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INSTITUTIONAL CONSULTANCY FOR THE CONDUCT OF MULTIPLE OVERLAPPING DEPRIVATION ANALYSIS (MODA) IN SURINAME

Summary		
Purpose of Assignment	To Conduct the Suriname MODA and COVID-19 social impact Analysis	
Location of Assignment	Paramaribo	
Duration of contract	Based on the proposal	
Start date	From: August 2021	To: October 2021
Reporting to	Program Manager/ Monitoring & Evaluation specialist	
Budget Code		
Is consultancy assignment in the approved Technical Assistance Plan (Supply services)	Yes	

1. BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda encourages countries to end poverty in a sustainable manner. To achieve that goal, countries are encouraged to increase their investment especially to the most vulnerable and marginalised.

In Suriname specifically, the Vision 2030 envisages a fair and just society in which Surinamese citizens have the required skills and capacities to contribute to economic, social and political development. Also, the Suriname's Constitution provides for a range of protections and rights for all children, including the rights to health, water, housing, education, and protection. Suriname is also obligated through ratification of the CRC to ensure that these rights are realised by all children.

Suriname - an upper middle-income country - has been going through an economic crisis with the devaluation of the national currency and high inflation since late 2015 with exchanges rates varying from 18-21 SRD for one USD dollar to 23 SRD for 1 Euro. This – among others – had resulted in increase of living expenses which is especially affecting the poorest and most disadvantaged groups. The most vulnerable groups of children in Suriname are children living in the remote Amazon hinterland who have difficulties in accessing services due to geographic, infrastructural and general social and economic challenges (15% of the population). Children of ethnic minority groups such as indigenous people (4%) and Maroon (15 per cent of the Surinamese population), children with special needs and children living in poor families are experiencing various deprivations. Poverty often include a lack of education, health, housing, empowerment, employment, personal security, protection and overall feeling of personal satisfaction and more.

This Situation Analysis (SitAn) of children and women in Suriname completed in June 2021, presents a broad assessment and analysis of the situation of children and women in Suriname, and the realization of their rights, identifying gaps and priority areas in which action should be taken to accelerate progress. The immediate purpose of this report as mentioned before is to inform the strategic planning discussions for the

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development of the UNICEF– Government of Suriname (GOS) Country Programme 2022-2026 and other national planning and development processes suggest that the disparities are especially explained by the poorest of the population children living with one parent with low level of education , who are particularly disadvantaged and far behind.

In addition to that, the COVID-19 pandemic, contributes to the increasing of the deprivations in the most vulnerable children. It is expected that children living in the interior, children living in challenging circumstances undergoing abuse, neglect and violence will be adversely impacted by COVID-19.

Although many studies and analysis in the area of poverty have been conducted in the past, these have not given adequate attention and focus to child poverty and the multiple deprivations that are being faced by children. Moreover, the indicators relating to children tend to be viewed sectoral rather than holistic in relation to whole child development. This means that Suriname is not yet able to track progress in overall child wellbeing and is also not able to clearly identify those groups of children who are experiencing multiple deprivations and require more assistance to fulfil their potential.

To monitor progress in the realization of child rights as indicated in the SDG1 and SDG10 indicators, the development of a baseline information at both national and county is crucial. It is against this background that Unicef plans to support the Government to conduct a child poverty and deprivation analysis by using the Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis (MODA) tool. Such analysis is also necessary to provide evidence to not only influence policies, plans and budgets but also to support the monitoring of progress and the evaluating of programme interventions.

Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis (MODA) is a tool developed at UNICEF Innocenti that measures and defines multidimensional child poverty, based on the CRC. It allows to gain a clearer picture of which dimensions of poverty children are experiencing, providing enhanced analytics to guide programming and policy responses. The Multidimensional poverty data and measurement are key allies in confronting the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Formulating an effective response to this global crisis requires an understanding of the overlapping deprivations faced by children and women in the country.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

Objectives

The main objective is to support the establishment of a National Multiple and Overlapping Deprivation Analysis (N-MODA) at national and district levels in Suriname using the latest MICS 2018 data and the situation analysis for children and women in Suriname (2021) and information gathered from additional research and all other available information relevant to the study. The Consultancy will also include an analysis of the COVID-19 impact on children's wellbeing in Suriname. In addition, as part of the UN response to the pandemic, the study aims to analyze social cohesion and community resilience, social protection systems and access to basic services with the focus on children.

This study will provide evidence to support the prioritization of children's needs in the national Development Plans and budgets.

