

Request for Proposal Consultancy: "Social Safeguards Training Alalapadu"

Conservation International Suriname (CIS) is looking for a **consultant for a Social Safeguards training** for the **youth in Alalapadu**, for a period of 3 months.

Alalapadu is a Trio Indigenous village in the South of Suriname, close to the border of Brazil. The village is located along the Wiumi Creek, which flows into the Sipaliwini River and consists of approximately 140 inhabitants divided over 23 households (73 men and 67 women). On education, this village has a primary school up to the eighth grade, with approximately 42 school-age children. The village is mostly accessible by air transportation and takes approximately one-hour 45minutes of travel time. In Alalapadu, the inhabitants speak the Trio language. In this village, electricity is scarce and satellite Wi-Fi is present to connect with outsiders. There is no infrastructure and access to clean potable water, mobile network connection and supermarkets.

Since 2018 Alalapadu is running a community owned business enterprise with the help of CIS under the name of Stichting Tuhka, where they make products from a Non-Timber-Forest-Product (NTFP), the Brazil Nuts (*Bertholletia excelsa*). The products that are produced are the Tuhka oil and Tuhka roasted nuts. CIS is continuously in the process of investing in the Indigenous people of Alalapadu to enhance their capacities to protect the forest. Apart from supporting the community to strengthen its capacities to run the livelihood project, CIS also focuses on the village's socio-cultural elements. This consultancy will focus on alcohol use, particularly among school-age children of the primary school in Alalapadu.

The objective of this consultancy is to provide awareness sessions and develop an after-school care system (such as: sport events, movie nights, growing vegetables, etc) for the school-age children in Alalapadu in the context of raising awareness of (excessive) use of alcohol and promoting a healthy lifestyle in order to cope with potential challenges. With this consultancy CIS wants to:

- Ensure that the community is aware of the effects of alcohol consumption, especially among school-age children.
- Maintain and/or implement a healthy lifestyle in the community.

Timeline & Deliverables

#	Activity	Deliverables/reports	Due dates
1	Develop Workplan	Workplan containing (but not limited to): - A timeline - A training plan/program with clearly defined objectives and day to day activities - Methods to be used to provide awareness sessions and to implement the proposed solutions	March 06, 2023
2	Develop training material (<i>in Dutch</i>)	a. <u>Awareness sessions handout</u> in Social Safeguards containing (but not limited to): - Topics to raise awareness among the youth of primary school (such as social use of alcohol, social determinants of alcohol abuse) - Topics to address the social/ adverse effects of alcohol use among the youth of primary school (such as social dangers, mental effects) - Illustrations of scenarios - Exercises to better understand the topics	March 17, 2023
		b. Implementation plan containing (but not limited to): Proposed solutions for school-age children to reduce the use of alcohol in the community (such as an after school-care system: sport events, movie nights, growing vegetables, etc.).	March 27, 2023
3	Conduct awareness sessions and implement proposed solutions in Alalapadu – field	Field report containing (but not limited to): - Outcomes of the awareness sessions - Outcomes of the implementation plan - Pictures and attendance lists	May 12, 2023

	trip of 5-7 days (training day of a maximum of 4 hours)		
4	Compose Final Report	Final report, containing (but not limited to): - Final agenda of the awareness sessions and implementation plan - Summary of the subjects - Key findings - Challenges of the consultancy, awareness sessions and implementation plan - Tackling & monitoring of issues occurred - Next steps and recommendations/advice for improvement/ follow-up	May 22, 2023

Costs

CIS is responsible for: charter flights to Alalapadu, lodging, Trio (oral and written) translation and printing.

Requirements

Applicant should meet the following requirements:

- A Bachelor's degree or higher in Sociology and/or (cultural) Anthropology and/or Social Sciences and/or Pedagogy.
- A minimum of five (5) years of relevant work experience.
- Experience in training local communities and youth of the primary school.
- Experience in the cultural background, lifestyles, and challenges of Indigenous communities.
- Good communications skills.
- Flexible and adaptable to changing work environments.
- Dutch and English proficiency, both in speaking and writing.
- Excellent knowledge of Sranan Tongo.

Selection Criteria

- Overall quality of CV and Cover Letter – 3 pts
- Education Requirement - 3 pts
- Work Experience Requirement- 3 pts
- Experience with similar projects- 3 pts
- Understanding of the challenges and cultural background of Indigenous communities - 3 pts
- English and Dutch proficiency, both in speaking and writing - 3 pts
- Highly familiar with cultural awareness and sensitivity - 3 pts
- Comprehensive technical proposal on how to conduct this consultancy in Alalapadu – 3 pts
- Detailed budget in accordance with the activities, deliverables, and timeline – 3 pts

Interested?

Applications should be sent, **in Dutch or English**, to ci-suriname@conservation.org on or before February 14, 2023, by 4 PM. Please specify "Consultant Social Safeguards Training + Your Name" in the subject line. Applications should include:

A resume of the applicant providing detailed information on the requirements and criteria listed in the "requirements" and "selection criteria" sections of the RFP.

Questions and clarifications regarding the consultancy may be addressed no later than February 14, 2023, to the Senior Technical Coordinator; Mr. Shaniel Gena by e-mail: sgena@conservation.org.