



Request for Proposal (RFP)

Key Dates:

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Sub: Request for Proposal : Vulnerability mapping, analysis and report preparation for the Project „Suraksha - Preventing child trafficking for labour by strengthening family, community and institutions“

INTRODUCTION AND INSTRUCTION:

People's Cultural Centre (PECUC) is a non government child rights focussed development organisation formally registered in 1990, with the purpose to empower the weaker sections of the socitey.

PECUC empowers children, women, elderly, youths & vulnerable communities to promote & protect their rights. Since the last three decades, PECUC has been continuously working for children, their parents, Grandparents, families & communities to empower & enable to lead a life of dignity. The proposed assignment is being conducted by PECUC in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

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SCOPE OF THE WORK/KEY DELIVERABLES:

The trafficking of children for labour exploitation is a gross violation of the basic rights of children enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Child Trafficking for Labour in the state of Odisha is evident from the recent rapid assessment report¹ which distinctly projects that child trafficking for labour is a serious problem affecting thousands of children in Odisha². The findings showed that it was not an isolated act, or occasional incident evolves out of a crisis than it has been built upon the long existent PUSH/PULL³ factors. Children as young as 10yrs from remote villages of tribal districts of Odisha are more vulnerable to this crime and in the face of experiencing enormous physical, mental, emotional damages; and society at large suffers with prolonged poverty and adversities spread through generations. Triggered by Poverty, unemployment, underserving education system, familial disruption, disasters and social-cultural inequities, tribal districts of Odisha as source area feeds to the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Gujarat, West Bengal and Delhi as active destination points for these trafficked children. While children are migrating to several states, the proposed initiative is focused on children migrating to Telengana. Considering the extent of migration/ trafficking the two states have signed an MOU.

1 Objective of the SOW:

The assignment aims to engage a consultant to lead the assessment by developing the methodology, a robust sampling plan, data collection tools, collecting quantitative and qualitative information from selected respondents, undertaking data analysis and report writing while managing coordination with the stakeholders.

¹ Rapid Assessment on TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN FOR LABOUR in Odisha and Telangana by PECUC/SIGMA

² According to the Crime in India 2021 report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), in spite of being a small state, Telangana has registered a maximum number of cases (347) of human trafficking. On the other hand, Odisha is at number 6 in registering cases, but it has the maximum number of victims (1,475). In Odisha, out of 5,630 victims of kidnapped or abducted individuals in 2021, 5,192 (92.2%) are children. The tribal regions of this state are especially prone to child trafficking⁴. Poverty, lack of awareness, lack of employment opportunity are some of the predominant factors that make children vulnerable to the traffickers in this state. Children are trafficked from this state for forced labour, sexual exploitation and forced servitude. In 2021, as many as 653 people from Odisha were trafficked for the purpose of forced labour, the highest among all the states and Union territories, 44.97 per cent of the total victims who were trafficked for forced labour in the country⁵. They are not paid properly; no good accommodation is provided, and they are forced to work for several hours and under hazardous conditions. Children are trafficked to states like Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, and so on. The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened the situation as it pushed many families to extreme poverty. Besides, after lifting of the lockdown, factory owners have been tending to employ children as workers for cheap labour (Mohanty, 2021).

³ Poverty and Indebtedness, Dysfunctional Family Dynamics, Lack of awareness, Inadequate educational facilities, Covid-19 induced crisis. burdensome for the ecological universe of childcare and protection, Structural lacunae; Demand for Cheap labour, Active and dynamic broker function to feed the trillion-dollar industry of Human Trafficking, etc

2 Technical Approach:

The consultant will provide the following information as part of the detailed technical proposal:

- I. Methodology for the study, sampling technique and sample size.
- II. Data collection tools (both quantitative and qualitative) using the UNICEF Protective Environment framework.
- III. Plan for field testing of tools
- IV. Outline a process for ensuring data quality assurance and confidentiality
- V. Data Analysis Plan
- VI. Desk research /Key Informant Interview (Information from relevant Stakeholders) on the issues of child trafficking for labour in Rayagada and Nabarangpur district
- VII. Mapping exercises Both on Family and Village level include Child/family Vulnerability, Existing Resources,(Support Services/ schemes and programmes) vulnerable area mapping within the two districts,Trafficking pathways Routes and communication medium or modes and Referrals.
- VIII. Progress reporting plan

3 Key Products/Deliverables:

The selected consultant is expected to produce the following deliverables/products:

1. **Data collection tools (quantitative & qualitative)**
2. **Raw data – filled in survey form, Interview Notes, etc.**
3. **Draft Report:** A draft report of the findings will be submitted to the PECUC for feedback (2-3 rounds of feedback are anticipated). The written report should clearly articulate the findings, conclusions, and recommendations (if any).
4. **Final Report (containing the situational finding including gaps, challenges and opportunities and relevant recommendations) submission:** The final report will incorporate comments and suggestions from the AIG. The report will be submitted in English, electronically. All the collected data (electronic) and audio recordings will be submitted along with the final report.

4 Proposed Timeline and Deliverables:

Duration of the Study: 60 days from the day of contract (Expected to be completed by the end of January 2024. The Technical proposal should capture how the agency will ensure that the study will be completed in the duration of 60 days.

Goal and Objectives of the Study/ assessment

An indepth analysis to findout the vulnerability of child/family, Existing Resources, vulnerable area mapping, Trafficking pathways and Referralsfor the 2 panchayats i.e. Dengaguda Panchayat in Papadahandi block ofNawarangpur district and Tadama in Rayagada block of Rayagada District.

Also overall vulnerability mapping and mapping of Trafficking pathways and Referrals of the two districts.

Study Location/ Geography

The study targets 2 panchayats – one in Nabarangpur and other in Rayagada

METHODOLOGY:

The applicant consultant must review the existing documents and would come out with specific requirements for the study. This task includes the desk review of existing documents, collection of information from primary sources through FGD, Interview with rescued children and family, community leaders, Youth group Members, Women SHG leaders, Interview with grassroot level stakeholders, Key Stakeholders, Panchayatiraj Functionaries, Line departments etc
Development of format with relevant questionnaires for the collection of data both from the family, community and also from stakeholders

Application Procedure:

1 Submission Requirements

Technical Proposal: All interested consultant will submit their work experience, a detailed methodology on how the assignment will be conducted, including design, data collection approaches, sampling strategy, quality control practices, data analysis, etc. Also, a clear and comprehensive work plan (draft), outlining the major tasks/activities, and time schedule could be included.

Financial Proposal: The financial proposal must be submitted as a separate attachment. The financial proposal should be shared as a separate attachment. The financial proposal must include the daily fee inclusive of applicable withholding taxes for carrying out the assignment and include the costs for travel to both locations.

2 Evaluation Criteria for the Proposal

A, Technical Proposal (70%)

B,Financial Proposal (30%): All costs should be necessary and appropriate to the execution of the study.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested Respondents should submit their proposals to pecuc.procurement@gmail.com to express interest in submitting a narrative proposal with budget.

Please note that no application will be accepted without a proposal & budget. Please mention the assignment name in the subject line "Request for proposals-Vulnerability mapping, analysis and report preparation for the Project „**Suraksha - Preventing child trafficking for labour by strengthening family, community and institutions**

Please submit the following documents preferably in MS word or PDF format.

- A letter for Expression of Interest Relevant past experience and proven track record
- Two professional references. Organisational/individual profile
- Work-plan estimate of the number of days required for the assignment
- Detail Budget & Timeline.
- CV

Only shortlisted consultant will be contacted.