

Terms of reference
National Researcher
Assessing the needs of survivors of sexual violence in humanitarian settings

ROLE PURPOSE: Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) is one of the greatest protection, human rights and public health challenges to be faced during humanitarian emergencies. SGBV violates the right to life, the right not to be subject to torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, the right to equal protection under the law, the right to equality in the family, and the right to physical and mental health.¹ Sexual violence is a form of SGBV, which is present in all societies.

Save the Children is conducting an explorative qualitative multi-country study that will contribute to improving the understanding of service provision for survivors of Sexual Violence in humanitarian crisis caused by conflict (Yemen and Nigeria) or through natural disaster (Haiti) among high-risk groups. The study will generate evidence, identify good practices and disseminate lessons learnt about sexual violence in six different humanitarian settings in three countries across the world; Northern Nigeria, South Yemen and Haiti. This research will provide evidence-informed recommendations to contribute towards increasing the capacity of humanitarian actors, for them to adequately identify and respond to the needs and rights of groups affected by sexual violence and to ensure the availability of services for sexual violence survivors through community owned interventions and the public system.

Child Safeguarding Level 3: The post holder will have contact with children and/or young people either frequently (e.g. once a week or more) or intensively (e.g. four days in one month or more or overnight) because they work country programs; or are visiting country programs; or because they are responsible for implementing the police checking/vetting process staff.

SCOPE OF ROLE:

Reports to: Health Technical Advisor

Staff reporting to this post: Assistant researcher

Budget Responsibilities: N/A

Role Dimensions: *(e.g. complexity, relationships, communication with stakeholders)*

KEY AREAS OF ACCOUNTABILITY:

- I. Undertake all further necessary preparations for the study:

¹ Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) 1992, General recommendation 19; Violence against Women

2. Organization of and co-facilitation in research workshop/ training with stakeholders and research team in April/may 2020. (Co-facilitated with KIT and Save the Children researchers).
3. Liaise with the in-country Save the Children team to recruit the study participants and to conduct other preparations for the fieldwork.
4. Carry out the data collection in April/May 2020: the researcher is expected to collect both quantitative (Health facility assessment) and qualitative data from a variety of study participants or should ensure that this is appropriately conducted by RAs. Data collection is expected to take about 2 months.
5. Conduct the preliminary data analysis for the study. This includes the delivery of verbatim transcripts in English. Coding of transcripts – using Nvivo 12 – will be done in a joint effort with Save the Children and KIT researchers in June 2020.
6. Organise a 5-day analysis and report writing workshop with all RAs in end June/ beginning July 2020, which will be co-facilitated with Save the Children and KIT researchers.
7. Organise a stakeholder validation workshop and feedback of study results in the study areas by August 2020.
8. Co-write the final study report, according to a set task division with Save the Children and KIT by end of April 2020 (and subsequent policy briefs and scientific articles as appropriate) including providing feedback on the desk review and including parts of it in the final study report.
9. Ensure that all safety and ethical considerations are in place to support assistants in the collection of data, including the provision of ongoing specialized training and support through continuous monitoring and regular feedback sessions
10. Work with Save CO to ensure that basic care and support for survivors is available locally for individuals disclosing information about their experiences of sexual violence. Then establish procedures for making confidential referrals for follow-up care and support of participants (with participant consent) when such referrals are needed. Ensure that data collectors are confident to refer participants where needed.

1. **Delivrables**

As part of this consultation, he /she will have to provide:

- Submit work plan after two weeks of employment
- Research Workshop Organize
- Be weekly Progress report
- Submit final Study report

2. **Payment Modality**

Payment will be made upon presentation of invoice when the deliverables described above have been satisfactorily completed.

3. **Duration / Location:**

The time investment for this consultancy is 7 months and will be located in Port au Prince with traveling in to the South and Grand-Anse.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's degree (minimum) in a relevant field, such as social sciences, gender studies, or public health. A Ph.D. degree is an important asset.
- Five to ten years of experience in researching SRHR in country, in particular around Sexual Violence/ Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- Experience working directly with marginalised groups, such as sex workers, LGBTQI, young people with disabilities, IDPs, survivors of SGBV, trafficking, child slavery, child marriage and child prostitution.
- Knowledge of the safety and ethical safeguards necessary to have in place prior to commencement of any information gathering exercise concerning sexual violence in humanitarian emergency settings
- Passionate about addressing issues on Sexual and Gender Based Violence.
- Proven experience with qualitative research.
- No direct affiliation with implementing agencies.
- Availability for at least the whole study period.
- Able to organise and lead a team of researcher assistants.
- Able and willing to conduct/ lead data collection to ensure that good quality data are available for the analysis.
- Excellent analytical and writing skills.
- Punctual with deadlines of deliverables.
- Excellent dominance of English and the relevant local languages of the study area.
- Open, professional, and non-judgmental attitude towards the subjects.

Equal Opportunities

The role holder is required to carry out the duties in accordance with the SCI Equal Opportunities and Diversity policies and procedures.

Child Safeguarding:

We need to keep children safe so our selection process, which includes rigorous background checks, reflects our commitment to the protection of children from abuse.

Safeguarding our Staff:

The post holder is required to carry out the duties in accordance with the SCI anti-harassment policy

Health and Safety

The role holder is required to carry out the duties in accordance with SCI Health and Safety policies and procedures.

Last date to submit applications: March 12, 2020
Qualified women are highly recommended to apply.



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