Request for Expression of Interest

Consultant- Southeast Asia advocacy expert

**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 118 members working as independent organisations or coalitions at national and local levels in 102 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, campaigning, advocacy and research to facilitate a range of network initiatives.

**Background**
As the world rapidly becomes connected through technology, a new array of risks to children have emerged. As the world increasingly comes online, there are undoubtedly huge benefits to the equalizing power of the Internet. However, there are new risks to children, as people also exploit the technology to target, groom and exploit vulnerable boys and girls.

Most new technology now comes with high quality cameras and webcams - which provides the widespread means for anyone to create child sexual abuse material (CSAM).¹ The anonymity of the Internet, including virtually untraceable ‘dark web’ networks and forums has also facilitated opportunities for child sex offenders to make contact with each other, share materials and teach each other their methods. The internet exposes children to risks not only from perpetrators in their vicinity, but from perpetrators across the region and the globe. South East Asian countries are amongst the biggest sources of child sexual abuse materials.

In November 2019, the Declaration on the Protection of Children from All Forms of Online Exploitation and Abuse in ASEAN was adopted at the 35th ASEAN Summit. The Declaration stated seven main recommendations for the ASEAN Member States to follow: legislations, law enforcement capacity, national specialized unit, child protection and support services, data collection, education programme and engagement with private sector, with an aim to better protect children from online risk and harm.

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¹ The terms ‘child sexual abuse material’ or ‘child sexual exploitation material’ is a preferred term to ‘child pornography’ according to Terminology Guidelines, 40.
PURPOSE OF ASSIGNMENT

In order to further pursue these positive developments, ECPAT is seeking the support of an advocacy and policy expert to help to implement our advocacy efforts in this region.

The assignment will be home-based and a maximum of 15 working days. The period of the assignment will be from July - September 2020.

Key tasks of the consultancy will be the review and consolidation of existing materials and information, specifically from:

- National government documents on progresses of the ASEAN Member States on law and policy, prevention, education, access to justice, compensation, and rehabilitation mechanisms related to OCSEA;

- ASEAN official documents: such as Mid-term review of priority areas under the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence against Children 2016-2025, Baseline study on Child Protection System in ASEAN Member States, and Regional Review on Laws, Policies and Practices within ASEAN relating to the Identification, Management and Treatment of Victims of Trafficking, especially Women and Children, etc.

The exact format of the final deliverables and the details of stakeholders involved will be discussed with the final candidate.

PROFILE

Core Competencies
- Deep understanding and knowledge of online child sexual exploitation and abuse especially in Southeast Asia region.
- Fluency in English.
- Significant experience in research and drafting policy documents.
- Excellent time management and multi-tasking skills;
- Ability to work autonomously;
- Accountability.

Qualifications & Experience
- Qualifications or relevant work experience in social and child protection or related discipline;
- At least ten years of professional work experience in child protection, research and/or international development projects.
MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS
The Consultant will report to the Regional Coordinator for Southeast Asia. ECPAT International will provide support to mobilize support from various national level government and civil society actors.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- All discussions and documents relating to the Terms of Reference of the assignment will be treated as confidential by the parties.
- Consultant is expected to be home based, using own computer and communication equipment (related costs should be included in requested honorarium)
- 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 Staff Code of Conduct.
- Adherence to ECPAT International policies and procedures is required, including signing and abiding by the Staff Code of Conduct.
- The successful applicant will be required to have in place insurance arrangements appropriate to provision of the requirement in this Terms of Reference.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Interested candidates are requested to send an expression of interest, including a CV, three references and cover letter indicating requested daily honorarium.

Submission of expression of interest: vacancy@ecpat.net
Please mention in the subject line: Consultant – ASEAN advocacy

Deadline: 28 June 2020

ECPAT International is committed to keeping children safe. The selection process reflects our commitment to the safeguarding of children.