

**ORGANISATION MONDIALE CONTRE LA TORTURE (OMCT)
WORLD ORGANISATION AGAINST TORTURE**

SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**** Consultancy: Baseline studies on CAT implementation – 15 countries ****

The World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) is the largest international coalition of nongovernmental organisations fighting against torture, summary executions, forced disappearances and all other forms of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.

In the framework of OMCT's mainframe anti-torture programme, the Convention Against Programme (CAT), OMCT functions as the main civil society coordinator during country reviews by the UN Committee against Torture. The CAT Programme's primary project during 2017-2020 is the "Civil Society United Against Torture Initiative," (the Project) the main objective of which is to contribute to the greater prevention of, and accountability and redress for torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment around the world, enabled by empowered national civil society organisations (CSOs) advancing the implementation of the Convention Against Torture, in particular in challenging environments and for sectors with specific and/or multiple vulnerabilities.

Within the framework of the Project, the OMCT is commissioning a set of baseline studies on the current state of the implementation of the Convention against Torture in the 15 focus countries of the Project. This will enable a more standardized understanding of where these countries are today on the road towards compliance with the Convention and the recommendations of the CAT Committee. They will provide a structured basis to monitor and evaluate progress, regression, and changes regarding these countries' compliance during and after the completion of the Project. Moreover, they will guide the OMCT in developing country specific strategies and in planning and targeting activities.

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The OMCT is seeking to contract a Consultant to gather data, information, and statistics against a standard set of key indicators on each of the 15 countries being targeted for increased compliance with the Convention under the United Project, including: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, Togo, the Ivory Coast, Honduras, Mexico, the Russian Federation, Guatemala, Democratic republic of the Congo, and other countries to be determined.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONSULTANT

1. To participate in the identification and articulation of parameters for the baseline studies.
2. To conduct research and gather verifiable data and information enabling us to understand where the country is in 2018 on these key parameters.
3. To work with the CAT Programme Director and others in the CAT Programme team at the OMCT to review, revise, refine, and ensure accuracy and usefulness of the data and information gathered.
4. To finalize the Baseline Studies and present them with the CAT Team to the OMCT Secretary General and other OMCT teams, exploring ways for their collective use in their respective planning, implementing, monitoring, evaluation, and learning on the focus countries.
5. To ensure that all deliverables are provided on or before agreed deadlines.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OMCT

1. To provide all available raw materials needed for the CONSULTANT to comply with her/his/their responsibilities – background documents, highlights, language, verbal input, etc.
2. To be available for consultation on the countries and indicators as well as on-going, back-and-forth revisions and improvements.
3. To provide timely payments upon receipt of appropriate and satisfactory deliverables.

KEY DELIVERABLES

1. Up to 15 completed OMCT CAT Programme Country Baseline Studies (expected to be approximately 3-4 page documents).
2. An indicator glossary – brief description of each of the generic indicators chosen and used in the baseline studies.

DURATION AND BUDGET OF THE CONSULTANCY

The Consultancy must begin work as soon as possible (starting 10 January 2018), in order to deliver the first draft of the Impact Report by 10 February. The consultant will then continue work through the 28 February in order to further revise and finalize the Baseline Studies, and complete any and all related deliverables. The available budget for this contract is CHF 7,500.00. The most competitive consultancy proposals will be those with the highest quality proposal that are budgeted within this amount.

LOCATION OF WORK AND SUPERVISION

The consultancy will be based in the International Secretariat of the OMCT, located in Geneva, Switzerland. The CONSULTANT will work under guidance and supervision of the Director of the OMCT Convention Against Torture Programme.

To be considered eligible, candidates must possess the following:

1. A valid permit to work in Switzerland (required);
2. Experience in the field of human rights, in particular with the UN Committee Against Torture (required);
3. At least one previous experience compiling / writing reports or project evaluations for a recognized national, regional, or international NGO or IGO (required);
4. Masters' Degree or equivalent in law, international affairs, project management, or related field (required);
5. Excellent fluency in oral and written English (required), with additional fluencies in French and Spanish as important assets (preferred);
6. Experience with research, data-gathering and statistical analysis is an asset (highly valued)
7. Experience with simple graphic design tools (highly valued).

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications for this consultancy will be considered on a first-come first-assessed basis, but should be sent by the 14 December 2018. Interested applicants must submit a CV, an Expression of Interest detailing the proposed methodology, time frame, and fee (maximum 3 pages), and the full names and contact details of two relevant references, to hd@omct.org. **Applications can be submitted in either French or English.** Please use “**CAT Baseline Studies Consultant**” as the subject of your email. Please appreciate that due to the volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. We cannot answer phone enquiries. Thank you for your understanding.