The Study will also look in detail at how public policies could more effectively reduce child deprivations by providing better services and protection for all children and for all families caring for children. Findings of the Study will be used to advocate for improving access, use, equity and efficacy of social services and benefits, and to strengthen related programmes and partnerships in a macroeconomic environment that is pro-poor, balancing growth with social progress, stability and increased equality. It will provide evidence to

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decision makers on best strategies to break the poverty trap for children in order to promote equitable and harmonious human development for the country.

The institution will be expected to deliver on the following objectives:

- Analyze the child poverty and deprivation and its factors at national and subnational levels in meeting SDGs as well as realization of child rights in emergency, and national development agenda;
- Locate deprived children both geographically and socially, and provide better understanding of how the different deprivations by sector overlap at national and district levels and indicate which deprivations may need to be addressed simultaneously and which deprivations coincidences need further elaboration;
- Mapping and analysis of the country's existing social protection system for including Social Net programs in the country and children access to basic services and if and how the existing social programs are addressing the multiple deprivations, what the gaps are and formulate recommendations in terms of legislations, programs and schemes for the improvement of the Social protection systems and social programs;
- Produce correlation analysis between COVID-19 Pandemic with dimensions of deprivation for each of the age groups (under five and 5-17 years old) and analyze the impact of the Pandemic on the existing (multiple) child poverty, the impact on resilience and social cohesion;
- Producing the final N-MODA report and policy briefs to raise awareness and understanding of the MODA and recommendations for further actions in addressing those deprivations at national and district levels.

Methods

The Suriname MICS-6 data 2018-2019 covers many aspects of child wellbeing. All of this data is available at county level which could potentially enable child deprivation estimates to be disaggregated to county level.

The methodology will consist of adapting and implementing the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) approach used by UNDP and the Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis (MODA) tool used by UNICEF. MICS 2010, 2014 and 2018 will be utilized to establish Suriname's child poverty. MPI will be used to develop the overall multidimensional poverty profile.

MODA will serve for measuring multidimensional child poverty. In addition, the life-cycle approach will be combined to differentiate dimensions and the corresponding child poverty level by age groups. While the age groups will be further discussed and adopted, it is of primary importance that the early childhood and adolescence, that are deemed crucial moments in children's development, be clearly specified.

The institution is expected to rely mainly on descriptive statistics and appropriate data analysis tools, to apply current standard MODA techniques in addition to other standard child deprivation approaches such as the monetary poverty and qualitative methods. Appropriate statistical tests and controls should be considered especially when comparing 2010, 2014 and 2018 data. Required statistical treatments should also be performed to ensure valid and reliable measurements:

SPECIFIC TASK TO BE COMPLETED TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES

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Under the supervision of the Program Manager and Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist the institution will carry out the following tasks:

- Develop training materials and train selected government officer
- Apply MODA methodology to longitudinal data and analyse the dynamics of overlapping deprivations using previous survey data sets e.g. Human development Index Report (HDI-2019) and Suriname MICS-6 Survey (MICS-6 2018) identifying the extend of overlap
- Combine qualitative data on COVID-19 KAP study to triangulate and validate the results/ N-MODA findings and the COVID-19 social and economic impact at the national level
- Data treatment and tabulations based on MICS 2010; MICS 2014 and MICS 2018
- Computation of various MPI indexes (Multidimensional Poverty Index, population in multidimensional poverty, population in severe multidimensional poverty, Contribution of deprivation in dimension to overall poverty) and elaboration of poverty profiles based on MPI
- Computation of various MODA indexes (number of deprivations, single deprivation incidence, Multidimensional deprivation ratio, deprivation intensity, adjusted deprivation and decomposition)
- Elaboration of the National (based on MPI) and Child Poverty profiles (based on MODA)
- Preparation of a report on multidimensional poverty

Dissemination

The MODA would be disseminated at national and county levels and would be used to inform evidence-based plans and budgets, the development of targeted programmes where necessary, and potentially for ongoing or regular monitoring of progress on multi-dimensional child wellbeing.

