

Terms of Reference (ToRs)

Editing of English language country studies on the role of adult learning and education within the concept of Lifelong Learning in South East Asia

Background

DVV International is the Institute for International Cooperation of the Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband e.V. (DVV), the German Adult Education Association. As the leading professional organisation in the field of adult education and development cooperation, DVV International has committed itself to supporting lifelong learning for more than 45 years. DVV International provides worldwide support for the establishment and development of sustainable structures for Youth and Adult Education. Since 2009, DVV International is working in Lao PDR and Cambodia and from its two offices in Vientiane and Phnom Penh it also reaches out to the South East Asian region.

Since early 2019, DVV International has been implementing a research project under the title “The Role of ALE in LLL in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam, and Thailand” in collaboration with Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok and three other national partners. The research aims at re-starting the debate around the concept of Adult Learning and Education (ALE) in mainland Southeast-Asia, embarking from the question: What role does ALE play in LLL in the region? This seems to be necessary, as two tendencies can be witnessed at the moment: On the one hand, many Ministries and other stakeholders still use the terminology around non-formal education, which bears a bad reputation of being kind of second-class education for the marginalized. On the other hand, the LLL concept coming up, with the tendency to replace ALE/NFE and make the sector somehow invisible. However, it should be possible to turn around this tendency by asking how ALE in Southeast Asia can benefit from the fact that LLL is prominent on the development agenda.

Based on the research, four country studies have been developed and have concluded in four reports (approx. 30-40 pages each). These reports will be combined in a publication to be presented at a launching conference in Bangkok in May 2020. All reports will have been finished by the end of January 2020. They have all been written in English, yet with linguistic errors. Including an introduction and final remarks the publication will have around 150 pages.

Objectives

The objective of the editing process is to

- Ensure that the publication is free of any linguistic errors
- Ensure a decent language level
- Create consistency between the four country studies (All are based on the same research agenda, yet they chose different approaches)



Expected Qualifications

The contractor should provide the following qualifications:

- Long-standing experience in editing English non fictional and/or scientific texts
- English at mother tongue level
- Experience in educational projects would be an asset

The contractor can be a company or a physical person.

The work should be finalized until 20th March 2020.

Bidders should send their application (short motivation letter, CV, financial proposal) to the Regional Director for Southeast Asia of DVV International, Dr. Johann Heilmann, by email (heilmann@dvv-international.la) until 31st January 2020. Questions can be asked until 25th January 2020 under the same address.