

# Terms of Reference: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Consultant, specializing in outcome harvesting

The Agenda for Change Secretariat is seeking a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) Consultant to refine and operationalize our MEL approach. We have developed a results framework and early drafts of outcome harvesting and building block analysis tools. We now require an expert to help integrate these elements, establish a system for regular data collection and analysis, and support reporting to our collaboration and the wider public.

#### Specifically, the Consultant will:

- Coach country collaborators to implement outcome harvesting processes to monitor, evaluate, and learn from collaboration activities.
- Facilitate outcome write-shops and provide feedback to strengthen harvested outcomes.
- Refine and integrate the results framework, outcome harvesting, and building block analysis tools.
- Develop a sustainable system for regular data collection and reporting.
- Enable actionable insights through capacity building and robust reporting mechanisms.

## Scope of Work

The Consultant will be responsible for:

#### 1. Framework integration

- Refine the results framework, ensuring alignment with outcome harvesting and building block analysis.
- o Streamline MEL tools and processes for coherence and usability.

#### 2. Design and capacity building

- Deliver up to 3 days of outcome harvesting training for country collaboration representatives, using provided materials.
- Provide tailored advice to collaboration leads throughout the outcome harvesting cycle, based on expressed needs.
- Facilitate write-shops to draft and refine outcome statements, ensuring their alignment with global strategy.
- Support Harvest Coordinators and Regional Teams in analyzing and interpreting harvested outcomes
- o Develop a robust system for regular data collection and analysis.
- Collaborate with partners to ensure the system is user-friendly and adaptable.

#### 3. Reporting and documentation

- o Establish standardized templates and a reporting schedule.
- o Provide guidance on analyzing and visualizing data for stakeholders.
- Document processes, methodologies, and recommendations for future use.

#### **Deliverables**

- 1. Inception report outlining the needs assessment and detailed work plan.
- 2. Up to 3 days of outcome harvesting training delivered.
- 3. Advisory support for write-shops and review of drafted outcome statements.
- 4. A consolidated database of harvested outcomes using a standardized format.
- 5. Updated Results Framework, integrated with outcome harvesting and building block analysis tools.
- 6. A sustainable MEL system for data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- 7. Standardized reporting templates and a detailed schedule/guidance.

## **Duration / Location**

The consultancy will be part-time and is expected to run from February to April 2025 with a commitment of approximately 25 - 30 days over the contract period. Specific timelines for deliverables will be agreed upon during the inception phase. This is a remote position, with a preference for consultants based in (or from) Global Majority/non-OECD countries.

## **Qualifications**

The consultant should possess the following qualifications:

- Proven MEL experience, particularly in international development or the WASH sector.
- Strong expertise in outcome harvesting and results frameworks.
- Experience working with diverse stakeholders in low-resource settings.
- Proficiency in English; additional fluency in Spanish and/or French is preferred.
- Familiarity with systems thinking and challenges faced by local organizations in achieving sustainability.

# Reporting

The consultant will report to Bethlehem Mengistu at Agenda for Change and will work closely with member organizations, local partners, and other stakeholders.

# **Application Process**

Interested candidates are invited to submit:

- 1. A cover letter highlighting relevant experience and approach to the assignment.
- 2. A detailed CV.
- 3. Proposed daily rate and availability.
- 4. Contact information for three professional references.

Applications should be sent to secretariatagendaforchange@gmail.com with the subject line "MEL Consultant Application" by February 14, 2025.

Please note: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so early submission is encouraged!