

LILONGWE WILDLIFE TRUST

Job Title: Consultant for Lilongwe Wildlife Centre's new environmental education centre

Work Location: Lilongwe Wildlife Centre

Division/Department: Education



Background to LWT

Established in 2008, Lilongwe Wildlife Trust (LWT) is a leading conservation NGO working to protect and restore Malawi's wildlife and wild places. It invested over \$4 million into nature-based initiatives last year, implemented by 115 staff nationwide. LWT tackles Malawi's most urgent conservation challenges from multiple angles, and inspires action at every level of society to protect our natural world.

Lilongwe Wildlife Centre, which was first opened in 2008 as Lilongwe Wildlife Trust's pilot project, is Malawi's only wildlife sanctuary and renowned as one of the best in Africa. Set in 180 hectares of beautiful woodland, it is home to around 200 rescued wild animals. The wildlife centre is also the country's largest environmental education facility and protects an important urban wildlife reserve.

Scope of work

Advising on high quality education facilities and experiences at LWC

The LWC is undergoing a significant redevelopment which will result in the upgrade and renovation of its facilities for both animals housed within the centre and for visitors to the centre. As part of this project we have ambitious plans to develop a pioneering education zone at the heart of the new site. This will serve as a gold-standard facility for inspiring the next generation of environmentalists and conservationists within Malawi. The cornerstone of the new education zone will consist of multipurpose buildings for classes and other educational experiences. Other 'experiential' elements of the education zone could include activities, information and facilities such as trail / canopy walks, playgrounds, an outdoor amphitheatre and interactive experiences (to be determined).

The consultant will contribute to the design and development of the new education facilities and experiences at the redeveloped LWC, ensuring that the content and messaging is consistent with those used in LWT's wider Environmental Education programme.

Expected Duties

- Work with the LWC team and the broader LWT team to identify target audiences for LWC-based educational facilities and experiences.
- Conduct market research / literature review of best practice environmental education – that would be seated within the socio-cultural context of Malawi, and within a physical, non-classroom setting such as the LWC.
- Develop a list of recommended educational facilities and experiences to raise awareness, change attitudes and drive pro-environmental behaviour change, with associated indicative budgets and staffing/operational needs for their implementation.
- Design a monitoring and evaluation process to measure the impact of educational facilities and experiences.

Outputs

- Interpretive and Exhibit Plan (IEP)
- Working in an inclusive and participatory way, develop a strategy for the development of the new educational facilities and experiences at LWC. This strategy should include:
 - Audience mapping
 - List of recommended educational facilities and experiences, including details of content, design, format (*the development / construction of these facilities will fall outside the scope of this consultancy and will be managed by the LWC Manager*). The recommendations should take a phased approach, starting with priority facilities, followed by future or scaled-up facilities if/when funding becomes available
 - Budgets and operational / staffing costs for new facilities and experiences
 - Summary of research to support recommendations (either primary or secondary sources)
 - A suggested monitoring and evaluation process to measure the impact of the educational facilities and experiences

For more info on some of our expectations visit

https://www.daba.gov.lv/upload/File/Publikacijas/PwN_concept_NECs_management.pdf

Timeframe – to be determined following discussions

We intend to start building the physical structures of the new education centre in February 2021. The outputs mentioned need to be delivered no later than November 2020.

Remuneration Package

To be discussed.

To apply

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