
Title of the Consultancies:

Group Development Pakistan has planned to conduct research in following two areas;

1. RESEARCH ON ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE ON BIRTH SPACING
2. RESEARCH ON ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE ON CHILD MARRIAGE

Duration of Assignment: Thursday 4th July to Wednesday 13th August 2019

Number of days: 30 working days for each

Start date: Thursday 4th July 2019

1. Organisational Context

Group Development Pakistan is a Pakistani Non-Governmental Organization working to promote child rights in Pakistan with a specific focus on Child protection since 2012. GD Pakistan's Head Office is in Islamabad and we have branch offices in Lahore and Peshawar.

Group Development Pakistan's core mission is to promote child rights and protect children from any form of abuse and discrimination through peaceful, democratic, child and gender sensitive processes. GDP mostly works on children's rights to protection and participation and focuses on eradicating intersecting forms of violence against children such as Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation, child marriage, worst forms of child labour and child trafficking; it also promotes juvenile justice. GDP works on policy and legal reforms through evidence-based advocacy and lobbying, mobilization and capacity building of local and regional stakeholders, networking, research and knowledge management.

2. Overall objective and purpose of this consultancy

The title of the project is 'Promoting Good Health & Child Rights by combating child marriage and strengthening advocacy networks in Pakistan'. It will work with community members, religious leaders, law and policy makers and civil society. The project will focus on transforming social norms to create a more informed and supportive environment for youth for Good Health & Child Rights (GHCR) in Pakistan and increase individual awareness of GHCR as fundamental human rights by

- 1) collecting evidence on birth spacing (first study)
and
- 2) child marriage in Islam (second study).

The project will review past successes in ensuring Good Health & Child Rights in Muslim contexts and mobilise relevant stakeholders to improve the enforcement of those rights in Pakistan. The completed study will be printed by GDP. GDP and Bedari (the co implementor of this project) will disseminate the report to the targeted stakeholders via consultations and meetings.

Methodology of the Study

Both studies will be based on desk reviews but both implementing partners will also assist the consultant in outreach and in identifying potential sources.

Additionally, the draft of the study will be shared with both implementing and a joint review meeting will be organised to finalise the study.

3. Reporting

The consultant will report to the Strategic Programme Lead, based in GDP's Head Office in Islamabad.

4. Key Tasks & Deliverables

- The consultant will focus on compiling and synthesising progressive research already existing on the topic so that it can be used as evidence later on to promote GH&CR in Pakistan.
- The consultant will submit a report to GDP Pakistan and then a report at the end of their desk review encompassing the details of their findings. The study should consist of not less than 50 A4 pages in single spacing in Arial font 12. It should include the following contents:
 - Executive Summary
 - Introduction
 - Acronyms
 - Table of Contents
 - Methodology
 - Desk review
 - Findings
 - Conclusion

- Recommendations
- Bibliography

5. Academic qualification

Master's in law, social sciences, human rights.

6. Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements:

- At least 10 years academic and legal work in gender equality, women and child's rights within the context of Islamic Jurisprudence and demonstrated awareness of child rights and gender equality is essential.
- At least 5 publications/researches by the author in this area of work
- Excellent command over English and Urdu is essential (written and oral).
- Capacity to deliver quality work within a tight timeline

Interested individual/companies are requested to submit separate detailed technical and financial proposal inclusive of company/individual profile, Organization registration (If applicable) NTN number, detailed research plan with timeline, CV of lead consultants, team members (if applicable), previous research work samples. as sealed bids addressed to;

Head of Finance & Operations - GDP

Address: House 250, Street 83, E-11/2, Islamabad (Phone No. 051-2305547), before June 30th, 2019 (before 1700 hours).