3. SPECIFIC TASK TO BE COMPLETED TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES

Under the guidance of the supervisor the institution will be responsible for contributing to all the activities that lead to the delivery of: Item Description	Key deliverable	Timing	Payment
Jointly work with UNICEF and key partners to: prepare Inception Report which should include the following: - * work plan including timelines for each phase. * An analytical framework including the methodology * Key Informant Interviews (KII) list of data sources. * Comprehensive desk/data review report training schedule and training content with government/ key stakeholders on MODA * Outline of final report	Inception report	August 16 th , 2021 2 weeks	20%

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2. Prepare and Develop draft report on MODA based on existing data (MICS & other data resources)	Draft report on MODA including impact of COVID	September 6, 2021 4 weeks	30%
3. Produce selected country child deprivation profiles using results from the study to support advocacy.	10 county child deprivation profiles (1 per district) including relevant policy briefs (2-3 pagers)	September 13 th 1 week	20%
4. Prepare presentation of draft report (PPT) and facilitate presentation to key stakeholders (youth groups, parliament, other (gov) stakeholders, NGO's, donor groups)	PPTS (adapted to target groups Meeting agenda and facilitation	September 27 th , 2021 Two weeks	10%
5. Integrate comments and prepare final MODA report including the Executive Summary. Develop final child deprivation profiles and policy briefs	Final report	October 4, 2021	20%

4. DURATION OF THE CONSULTANCY

The anticipated duration of the consultancy is 2 months, in the period of 2 August 2021- 30 October 2021

5. SUPERVISION AND WORK ARRANGEMENTS

Advisory Group for Suriname N-MODA

The principal stakeholders are the Government agencies with responsibility for economic and social development, and children's rights, along with research agencies and international and civil society partners with an interest in children's rights, including UNICEF.

UNICEF will provide relevant technical oversight and supervision to the Institution. The Country Office (Representative and Deputy Representative) and Regional Office for the Latin America & Caribbean will provide technical support for the process, drawing on existing multi-country agreements in place with qualified technical agencies.

The institution will work under the supervision of Program Manager who will be supported by the Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist.

Data Management:

The absolute safety of all data will be a priority i.e. no data collected/reviewed for this research or data to which the consultant is privileged during the research process, as direct or indirect result of being the consultant for this research, can be shared and or used by the consultant, neither can s/he approve the use of the whole or any part of it, for personal or professional purposes, without approval, in writing, from all stakeholders jointly.

Procedures and Logistics:

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- The M&E Specialist and the program manager Suriname will regularly monitor the progress of the consultant's work.
- Consultant will use her/his computer.
- Consultant will submit draft and final research in an electronic form.

Conditions:

- Prior to commencing the contract, the consultant will be required to sign a Health Statement and to document that s/he has appropriate health insurance, if applicable. The consultant will be responsible for the accuracy of that statement.
- In addition to above, consultants/individual contractors must submit certificates of completion of the following mandatory UNICEF online trainings no later than 30 days after the start of the contract:
 - a. BSAFE;
 - b. Ethics and Integrity at UNICEF;
 - c. Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse of Authority;
 - d. Prevention of Sexual Exploitation Abuse (PSEA);
 - e. UN Human Rights and Responsibilities.

6. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Based on the following deliverables:

- **20 %** upon delivery of the approved inception report
- **30%** upon production and presentation of Draft-Child deprivation report.
- **30%** upon submission of final approved and edited reports including county child deprivation profiles and policy briefs.
- **20%** Upon Completion of final deliverable.

7. SELECTION CRITERIA: KEY COMPETENCES, TECHNICAL BACKGROUND, AND EXPERIENCE

- Post-graduate degree in public finance, economics or equivalent field with at least 10 years of experience in child poverty analysis and experience in the area of economic and poverty analysis : **20 pts.**
- Quality of the proposed methodology and approach including solid knowledge of MODA instruments: **30 pts.**
- Expertise in undertaking research and formulating policy in addressing child poverty, including excellent analytical skills: **20 pts.**
- Quality of the proposed team including knowledge of computer management and application SPSS/STATA/CSPPro: **30 pts.**

8. ESTIMATED COST FOR THE CONSULTANCY

The estimate total amount of this consultancy contract is US\$ 45,000 (US\$40,000 consultancy fees; US\$5,000 travel expenses (**depending on the possibilities for travel during the time of COVID. If not**

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we will consider the remote working arrangements). The fee is estimated based on similar previous assignments from SPRI based on LTA.

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NON GRANT

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Conditions

It is important to state the conditions for the contract.




Information to be included to focus on office space/equipment, travel, etc.

**The TOR must state that "As per UNICEF DFAM policy, payment is made against approved deliverables. No advance payment is allowed unless in exceptional circumstances against bank guarantee, subject to a maximum of 30 per cent of the total contract value in cases where advance purchases, for example for supplies or travel, may be necessary".*

The TOR must mention that "the candidate selected will be governed by and subject to UNICEF's General Terms and Conditions for individual contracts."

Risks

None

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