



Save the Children

## Call for Proposals

### JOFA-ACTE Project Final Evaluation

**Save the Children** is the leading global independent organization for children. Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. Around the world, we work every day to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. When crisis strikes, and children are most vulnerable, we are always among the first to respond and the last to leave. We ensure children's unique needs are met and their voices are heard. We deliver lasting results for millions of children, including those hardest to reach.

The EU-funded project **Joining Forces for Africa: Acting to end child labour (JOFA – ACTE)** is implemented in Mali, Burkina Faso, Madagascar and Malawi and aims to prevent the worst forms of child labour. The project addresses two major sectors: the traditional and informal mining sector (Malawi, Madagascar, Burkina Faso, Mali), and agriculture with particular attention to addressing sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking.

The four countries targeted by this project are all in Sub-Saharan Africa, where child labour — including its worst forms — remains a persistent challenge. These countries represent diverse contexts in terms of practices, risk factors, and vulnerabilities related to child labour. This diversity provided an important opportunity to explore commonalities across settings, particularly regarding the worst forms of child labour prevalent in the agricultural and mining sectors.

By embracing this heterogeneity, the project placed a strong focus on identifying shared drivers and effective interventions that can reduce the worst forms of child labour. Special attention was given to child participation and to cross-cutting factors that contribute to meaningful change across all contexts. This diversity enhanced the project's ability to better understand the specific needs of children and other target groups, and to develop adaptable tools and approaches. These can inform future programming and be replicated in similar contexts through the ongoing efforts of the **Joining Forces Alliance**.

The European Union, through DG INTPA, has entrusted the NGO alliance 'Joining Forces' (JFA) with the task of designing this project in line with the Sustainable Development Goals by 2025 – Target 8.7. This decision was taken on the basis of the positive experience of collaboration between the **Joining Forces Alliance (JFA)** and DG INTPA in the context of a former project in five countries in sub-Saharan Africa, as well as the longstanding field experience of its members in this area.

In Malawi, the project is led by **Save the Children International** working in partnership with **Plan International Malawi** in Lilongwe and Ntchisi.

The key interventions of the project are centred around three main objectives:

- **SO.1:** The protection and action capacities of targeted children, families and communities, as well as their knowledge of their rights, are enhanced, with a particular focus on possible socio economic alternatives to FTEs.
- **SO.2:** The capacities of local and national mechanisms and systems are strengthened to ensure the care of targeted girls/boys and the establishment of alternatives to FTEs.
- **SO.3:** Actions undertaken by state and non-state actors to prevent and reduce FTEs are supported in each country for better coordination, effectiveness, visibility and transparency.

After three years of implementation **Save the Children International in Malawi** is inviting submissions of proposals for the **Final Evaluation**.

Detailed technical specifications are included within the Terms of Reference (TOR) document.

If you are interested in submitting a bid, please contact the **Supply Chain Department** at the following address [scimalawi.consultant@savethechildren.org](mailto:scimalawi.consultant@savethechildren.org) to express your interest and request the Terms of Reference and the ITT which will be sent to you in return.

**Please note that submissions will be reviewed on rolling basis.**

Eligible bidders meeting all stated requirements are requested to adhere to the following when applying:

- a. Submit Technical & Financial Proposals and the Invitation to Tender document as separate documents through one email clearly marked **"JOFA-Final Evaluation"**
- b. The technical proposal should include well detailed approach to the research in line with the terms of reference.
- c. The technical proposal should also include copies of **legal registration, tax registration, tax clearance, CVs and relevant certificates**.
- d. Provide a timeline/work plan for conducting this study in line with the terms of reference.
- e. Supporting documents such as CVs (attached as appendices) and two sample reports from previous assignments done with other organizations (attached as appendices).
- f. Submit applications **electronically** with subject title. Physical submissions will not be accepted and information on scanned documents should be visible, not blurry.
- g. Submit applications to the below email address:  
[scimalawi.consultant@savethechildren.org](mailto:scimalawi.consultant@savethechildren.org) by **14<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at or 12:00 mid night local time**.

**Note:**

- *Submissions will be reviewed on rolling basis.*
- *Email address for requesting TORs and email address for submission of applications are different*
- *Late submissions will not be accepted*
- *Physical bid/application submissions will not be accepted.*
- *Save the Children reserves the right to accept the lowest, highest bidder or no bidder at all*
- *Save the Children maintains a 'Zero Tolerance' policy on child sexual abuse and reserves the right to reject a proposal if the successful bidder is found to have history of sexually abusing children. Further, the successful bidder shall be obliged to adhere to the child safeguarding policy and requirements for the organisation.*
- *Save the Children maintains a 'Zero Tolerance' policy towards fraudulent, dishonest, corruption and bribery practices. If you are approached by Save the Children staff or representative demanding or asking for any kick-back or willing to provide any privileged information in exchange of business favors, please call a toll free line on **52121**. Corrective measures shall be taken according to the organizations' policy and the supplier shall never be penalized or disadvantaged in any way.*