

Terms of Reference

Title: Research on how to counter GBV-including child marriage-using Islamic Jurisprudence.

Duration of the Assignment:

Start Date: 9th June 2021.

End Date: 23 July 2021 (estimated)

1. Organization Context

Group Development Pakistan (GDP) is a Civil Society Organization registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 working on protecting and promoting child rights and strengthening child protection and justice with children across Pakistan. The organization believes in a democratic and humanistic society in which the most important stakeholders-children- are acknowledged, respected and protected from all forms of violence and discrimination. GDP follows a holistic, creative, participatory, eco-friendly, child-focused and human rights-based approach.

2. Overall Objective and Purpose of the Consultancy

During the last decade, Pakistan has enacted series of pro-women and girls' laws, such as the Criminal Law Amendment Act 2011, which criminalizes acid and burn violence - one of the worst forms of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), the Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act, the Zainab Alert Response and Recovery Act 2020, to name a few.

Nevertheless, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is still rampant in the country and mostly affects women and girls, including girls from religious minorities. As per the Global Gender Gap Index 2020, Pakistan is the third least performer ranking as 151 out of 153 countries. According to SAHIL, a Pakistani child rights organization, 11 children were sexually abused on a daily basis in 2018. In 2020, out of the total number of reported cases of CSAE recorded by SAHIL, 53% were girls, 47% were boys. Pakistan's demographic and health survey (2017-2018) shows that 28% of women and girls aged 15-49 had experienced physical violence: out of those, 6% had faced sexual violence.

3. Methodology

The Consultant is expected to carry out an extensive desk review of the relevant literature and Islamic jurisprudence on GBV and child marriage.

The consultant will report to the Technical Advisor, based in GDP's Head Office in Islamabad.

4. Key Tasks & Deliverables

The consultant will focus on compiling and synthesizing progressive research already existing on the topic so that it can be used as evidence later on to promote child rights, inclusion and gender equality in Pakistan.

The consultant will submit a report to GDP at the end of the desk review

encompassing the details of the findings. The study should consist of not less than 50 A4 pages in single spacing in Open Sans font 12. It should include the following contents:

- Acronyms
- Table of Contents
- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- 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/research 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.

7. How to apply

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.

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