

**SOS Children's Villages International is looking for a  
Writer/Editor (f/m)  
(2-4 months consultancy)**

**Background:**

SOS Children's Villages International is the umbrella organisation for over 130 SOS Children's Villages associations worldwide. As a non-governmental social development organisation we support children without parental care and families in difficult living conditions through services, capacity-building and advocacy in care, education and health.

The Research and Development Department assists the further development of the SOS Children's Village Programme within the frame of our core policies and the UN Guidelines for the Alternative Care for Children. We are currently undertaking a project to document good practices from programmes in selected African countries to learn about community empowerment and social protection of children. Results will be used to produce a publication for internal and external stakeholders in the field of development and institutional funding. For this, we are looking on short notice for a consultant to write and edit the publication supported by an editorial team.

**Mission:**

The successful consultant has experience in the research and development of publications and reports focussing on the situation of children, their families and communities in a development context. She/he has a good insight into community-based development and sustainability, preferably in Africa, adopts a rights-based approach and works independently, yet as part of a team.

**Reporting to:**

Project Manager and Leader of Editorial Team in Research&Development Department

**Tasks and Responsibilities:**

In close collaboration with the editorial team:

- Support the development of publication concept/outline
- Identify further information and research requirements
- Coordinate and undertake additional literature scans and background research where necessary
- Write articles and documents based on existing research and background documents
- Edit material written by others in a target-group appropriate language
- Compile publication and take responsibility for final editing based on inputs of various internal and external stakeholders

**Requirements:**

- Proven track record in writing, researching and editing publications with a development and human rights background
- Excellent writing and editing skills in a development and rights-based language ( at least 5 years' experience in a relevant organization and/or as an independent writer)
- Advanced background knowledge in community development, sustainability, human/child rights, development cooperation, civic driven change etc.
- Language skills: native speaker level in written English required, French an asset
- Ability to work independently and in an international team with a variety of stakeholders, demonstrate initiative and produce results
- Ability to work under pressure and on tight deadlines
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, adequate computer skills (MS Office)
- Experience within an international NGO advantageous

**Working location:**

Home-based, with a few travels to Vienna

**Time requirement:**

July till latest October

If you are interested in this consultancy, please send your e-mail application and CV with a list of references **by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2013 at the latest** to [Claudia.Schachinger@sos-kd.org](mailto:Claudia.Schachinger@sos-kd.org), SOS-Kinderdorf International.