

Expression of Interest (EOI) for Consultancy on Baseline Survey on ending violence against women and girls with disabilities initiative in Bangladesh

Scope of the Consultancy:

The Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW) and UN Women are partnering on an initiative to end violence against women with disabilities, implemented by Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF) in Bangladesh. This initiative aims to conduct a baseline of the status of SRHR among Women and Girls with Disabilities facing violence (WGWD) in Bangladesh.

Currently, there is insufficient reliable data/statistics, which shows the true rate of violence experienced by WGWD. Unofficial surveys, based on newspaper reporting of incidents, have confirmed that WGWDs are prone to violence, including sexual violence and the rate of such incidents is high, especially in remote areas of Bangladesh. Such violence infringes the rights of WGWD especially their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Despite the development around protecting rights of persons with disabilities in Bangladesh, SRHR of persons with disabilities continues to be a neglected topic¹. Non-prioritization of SRHR combined with the lack of knowledge, awareness and accessibility on this issue makes WGWD further vulnerable to exploitation. In most cases, such incidents go unreported to the police, with victims already stigmatized because of their gender and disability. This scenario along with many other factors affects the access to justice rights of WGWD and prevents them from receiving legal remedies/reliefs. Furthermore, the neglect around SRHR of WGWD means that the effect of such violence on WGWD's sexual and reproductive wellbeing is not accounted for and the SRHR lens is missing in the discourse around sexual and gender violence perpetrated against them.

The baseline study will therefore focus on the nature and prevalence of violence perpetrated against WGWD from an SRHR lens. The baseline survey will cover SRHR violations arising from violence experienced by WGWD in both public and private settings with emphasis on emotional, physical and sexual violence perpetrated by intimate partners and/or family members and as sexual violence and harassment faced by WGWD in the community (neighbors, strangers, public spaces etc.)

The baseline study will cover 5 sub districts (Bogura Sadar, Gabtoli, Sherpur, Sonatola, Kahalu) and 10 Unions under these sub districts in Bangladesh. This study would include a complex method of both survey and focus group discussions to collect the data about the violence against WGWD in the given location. This baseline study would provide clearer statistics on the situation of WGWD, the nature, prevalence and effect of violence against them and an end line survey would complement the outcome of the project.

¹ ARROW for Change- Women With Disabilities: Disabled, Sexual, Reproductive, n.d. . Arrow. URL <https://arrow.org.my/publication/afc-disability-srhr/> (accessed 2.28.20).

Objectives for the Baseline Survey:

- To map the status of SRHR among the WGWD population in Bangladesh.
- To identify the level of awareness on issues related to SRHR, legal rights and violence among WGWD population in Bangladesh
- To assess the existing laws, policies and programs that exist to protect WGWD from all kinds of violence and whether it links to/cover protection of SRHR of WGWD in Bangladesh.
- To identify gaps in ensuring SRHR among WGWD in Bangladesh in the context of violence.
- To analyze the data and deliver a Baseline Survey Report addressing the result and reference framework of the initiative

Topics to be Covered in the Baseline Survey:

- Context analysis on the existing laws, policies and existing state-level protection that currently exists to protect the rights of women with disabilities from all kinds of violence and whether such protection covers the protection of SRHR of WGWD.
- Map the accessibility, availability and affordability of SRHR services for WGWD who have faced violence. The nature of SRHR violation perpetrated against WGWD. This also includes the nature of violence perpetrated against the WGWD population in Bangladesh
- Awareness level of the legal rights including SRHR among the WGWD population in Bangladesh If or if not, they have ever taken any step after experiencing violence and why? How did that go?
- The level of knowledge they have regarding the legal remedies they can seek for in case of violence.

Timeline:

Activity	Scope	Deliverable	Estimated Time
Development of strategies and plan	Discussion and agree on the strategies, plans, activities, timelines and finalizing the process	Development of the strategy Planning the activities Outlining the report	March 15 th to April 15 ^t , 2020
Desk Review	Desk review on the topics of SRHR and disability, violence and gender among WGWD population in Bangladesh	Literature review of the survey topic Contextual analysis of policies and legal aids available in the regional context of these issues Research included in the final report	
Designing Questionnaire and	Develop the questionnaire and	A methodology selected and possibly followed one by UN	

Topics	design the FGD topics and sub-topics (including info on their age, type of disability, awareness level on SRHR, the nature of violence perpetrated against them).	Women (if available), gold standard for designing questionnaire should be followed and prepared questionnaire in both English and Bangla should be delivered.	
Analysis Plan	A well organized and detailed plan to analyze the data	A detailed analysis plan in paper in accordance with the designed questionnaire should be delivered.	
Approved by the Partner organizations	The data collection and analysis plan should be approved by the partnered organization	A report and possibly a presentation should be prepared to discuss the strategies	
Pilot test	Pilot testing of the survey questions and FGD topics	Submitted as a report. The learning from the pilot test has been included in the questionnaire. Included in the final report	May to July, 2020
Data Collection and data analysis	Data collection, data input and analysis should be done	Workshop for the data collection, collecting data, data input in the software and sharing with the partners and the data analysis should proceed according to the plan afterwards	
Approval of analyzed data	A complete analyzed data had been approved by the partnered organizations	The data analysis result and report should be submitted and approved by the partnered organization	July, 2020
Draft report submission	A draft report is sent to the partnered organizations	A draft report is prepared with all the analysis results and following the instructions. The draft report should be sent to the partnered organizations for reviewing.	August, 2020
Review of draft	By the partner organization		
Final report submission	The final report is completed and sent	Based on the received comments the draft report had been edited and the final report had been delivered	September, 2020

Annex 1: Minimum Requirements for potential consultant:

The minimum requirements for potential consultant are:

- Expert in the area of SRHR and disability and the interlinkages between gender, violence, human rights and services (legal and health).
- Have good track record or experience in consultancy work and published work in SRHR and disability, gender, violence, human rights and legal aids.
- Expert in the country context and situation
- Expert on quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis.
- Have a gender responsive and inclusive approach
- Demonstrate ability to complete assignments as per deadline given
- Proven skills in producing quality work and outputs as stipulated in the TOR
- Strong writing skills in English

Budget Allocation:

The total budget allocated for this baseline survey is 20,000 USD.

The consultant/the institution /the organization will be responsible to carry out the baseline in the given timeline and budget.

Please submit your Expression of Interest including a cover letter and budget breakdown to email: momota@arrow.org.my and naz@arrow.org.my by 15, March, 2020.