



Request for Expression of Interest

Consultant: Child Survivor Engagement

Project: Disrupting Harm “evidence to understand online child sexual exploitation and abuse”

ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

ECPAT International is a global network of organisations working together for the elimination of the sexual exploitation of children (SEC) in all its manifestations i.e. exploitation of children in prostitution, online child sexual exploitation, sale and trafficking of children for sexual purposes, sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism and some forms of child, early and forced marriage. The ECPAT Network currently consists of 109 members working as independent organisations or coalitions at national and local levels in 96 countries.

The ECPAT International Secretariat coordinates the global work of the organisation and is based in Bangkok, Thailand. The Secretariat designs and implements global and regional level programmes, and undertakes programming, advocacy and research to facilitate a range of network initiatives.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

ECPAT International recently secured funding for the implementation of the project *Disrupting Harm: evidence to understand online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA)*, a collaborative project along with Interpol and UNICEF office of Research – Innocenti supported by the Fund to End Violence Against Children. The project will assess the scale, nature and context of the abovementioned issue in 14 countries across Southern and Eastern Africa and Southeast Asia, starting in early 2019 and ending in early 2021.

The three organisations will leverage existing research, conduct primary research and rally key partners and multi-sectoral stakeholders to:

- Establish context by conducting extensive research to map the policy and legal landscapes;
- Analyse the threat via the collection and analysis of crime data as well as other types of data;
- Ensure children’s voices are heard via cross-sectional, nationally-representative household surveys.

The research framework and outputs are envisioned as an important step towards in-depth analysis of online child sexual exploitation and abuse, to produce key findings and identify priority areas for adequate interventions. The project will also pilot new methodologies to determine the context, scale and manifestations of these crimes in 14 countries, with recommendations expected to have relevance for a broader audience.

The six countries of focus in the Southeast Asian region are Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. The eight countries of focus in the Southern and Eastern Africa region are Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Mozambique, South Africa and Namibia.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Within this collaborative partnership, ECPAT is responsible for a “contextual research” component of the project. ECPAT will undertake this research in two distinct phases: phase one of the project involves comprehensive exploration of the existing secondary data on legislation and systems addressing OCSEA at country level, and in phase two ECPAT will undertake primary research tailored to the country contexts.

Fourteen national level reports and two regional level reports will be generated as well as data reports for the six major primary research activities. ECPAT’s role in the project includes the consolidation of findings of all three project partners in country and regional level reports.

With the technical advice and support from experts within ECPAT’s Secretariat, a project-team has been established, including a Project Manager, Regional Specialists and Research Officers, and a pool of about 12 specialised research consultants for country level research and regional consolidation.

ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

ECPAT International is seeking a Child Survivor Engagement Consultant with an extensive background in therapeutic service provision, international development and research.

KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

1. In collaboration with ECPAT International and working closely with the technical advisor, refine and contextualise the tools that have been developed for data collection.
2. In coordination with ECPAT International and member organisations arrange logistics
3. Directly conduct (and co-conduct when language prohibits) 40 individual conversations with boys and young men (16-24) who are survivors of online child sexual abuse/exploitation. Up to 10 participants in each of Cambodia, Philippines, Rwanda, Mozambique, South Africa (pending ethical approval which ECPAT is managing).
4. Directly conduct (and co-conduct when language prohibits) 40 individual conversations with girls and young women (16-24) who are survivors of online child sexual abuse/exploitation. Up to 10 participants in each of Cambodia, Malaysia, Mozambique, Namibia and Kenya (pending ethical approval which ECPAT is managing).

DELIVERABLES

Work plan and contextualised tools for data collection in target locations

DUE DATE

30 Nov 2019

Data collection trips to target countries

31 Mar 2020

First draft of report

30 April 2020

Final report

31 May 2020

PROFILE

Core Competencies

- Demonstrated outstanding therapeutic and interpersonal skills;
- Highly experienced in trauma-informed practice with survivors of child sexual exploitation and abuse
- Excellent project management skills;

- Fluency in English. Fluency in one or more languages in Africa/Southeast Asia region would be an advantage;
- Understanding of the target countries' development context, activities, actors;
- Experience in primary data collection for welfare research projects;

Qualifications & Experience

- Formal qualification in psychology, social work or psychiatry;
- Current registration with psychology, social work or medical board in at least one country;
- At least 5 years of experience working directly with clients therapeutically;
- Previous experience in social-psychological research an advantage;
- Appropriate measures in working with children (such as active working with children checks and up-to-date police clearance documentation).

TIMEFRAME

It is expected that the consultancy will require 80 working days between November 2019 and May 2020. Detailed planning and work plans will be established in the induction phase of the consultancy in collaboration with the Disrupting Harm Project Manager and Head of Research. In principle it is envisaged that the work will commence on 1 November 2019.

MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

The collection of data will be the responsibility of the Consultant. Throughout the project, the Consultant will report to the Disrupting Harm Project Manager. Disrupting Harm Regional Specialists and ECPAT members will provide support to ensure cooperation from various national level government and civil society actors.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Consultant is expected to be home-based, using own computer and communication equipment and facilities
- Consultancy payments will be based on a daily fee and actual working days carried out for the assignments
- The Consultant will adhere to guidelines and protocols on management, storage, retention and disposal of research data
- All discussions and documents relating to this Terms of Reference will be treated as confidential by the parties
- It is envisaged that the Consultant will travel to 6 to 8 countries. The travel will be carried out according to ECPAT International's Travel Policies and Procedures and related costs will be compensated in addition to the daily consultancy fee
- The Consultant is expected to act at all times in a manner consistent with the values of ECPAT International and in compliance with the organisation's policies and procedures including Child Safeguarding Policy and the Code of Conduct

Expression of Interest:

Interested candidates are requested to send in their CV and a cover letter indicating an expected daily fee (in USD).

Submission of expression of interest by email to :vacancy@ecpat.net; please mention in the subject line :DH Child Survivor Engagement.

Deadline :14 October 2019

Candidates based in one of the research target countries are considered before any other candidates.

ECPAT International is committed to keeping children safe. The selection process reflects our commitment to the safeguarding of children. The process may include requests for criminal/ police records.