood development and learning.

About the Labs 2 Cohort

- **Education Empowerment for Rural and Urban Slums Initiative (EERUI)** empowers parents and teachers in low-income communities in Uasin Gishu County with the necessary tools and support to enhance the cognitive and socio-emotional development of children aged 0-6.
- **Jackfruit Finance** provides education funding in Kenya, distributing over $2.65 million in loans to schools, significantly improving infrastructure and educational outcomes.
- **Lake Region Development Program (LRDP)** enhances early childhood well-being in Kenya by improving nutrition, disease prevention, and caregiver education, children and caregivers through community health programs, educational support, and teacher training.
- **Totocare**, a program under the Nawirika Foundation, equips women in underserved communities with technical and business skills related to childcare and micro-enterprise development.

Objectives of the work

We are recruiting a consultant to support and strengthen the measurement of child level learning and development outcomes as part of the Impact at Scale Labs programme. The objectives of this consultancy are:

1. To provide support to the GSF Impact at Scale Labs team to provide **guidance on measuring learner outcomes** to Impact at Scale Labs participants.
2. To **review and provide input on current guidance documents** developed by GSF to support Impact at Scale Labs participants identify outcome measurement tools.
3. Provide **ad hoc direct support** to Impact at Scale Labs participants in relation to specific outcomes or measurement tools, as required.
4. Develop **additional resources on learner outcomes measures** for the wider GSF community, based on the deliverables.

Deliverables

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1. Review and provide comments on GSF's list of recommended tools for measuring child level outcomes in early childhood development and education programmes (focused on children aged 0-6 years) – August 2024
2. Review outcome tools selected by the 4 participating Impact at Scale Lab organisations and make any recommendations for improvements or potential comparable data sets – August 2024
3. Provide up to 8 hours of ad hoc technical support directly to Impact at Scale Labs participating organisations to support their implementation, analysis and interpretation of child-level outcomes measures – August 2024-March 2025
4. Deliver a webinar for GSF Community members on measuring early childhood development and education outcomes – September-October 2024
5. Produce a short guidance document for GSF members, based on learnings and recommendations from the deliverables above, on measuring early childhood development and education outcomes – October-November 2024

Consultant or Team Specification

Knowledge and experience

Required:

- Experience of designing, implementing and analysing early childhood development and education outcomes with 0–6-year-olds in low- and middle-income contexts.
- Practical experience conducting evaluations of childcare and early childhood education programmes in low- and middle-income contexts.
- High level of understanding of current literature and best practice related to child outcomes measures.
- Experience providing technical support to diverse teams.
- Familiarity with rapid testing approaches suitable for programme at different stages of development and scale.

Personal characteristics

- Ability to work independently and manage multiple deliverables.
- Excellent organisational and communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to build strong relationships.
- Ability to work with a diverse range of people across multiple time zones.
- Commitment to global education and shared belief in GSF's vision.

How to Apply

Interested individuals or teams should submit a response to this scope of work, covering:

- Your understanding of the objectives of the consultancy
- Proposed approach to meeting these deliverables and objectives.
- Examples of relevant previous experience
- CVs of proposed team members
- Budget/day rate and number of days per deliverable

Application deadline: 2 August 2024 12:00 BST

Please email your proposal to labs@globalschoolsforum.org, with all application documents in attachment.

Application process:

Shortlisted consultants/organisations will be contacted by 9 August 2024. We may invite shortlisted consultants/organisations for a video call to answer specific questions if necessary. We plan to finalise selection and contract the successful consultant/organisation by 16 August 2024.