Background

*Girls Not Brides* is a global partnership of more than 1,400 civil society organisations from over 100 countries committed to ending child marriage and enabling girls to fulfil their potential. Members are based throughout Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas. We share the conviction that every girl has the right to lead the life that she chooses and that, by ending child marriage, we can achieve a safer, healthier and more prosperous future for all. *Girls Not Brides* members bring child marriage to global attention, build an understanding of what it will take to end child marriage and call for the laws, policies and programmes that will make a difference in the lives of millions of girls.

*Girls Not Brides* is calling for applications from qualified consultants to assist in developing a detailed project proposal and learning plan for our project: *Strengthening collective action to end child marriage, keep girls in school and advance gender equality in West Africa*. The proposed project seeks to address the interlinked problems of child marriage and girls’ lack of access to quality education. It focuses on countries in Francophone West Africa (especially Burkina Faso and Niger), which have some of the highest rates of child marriage and out-of-school girls, and which are likely to be even more impacted due to the COVID-19 crisis. It will bring together actors across sectors and countries for joint advocacy on child marriage and girls’ education. We are also planning to recruit a local consultant in each of the project countries.

*Girls Not Brides* submitted a concept note (copy available on request) to *Education Out Loud* OC3 early in 2020, which was one of ten selected to move forward to Year Zero and to submit a detailed project proposal. The aim of Year Zero is to offer an initial period for intensive support to build common understanding across members of the alliance, development of sound theories of change, develop tactics for influencing, and capacity building in core areas such as monitoring, evaluation and learning. We are required to submit a detailed project proposal on 30 September 2020 and the Year Zero process ends in December 2020.

Objective

To develop a detailed project proposal, including narrative proposal, budget, monitoring framework, results framework and risk register for submission on 30 September.

Working in close collaboration with the Secretariat team and local consultants, and in consultation with the implementing partners, the consultant will develop a detailed proposal for the above project. This will involve:

- Carrying out desk research to build an understanding of the context.
- Participating in an online project design workshop with *Girls Not Brides* staff, implementing organisations and other potential partners.
- Consulting *Girls Not Brides* staff, implementing organisations and strategic partners about the ongoing development of the proposal.
- Carrying out a capacity needs assessment and developing a learning plan for the implementing organisations.
- Writing the detailed project proposal, including theory of change, narrative proposal, budget, monitoring framework, results framework and risk register.
Deliverables

- Project proposal including narrative, budget, monitoring framework, results framework, risk register and learning plan. Draft and final version.

Timeframe

The consultant will work with the secretariat for up to 15 working days from mid-August to late September. A draft project proposal should be ready for internal review in mid-September (exact date to be confirmed). The final project proposal has to be submitted by 30th September 2020.

Application

Please submit your application to recruitment@GirlsNotBrides.org by 7 August 2020 (extended from original deadline). Please include the following items:

- Name and CV of applicant
- Description of relevant previous experience
- Client references or examples of similar work
- Expected consultancy rate

Profile of the consultant

- Good understanding of education and child marriage programming and of the complex context in which civil society organisations operate in West and Central Africa.
- Proven experience of developing proposals for donor funded projects.
- Strong experience of rights-based and gender transformative programme development.
- A good understanding of monitoring and evaluation processes and how to conduct robust monitoring and evaluation for donor funded projects.
- Confident user of gender and power analysis tools and frameworks
- Good communication skills in English and French.

Safeguarding

At Girls Not Brides, we are committed to the wellbeing, empowerment and rights of children, and to safeguarding children from harm in all of our activities. Girls Not Brides aims to promote an environment of trust and understanding where the welfare of children is paramount. You will adhere to the Girls Not Brides Child Safeguarding Policy and its Code of Conduct and report any concerns relating to the safeguarding of children in accordance with agreed procedures.