

## **Call for Proposal: Global Technical Partnership for the “Social and Emotional Learning-Integrated Learning Assessment for all Children, including those living in Emergencies” Project**

Issued by: People's Action for Learning (PAL) Network

Location: Remote

Unit: Research & Evidence Unit

Status: Technical Partnership

Start Date: 1 July 2025

Duration: 12 months

Reports To: Research Manager

Release Date: May 30, 2025

Deadline for Submission: June 13, 2025

### **1. Background**

The People's Action for Learning (PAL) Network is a south-south partnership of 17 member organizations working across Africa, Asia, and the Americas to support children's basic reading and numeracy skills. Member organizations conduct citizen-led assessments and action interventions aimed at improving foundational learning outcomes. The PAL Network accelerates and coordinates the shared work of its members toward achieving common goals and objectives and prides itself on being an organization that is for, created by, and led by the Global South.

As part of our commitment to holistic and inclusive learning assessment, the PAL Network has launched the Social Emotional Literacy (SEL) Assessment in Emergencies project. This initiative seeks to integrate context-relevant measures of SEL into PAL's household-based literacy and numeracy assessments, with a particular focus on children living in emergency and crisis-affected settings.

### **2. Purpose of the Call**

PAL Network seeks to partner with a Global Technical Partner to provide strategic, methodological, and operational guidance in the design, testing, and implementation of SEL measures within our assessment framework.

### 3. Scope of Work

The selected partner will be expected to work collaboratively with the PAL Network Secretariat and country members to:

- Support the domain identification and definition for SEL measurement.
- Co-develop a contextualized SEL measurement framework suitable for use in household-based assessments in both emergency and non-emergency settings.
- Provide technical guidance on tool development, ensuring alignment with best practices and PAL Network values (equity, inclusion, localization).
- Support the adaptation and piloting of tools in two pilot countries (Uganda and Bangladesh).
- Contribute to capacity-building workshops and learning materials for PAL Network members.
- Support sampling, data collection, analysis, and interpretation, including recommendations for scaling and integration into PAL assessments.
- Document key learning and support dissemination of findings and technical outputs.

### 4. Partner Profile

We are seeking an organization (academic, nonprofit, or consortium) with:

- Demonstrated expertise in SEL framework development and measurement, especially in low-resource or crisis contexts.
- Proven experience in working with diverse country partners, especially in the Global South.
- Familiarity with Education in Emergencies, equity, and inclusive education.
- Capacity to provide multilingual technical support (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese preferred) is an asset.
- Strong collaborative ethos and commitment to participatory and co-designed processes.

## 5. Timeline

Call issued	May 30, 2025
Proposal submission deadline	June 13, 2025
Review and Selection	June 27, 2025
Partnership begins	July 1, 2025
Domain selection and definition	July 1-31, 2025
SEL and Emergency assessment framework development	Aug 1-Sept 30, 2025
Tool development and validation	Oct 1-Nov 30, 2025
Pilot fieldwork (support training materials, selection of sample group, psychometric analyses)	Feb 1-March 29, 2026
Field trial (sampling approach, analysis and reporting)	April 1-June 30

## 6. Proposal Requirements

Proposals should include the following:

- Organization Overview – mission, relevant experience, team structure
- Technical Approach – understanding of the task, methodology, and co-creation strategies
- Work Plan and Timeline – high-level plan of how activities will be completed
- Key Staff – bios or CVs of proposed team members
- Past Work Samples – relevant SEL/EiE projects
- Budget – indicative cost breakdown and funding model

## 7. Evaluation Criteria

Technical expertise in SEL measurement and learning assessment in EiE	50%
Experience in Global South and collaborative design	15%
Approach to equity, inclusion, and localization	10%
Feasibility and clarity of work plan	10%
Cost-effectiveness	15%

## 8. Submission Instruction

Please send your application to [jobs@palnetwork.org](mailto:jobs@palnetwork.org) by **11:59pm East Africa Time (EAT) before 13 June 2024**.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, with early submissions highly encouraged. Should you have questions, reach out to us at [jobs@palnetwork.org](mailto:jobs@palnetwork.org) or [nkishani@palnetwork.org](mailto:nkishani@palnetwork.org).