

Term of Reference Hiring of Consultant

Mapping of Child Protection Mechanism in Kalahandi and Nuapada

Back ground:

Regional Centre for Development Cooperation (RCDC) is a development resource organization working in the field of community based natural resource management in Odisha and its neighboring states since 1993. It works with multiple stakeholders including government, NGOs, networks and local communities to bring about a qualitative change in water resource management approaches of the state so as to ensure safe drinking water to project areas. Its activities include demonstration field projects on community based water resource management, democracy and governance, advocacy and lobbying to uphold livelihood rights, research, documentation and publication and circulation of public education material and training and institutional capacity building. The aim of RCDC is to make children and youths healthy, secured, educated, confident, skilled and Involved and families economically self-reliant.

RCDC is currently working on child development programme in collaboration with ChildFund India in Nuapada and Kalahandi districts. RCDC is started working with community in comprehensive development, education, livelihood, participation, protection of deprived ,excluded and vulnerable children by enhancing their access to quality services and reducing inequalities and discrimination. The objective of the programme is "To create a protective and enabling environment for children free from abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence." The core programme of the project is that children have an improved knowledge and access to child protection services. Children are valued in the society and their rights are protected and exercised by parents and caregivers and Children are act as change agent and exercised their rights.

The Purpose:

The purpose of this ToR is to study the Child Protection Mechanism/ System in Odisha. The mapping and analysis of the child protection mechanism is limited in scope to the coordinated actions to protect children from violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect, which are classified as 'intentional harm' to children. It is not concerned with 'unintentional harm' to children such as accidents or broader child welfare issues such as access to education and social protection, although of course these interventions impact on the safety of children. A child protection mechanism can be considered as a coordinated, harmonized and systematic approach to protecting children from violence, abuse and exploitation in development contexts. It should be guided by legislation and policy, and should have the capacity – in terms of human resources, financing and infrastructure – to fulfil its mandate. One of the starting points for a child protection mechanism are community led child protection practices and processes of care to support those children that are subjected to harm or are less valued by their communities. A rights-based child protection mechanism is accountable, child and family friendly, and provides a continuum of protection services from prevention to impact mitigation, operating in development settings. It is therefore important to understand the components of a child protection mechanism and more broadly a social welfare system for children and families - and how the components link up to a coherent whole. With this knowledge, it will then be possible to analyse the child protection system to improve performance and to achieve better results for children of Odisha.

Objective:

The broader objectives of this study is to evaluates existing intervention, mechanism and its influences on the Practices of the child protection system, which will aid on the future Planning, Programming and implementation of project.

The specific objectives of this study is as follows:

- To conduct an analysis of the child protection mechanism at state level and Kalahandi and Nuapapda district – and more broadly the mapping and status of VLCPC, PLCPC, BLCPC in Kalahandi and Nuapada districts, with clear recommendations, to inform policy-making and programming in strengthening the system; and
- To strengthen knowledge and capacities in relation to child rights with a focus on the protection of children from violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect, and the protection of girls from violence.

Scope and Focus:

The Consultant is expected to analyze data collected during the study and develop the final mapping report with findings, bottleneck analysis and recommendations for strengthening the CP mechanism in Odisha to provide a safe and free environment for the children.

The propose study will includes both qualitative and quantitative components, to gain a broad and contextual understanding of opinions and motivations within the service providers. The study is conducted in four targeted blocks of Nuapada and Kalahandi districts and state level.

For the qualitative component, key research questions are as follows for each of the three behaviours:

- Assess the capacity of key formal and informal structures (District, Block, Gram Panchayat and Village level protection and coordinating mechanisms, etc.) to develop, administer and implement, monitor and evaluate their responsibilities in relation to the protection of children
- Within the broader child protection system for children and families, understand the linkages between the child protection system components and others – e.g. the social protection / welfare services, referral mechanisms across sectors
- Describe and analyse the capacity building component of the Child Protection Mechanism/ System (human resources, financing, infrastructure), to identify the strengths, gaps and bottlenecks and recommendations for strengthening these components.
- Drawing from the existing mapping of child protection services in Odisha , identify and describe the core protection services and actions required to strengthen their ability to provide primary, secondary and tertiary prevention and response services to the most vulnerable children, including the early identification of children and risk and how to expand the scope and reach of services to identify the hardest to reach children
- Describe and analyse the processes of care (Multidisciplinary case management, across sectors' referral and early identification of

vulnerable children) to identify the strengths, gaps and bottlenecks and recommendations for strengthening these components of the system

- Describe and analyse the accountability component of the CP mechanism/system (knowledge management, research, complaints mechanisms, information management systems) to identify the strengths, gaps and bottlenecks and recommendations for strengthening the components of the mechanism/system
- Describe the critical social norms and other bottlenecks affecting the utilisation of child protection services by children, their parents and caregivers.

Methodology and Technical Approach:

The overall approach to the study / survey / research should be quantitative with elements of qualitative research. The research strategy that should be used is a survey. Data collection methods to be used are interviews using (semi)structured questionnaire, and documentary research.

The methodology and sampling should be defined in such a way so to be able to answer general and specific research questions. In the proposal/expression of interest, the potential consultant is expected to present methodology in detail – size and structure of the sample for interviews, and an example of questionnaire.

Deliverables:

The overall assignment includes the following deliverables and milestones.

a) Inception Report

The inception report should include the detailed methodology, tools and timelines. The report will cover the following:

- Detailed methodology for collecting information with sufficient detailing of all the Processes proposed
- Draft tools and analysis plan
- Work plan and timelines

b) Field Work Completion Report

Once the processes related to data collection are completed, the consultant will submit an interim report. The interim report should include:

- Write up on how the methodology and agreed work plan is followed. Provide justification, if there are any deviations in methodology or work plan
- Process related details as annexure (list of persons contacted or details of processes conducted etc).

Raw data in appropriate formats (SPSS preferably)

c) Draft Report

The draft report will be the main product for the consultant and must include a detailed explanation of the methodology that has been used as well as the implementation process.

The draft report will collate all the data that is gathered at various collection points. The draft final report will indicate all study objectives. The report should include appropriate disaggregation as per gender, social group etc. Wherever require, appropriate statistical test has to be applied to substantiate the analysis.

d) Final Report

The consultant should incorporate RCDC and ChildFund India comments within two weeks of receiving them. The consultant should deliver a final report which will include:

- a) final version of 'final report', (soft copy and hard copy)
- b) final versions of all raw datasets,
- c) all the documents and report related to assignment received or generated during the assignment,
- d) Any other specific agreement during the assignment

Time Frame:

The entire process including fieldwork, analysis and sharing the final deliverables will be completed within 30 days. The timeline frame would be followed after signing of contract.

Suggested Expertise:

The consultant should have:

- Clear understanding of social science research process or methodology and research ethics. Where prior experience on Mapping of service providers/ institutions is most desirable.
- Good knowledge Child rights, child protection mechanism and child protection programmes as per ICPS.
- Appropriate experience of conducting research in rural areas. Possession of strong local language of Kalahandi and Nuapada is advantage.

Proposal submission process:

The consultant will have to submit only relevant work experience and resume. In-charge of RCDC and ChildFund India Project will shortlist the consultant and will call for discussion and will finalize the consultant for the proposed action.

The proposal should be submitted in English and contain three main parts:

- General and Technical proposal for the survey
- Financial proposal for the survey
- Relevant experiences in the sector and survey

The last date for submission of proposals is 15th March, 2019 and should be sent by e- mail to rcdcbbsr@gmail.com by close of application 15th March, 2019.