

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE



Date: 25 Sep 2017

Country: Bangkok, Thailand

Description of the assignment: Communications, Knowledge Management and Outreach (Gender Equality)

Duty Station: Bangkok-based, Thailand, with no travel will be required.

Project name: UNDP BRH

Period of assignment/services (if applicable): Maximum of 80 days worked over the period of 6.5 months: 23 October 2017- 07 May 2018

Proposal should be submitted no later than **9 Oct 2017**

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1. BACKGROUND

UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub, along with the Pacific Office in Suva, primarily provide the 24 UNDP Country Offices in Asia and the Pacific with easy access to knowledge through high quality advisory services and technical support based on global applied research and UNDP lessons learnt.

The second priority is to provide regional thought leadership, build partnerships and promote regional capacity building, which allow UNDP, governments and other development partners to identify, create and share knowledge relevant to solving urgent development challenges.

Gender equality and empowerment of women are at the core of UNDP's development mandates and strategy. For UNDP, gender equality is primarily a matter of human rights. It also recognizes the role of gender equality and women's empowerment as an integral and indispensable driver for sustainable development. UNDP believes that unless women and men are able to fully realize their rights in all spheres of life, and their contributions are equally valued in the process and outcome, human development will not be advanced. Gender equality and women's empowerment are integrated into every aspect of UNDP's work in supporting countries through a range of programmes and projects.

Gender inequalities remain a development challenge throughout the Asia-Pacific region. This persistence is particularly troubling when considering the enormous economic progress the region

has made. This continuing discrimination and neglect threaten the security and well-being of women as well as their families and communities throughout Asia and the Pacific. In accordance with the principle of SDGs, i.e., “Leave No One Behind”, UNDP places an emphasis on eliminating the inequalities experienced by women and girls in the region.

2. OBJECTIVE, SCOPE OF WORK, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ANALYTICAL WORK

Objective and Scope of Work

UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub is addressing gender equality and women’s human rights through a multiple regional development initiatives. It has also been sustaining robust communication and knowledge management activities to contribute to UNDP’s delivery of strengthened gender equality results in the region.

One regional initiative with a dedicated focus on women, peace and security is the N-Peace. Since 2010, UNDP and its partners have been working through the N-Peace Network to promote, support and publicize the efforts of grassroots peace builders from across Asia and the Pacific. N-Peace Awards recognizes individuals whose work advances the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda, and is currently active in Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Myanmar, The Philippines, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka. N-Peace offers capacity building training, awards campaigns, and network building support. N-Peace’s next annual awards ceremony is scheduled to take place in January 2018, with an accompanying week-long programme involving a public exhibition, outreach and advocacy activities, social media campaign and capacity building activities.

Another regional initiative addressing gender equality and women’s empowerment is the UNDP Gender Equality Seal Certification Programme for the Private Sector. The Programme promotes gender-equal work place and business practices with a view to supporting improved opportunities for women’s economic empowerment as well as stronger company performance. The Programme was initially launched in Asia in November 2016 at the Responsible Business Forum (RBF) in Singapore. In the 2017 RBA in November 2017, UNDP will organize advocacy and outreach in order to further mobilize partners from national governments as well as the private sector in Asia.

At a more broader level, the Bangkok Regional Hub has a proactive communication programme for gender equality and women’s empowerment. In 2016, it initiated a region-wide social media campaign, #Champions4Equality, with the first communication and outreach activity coinciding with the International Women’s Day. The second #Champions4Equality campaign was rolled out in September 2017. At the same time, the Asia-Pacific Gender Team of the Bangkok Regional Hub launched a bi-annual online newsletter with an objective of communicating UNDP’s engagement in the region’s efforts to advance gender equality.

The main objective of this consultancy is to support various communication activities focusing on gender equality and women’s empowerment of the UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub, working across the teams with guidance from the Governance and Peacebuilding Team, the Communications Team and the Gender Equality Team. In particular, the consultant will lead the preparation and

implementation of the communication, outreach and knowledge management tasks related to 1) the implementation of a detailed communications and outreach plan for the N-Peace Awards Week in January 2018, 2) the outreach related to the UNDP Gender Equality Certification Programme for the Private Sector with focus on Asia, 3) the design and organisation of the #Champions4Equality in March 2018, and 4) the roll-out of the Asia-Pacific Gender Equality Newsletter in April 2018.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Essential

- Master's degree or equivalent in relevant areas such as Communications, Journalism, or Gender Studies.
- Minimum 12 months of relevant experience in communications and outreach using traditional and social media tools.
- Proven fluency in English writing skills.

Desirable

- Previous relevant experience with UNDP or the broader UN System would be an asset.

Competencies

- Strong command of English.
- Ability to perform tasks in timely manner and under pressure, to tight deadlines.
- Ability to communicate verbally and in writing with a wide range of partners persuasively and collaboratively.
- Able to work independently and as part of a team seamlessly using a range of modern means of communication as required.

4. DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT, DUTY STATION AND EXPECTED PLACES OF TRAVEL

Duration of the Assignment

Up to a maximum of 80 working days over a period of maximum 6.5 months. The expected starting date is 23 October 2017, and the expected ending date is 07 May 2018.

Duty Station

Duty station will be Bangkok. No travel will be required.

5. FINAL PRODUCTS

Expected Outputs and Deliverables

The consultant is expected to deliver the followings:

Deliverables/ Outputs	Target Due Dates	Review and Approvals Required
A. Stories of the 11 winners based on interviews	25 November 2017	Regional Programme Specialist, Gender and Crisis
B. Publication and dissemination of the winners' video essays	25 November 2017	Regional Programme Specialist, Gender and Crisis
C. Posters displaying public opinion and positive reception of the winners	25 November 2017	Regional Programme Specialist, Gender and Crisis
D. Advocacy materials for the UNDP Gender Equality Seal for the Private Sector in print and online	15 December 2017	Regional Gender Advisor
E. 3 rd #Champions4Equality Campaign launched	8 March 2018	Regional Gender Advisor
F. 2 nd Asia-Pacific Gender Equality Newsletter	20 April 2018	Regional Gender Advisor

6. PROVISION OF MONITORING AND PROGRESS CONTROLS**Institutional Arrangement**

Consultations and meetings will be organized on daily basis with Regional Programme Specialist (Gender and Crisis) and Regional Gender Team Leader for progress monitoring and quality assurance as well as to ensure the timely delivery of the specified deliverables.

7. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS.

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications. Please group them into one (1) single PDF document as the application only allows to upload maximum one document:

- **Duly accomplished Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability** using the template provided by UNDP;
- **Personal CV or P11**, indicating all relevant and similar previous experiences, as well as the contact details (email and telephone number) of the Applicant and at least three (3) professional references;
- **Brief description** of why the applicant considers him/herself as the most suitable for the assignment, relating how he/she proposes to conduct the assignment to their previous experience.
- **Financial Proposal** that indicates the all-inclusive fixed total contract price, supported by a breakdown of costs, as per template provided. If an Offeror is employed by an organization/company/institution, and he/she expects his/her employer to charge a management fee in the process of releasing him/her to UNDP under Reimbursable Loan Agreement (RLA), the Offeror must indicate at this point, and ensure that all such costs are duly incorporated in the financial proposal submitted to UNDP.
- **A sample of social media campaign plan / package** with dedicated focus on gender equality issues led by the applicant.
- **Online link to sample of visual communication materials** developed by the applicant
- **Online link to sample of written communication materials** developed by the applicant

Incomplete proposals may not be considered.

8. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Price Proposal and Schedule of Payment :

Consultant must send a financial proposal based on Lump Sum Amount. The total amount quoted shall be all-inclusive and include all costs components required to perform the deliverables identified in the TOR, including professional fee, travel costs, living allowance (if any work is to be done outside the IC's duty station) and any other applicable cost to be incurred by the IC in completing the assignment. The contract price will be fixed output-based price regardless of extension of the herein specified duration. Payments will be done upon completion of the deliverables/outputs and as per below percentages:

Deliverables/ Outputs	Target Due Dates	Payment
Stories of the 11 winners based on interviews	25 November 2017	20%

Publication and dissemination of the winners' video essays	25 November 2017	20%
Posters displaying public opinion and positive reception of the winners	25 November 2017	10%
Advocacy materials for the UNDP Gender Equality Seal for the Private Sector in print and online	15 December 2017	10%
3 rd #Champions4Equality Campaign launched	08 March 2018	20%
2 nd Asia-Pacific Gender Equality Newsletter issued	20 April 2018	20%

9. EVALUATION

Criteria for Selection of the Best Offer

Individual consultants will be evaluated based on the following methodology:

Cumulative analysis

The award of the contract shall be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as a) responsive/compliant/acceptable; and b) having received the highest score out of set of weighted technical criteria (70%). and financial criteria (30%). Financial score shall be computed as a ratio of the proposal being evaluated and the lowest priced proposal received by UNDP for the assignment.

Technical Criteria for Evaluation (Maximum 100 points)

- Knowledge on gender equality challenges in Asia and the Pacific (20%)
- Demonstrable experience of leading a social media campaign on gender equality issues (30%)
- Minimum 12 months' experience in communication and outreach including developing written communication materials and online visual communication materials (30%)
- Fluency in written English (20%)
- Working knowledge of UNDP or other UN entities and agencies is an asset.

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 70% of the total technical points would be considered for the Financial Evaluation.

ANNEXES

Annex I - TOR_ Communications, Knowledge Management and Outreach (Gender Equality)

Annex II- General Condition of Contract

Annex III - Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability for the Individual IC,
including Financial Proposal Template

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