

**Consultancy:** Drafting of Handbook on Child Marriages for Justice Actors

**Duration of Assignment:** 30 Days

**Expected Start Date:** October 05, 2021

**Expected End Date:** November 06, 2021

## **1. Organizational Context**

Group Development Pakistan (GDP) is a Pakistani Non-Governmental Organization working to promote child rights in Pakistan with a specific focus on Child protection, since 2012.

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 labor and child trafficking; it also promotes child justice. GDP works on policy and legal reforms through evidence-based advocacy and lobbying, mobilization and capacity building of relevant stakeholders, networking, research and knowledge management.

## **2. Overall objective and purpose of this consultancy**

Group Development Pakistan plans to draft a handbook for Justice Actors (Judicial Officers, Prosecutors, Lawyers and other relevant officers) on child marriage. The handbooks will guide the justice actors in Pakistan to deal with legal issues related to Child Marriages. The following are key elements that the handbook must address:

- Develop a handbook which serves as a practical guide for justice actors to address issue related to child marriages.
- The handbook should include detailed guidelines on how to deal with child marriage cases as per international child safeguarding standards, with practical examples.
- The handbook should help the Justice actors in clarifying their role in countering child marriage in accordance with the domestic legislation.
- The handbook should serve as resource – to meet the education, training and development needs of Justice Actors.
- The handbook should include spheres of knowledge, skill and attitudes.

## **3. Reporting**

The consultant will report to GDP's Legal Research Specialist, under the supervision of GDP's Executive Director, based in GDP's Head Office, in Islamabad.

#### **4. Deliverables & Milestones**

Due to the short timeframe, the consultant will work under very tight deadlines and is required to meet the following milestones:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
1.	Kickoff meeting with Group Development Pakistan team and submission of a detailed workplan.	October 5, 2021
2.	Conduct a legal desk research on child	October 16 2021
3.	Based on the desk research draft a handbook on child marriages	November 1, 2021
4.	Amend and finalize handbook after a critical review from GDP and relevant stakeholders	November 5, 2021

The key deliverables of the assignment are:

1. Draft handbook for justice actors with relevant national & international laws & framework, role and responsibilities of justice actors towards child marriage, case laws related to Child Marriage.

#### **5. Academic qualification**

At least LLB but LLM qualified will be given preference.

#### **6. Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements:**

- Proven experience and track record of legal expertise on child rights and Justice With Children in Pakistan.
- Minimum 5 years of criminal law practice in Pakistan.
- Well versed in child protection international legal framework and international safeguarding standards.
- Ability to work in a participatory manner with tight deadlines and under pressure
- Gender and culture sensitive, with full command over written and oral Urdu and English
- Familiar with legal drafting and if possible, previous experience of developing handbooks for Justice Actors.

#### **7. How to apply**

Interested individuals/companies are requested to send separate detailed technical and financial proposals inclusive of the company/individual profile, organization registration (If applicable), NTN number, detailed research plan with timeline inclusive of steps/procedures involved in the development of handbook, CV of lead consultants, team members (if applicable), previous work examples by **3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021** to Head of Finance & Operations, Group Development Pakistan, Office # 11-18, Lower basement, Magnum Arcade Northern Strip, 2, F.E.C.H.S. FECHS E 11/2 E-11, Islamabad, phone (051) 2305547 . TORs can be downloaded from [www.gdpakistan.org/procurement](http://www.gdpakistan.org/procurement)

**Important Notes:**

- Interested individual/firm must submit a separate technical and financial proposal.
- The handbook must be developed as per international standards, and it will be the sole responsibility of the consultant to ensure that as per standard all essential requirements are met:
  - Sharing details of handbook publication committee, editor(s) and writer(s)