

**Specifications of the Call for consultancy for a study on**

**« The introduction of a basic income to combat nutrition insecurity during the first 1,000 days »**

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| **Work title**  | ACF’s study on basic income and nutrition security during the first 1000 days of a child – a key social protection tool to fight against gender and socio-economic inequalities.  |
| **Context**  | A child's first 1,000 days are a key period in the fight against nutrition insecurity. Pregnant women's nutrition and that of their children during the first two years of life, influence brain development and physical growth, protect against disease and ensure better health and productivity throughout life. Nutritional deficiencies during this period threaten the survival of both mother and child. Social protection systems are essential to combat poverty and inequality at every stage of life. Social protection takes the form of the provision of affordable, quality essential services, such as health, education, sanitation, water and hygiene infrastructures, as well as social benefits such as basic income. Poverty is one of the structural causes of nutrition insecurity, and social protection is a key tool for eliminating it.The expertise of Action contre la faim’in the field of social protection has been built on a number of different areas of experience since 2012, particularly with regard to safety net programmes (like the Kore Lavi in Haïti and the TES in Mauritania and the CDGP in Nigeria), research projects on safety nets (MAM'Out project in Burkina Faso and REFANI in Niger and Pakistan). Today, the right to social protection is a key advocacy issue for Action contre la Faim. It is in this context that ACF is proposing to design a three-part study to demonstrate the viability and feasibility of a nationwide basic income for the first 1,000 days of a child's life, and its impact on nutrition security and access to essential services for the population. This study will determine how this basic income should be implemented, its duration and the method for calculating its amount, will study the tax and legal issues surrounding its introduction and will produce recommendations and a dissemination strategy to influence national and international public authorities to promote and implement a basic income. The first part of the study below, aims to **review the scientific literature on the issues surrounding a basic income** and the work of other civil society organisations on the subject, in order to come up with a definition of a basic income and the main ways in which it could be implemented. |
| **Objective of the research** | * Through a literature review of current scientific discussions on basic incomes in the South/North, propose a definition and a compendium of ways of implementing a basic income: its financing (tax, donations, donors, etc), its amount, its beneficiaries, its duration, its deployment: automatically paid or transferable by asking, etc.
* Propose a mapping of public policies aimed at deploying a basic income, ideally for at least the first 1,000 days.
* Propose a mapping of the actions of civil society organisations working, ideally for at least the first 1000 days.
* Illustrate what a Basic Income is by presenting in detail the implementation of a Basic Income in a country in the South.
* Illustrate a basic income policy/programme that combats gender inequalities.
* Suggest areas for research into the introduction of a basic income during a child's first 1,000 days.

This research will feed into Action contre la Faim's advocacy work aimed at developing social protection floors to combat poverty and hunger in the world.  |
| **Methodology** | The consultant will use the literature review methodology to identify the current state of scientific debate on the introduction of a basic income, particularly during the child's first 1,000 days. The consultant will be able to use semi-structured interviews to gather the information needed to carry out the study. The consultant will be able to put forward recommendations for areas of research. Work will be carried out with the ACF teams to select the analysis framework and methodology most relevant to the study objective.  |
| **Deliverables and uses of research results** | The consultant will provide a report detailing : * A review of the literature on the issue of basic income and a definition of basic income.
* A detailed presentation of an example of the implementation of a basic income in a developing country.
* A mapping of public policies and partner/CSO programmes aimed at implementing a basic income, ideally during the first 1,000 days.
* Recommendations for the next stages of the ACF study.

The consultant will take part in a scoping meeting with ACF, a follow-up meeting, a meeting to conclude the study and a feedback meeting with ACF's team. |

**Annex : Indicative timetable**

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| **DATE** | **Steps** |
| 21 October 2024 | Publication of the consultancy Terms of Reference |
| 8 November 2024 | Deadline for the reception of offers |
| 15 November 2024  | Agreement on the terms of the contract and signatures.Sending of resources identified by ACF and scoping session with ACF's team. |
| Between 18 November and 2 December | Start of work - Sending of initial data by the consultant and follow-up session to adjust needs and new research by the consultant. |
| 10 December 2024 |  Submission of the pre-report |
| 24 December 2024 | Closing session - Presentation of the final report |

**How to apply for the call for consultancy :**

The offers must be submitted by Friday, 8 November 2024 at 23:59 CEST (Paris) and must be sent by email to Flore Ganon fganon@actioncontrelafaim.org and Léa Cros lcros@actioncontrelafaim.org

The offer must include the following information :

* Names and professional status of the person or organisation responding to the call for tenders.
* A detailed CV mentioning experience in a similar and/or relevant field.
* At least two references from consultancy work for possible contact by our organisation.
* A technical proposal including the following elements: work schedule, data collection methodology, etc.
* A financial proposal indicating the daily rate for the consultant(s), the number of working days invoiced, other planned costs and the total cost (including taxes) of the proposal.