CALL FOR APPLICATION No 1: Rapid assessment/poll

Coverage: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia.

“Gender-Based-Violence during the COVID-19 lockdown”: circumstances and consequences »

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Duration: 30 working days
Coverage: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia
Start Date: Mid-September
End Date: End of October

Description of the task

The Center of Arab Women for Training and Research/CAWTAR is seeking to hire an independent and non-partisan organization in support to its project « Preventing Gender-Based-Violence in Public Space/s with focus on university space” to conduct a rapid assessment/poll among concerned stakeholders on « Gender-Based-Violence during the lockdown: circumstances and consequences »

The poll/ survey aims to provide knowledge to CAWTAR and its partners on the impact of gender-Based-Violence (GBV survivors or not), on women during the COVID-19 lockdown targeting Women and GBV NGOs, shelters…and other GBV service providers, women mechanisms, ministries of health and any other concerned stakeholders.

Background

While men and women are equally affected, the COVID-19 pandemic socio-economic and security implications are far more pronounced for women and girls, to the point of questioning gender equality gains made in recent decades, according to the United Nations Organization, which makes recommendations to reverse this alarming trend١. In this context and beyond the direct impact of the disease of COVID-19, UN Women highlights how the security conditions of women are affected by the lockdown and restrictions on movement, noting that, "perversely", the means used to combat the spread of the virus "create ideal situations for aggressors".

Indeed, the restrictive measures adopted worldwide to combat COVID-19 intensify the risk of domestic violence. During the lockdown period, figures and cases were reported and widely shared, especially in the social media. Red alerts were going off everywhere at the international, regional and national levels but no effective measures to save women and girls were reported... Just for instance, in Tunisia, there were some initiatives as to use

1https://www.un.org/fr/%C3%A9quipe-de-communication-de-la-riposte-de-%E2%80%99onu-au-covid-19/in%C3%A9galit%C3%A9s-de-genre-et-covid-19-les
some places to sheltering women in some centres (usually opened for children but closed due to the lockdown) but these centres regained their function once containment was lifted and cases are increasing once again.

The human rights of women and children should be protected by governments to ensure their security and life, propose urgent measures to the victims of violence in such content and circumstances. However their interventions governments to deal with this “GBV pandemic” were not obvious even being at the same level of risks that women were facing the COVID-19 disease contamination. Associations with their limited means were only able to ring the bells. Even their shelters were not appropriately and sufficiently equipped for such circumstances.

Given the preliminary available information, it is very likely that rates of widespread domestic violence increased during this uncertain period. No one is able to say how this pandemic will evolve, let alone when it will stop. In the meantime, it will be necessary to find the means to better assess the situation and to produce the evidences that will allow concerned actors to propose adapted and pertinent solutions and interventions.

This is why CAWTAR is seeking a specialized organization/company to conduct this Rapid Assessment/poll on GBV with focus on domestic violence during the lockdown period covering a sample of 1000 questionnaires in 7 countries namely Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia.

**Objective**

The objective is to take stock of the situation during the lockdown period and assess the effects of confinement on women and girls. The ambition is not to conduct a prevalence survey but rather to assess the extent of the phenomenon through the chosen approach, to confirm hypotheses as to the causes of this violence, the unmet needs in terms of protection, security and health services.

The findings should allow proposing through this consultation with associations, women and institutions/organizations that were closely monitoring the situation, what would be the solutions and related interventions to ensure that women needs and rights will be taken into account thanks to the recommended measures for such situation.

**Methodology**

CAWTAR will consolidate with the selected company/organization the questionnaire and consolidate the sample including through the provision of a number of stakeholders from its network in the 7 covered countries.

The applicant should present a technical and financial proposal no later than September 10, 2020.

**Expected Results:**

A report on the methodology (techniques, sampling, process) and analysis of findings of the rapid assessment/poll to be part II of a regional report prepared by CAWTAR on the GBV in the COVID-19 lockdown (100 pages max).
A summary of the report (10 pages)

**Qualifications**

The applicant must have at least 5 years of proven experience as a specialized organization/firm in conducting such assessment/pool, analyzing its findings and reporting as well as providing concerned stakeholders/clients (researchers, policymakers, business leaders, and the general public…) with reliable information on public attitudes and trends concerning issues and policies of public interest, in addition to preparing and making available studies and strategies related to various developmental fields that includes gender issues and women human rights of women.

**Excellent command of both oral and written English, French and Arabic:**

- *Should expect that interviews could be conducted in any of the three above languages*

- *The language of the reporting will be decided later on according to the collected information.*

The applicant must provide a Profile of the organization/company and evidences/examples of similar work in the region including CVs of the team involved in this exercise (collection of data & information and analysis).

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