CALL FOR APPLICATION No 2: Desk review & analysis

“Gender-Based-Violence during the COVID-19 lockdown: circumstances and consequences » in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia.

Call Reference/CR No 2: consultant/researcher
CAWTAR-OSF-02-10/20-FBHZ/TN

Duration: 15 working days
Coverage: The MENA region and elsewhere
Start Date: Mid-September
End Date: Mid-October

Description of the task
The Center of Arab Women for Training and Research/CAWTAR is seeking to hire an consultant/researcher in support to its project « Preventing Gender-Based-Violence in Public Space/s with focus on university space” to conduct a desk review and analysis covering all outputs that include --but not limited to—researches, reports, documented intiatives and interventions, policy papers... on Gender-Based-Violence during the Covid-19 lockdown produced during the lockdown period by international and regional organisations & agencies, national institutions and associations.

The desk review and analysis aim to provide knowledge to CAWTAR and its partners on the impact of gender-Based-Violence (GBV survivors or not) during the COVID-19 lockdown targeting Women through a sample and/or 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 pint of questioning gender equality gains made in recent decades, according to the United Nations Organization, which makes recommendations to reverse this alarming trend¹. 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 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 context and circumstances. However their interventions governments to deal with this “GBV pandemic” were

¹https://www.un.org/fr/%C3%A9quipe-de-communication-de-la-r%C3%A9p%20on%20au-covid-19/in%C3%A9galit%C3%A9s-de-genre-et-covid-19-les
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 consultant/researcher to conduct a desk review and analysis on GBV with focus on domestic violence during the lockdown period covering all outputs produced during this period in the MENA region and elsewhere.

**Objective**

The objective is to take stock, assess and analyse of the data, information and any kind of literature related to the circumstances and consequences of GBV during the lockdown period. This desk review will be completed by a rapid assessment/poll on the same topic and with the same objectives. 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 as well as the effects of the confinement on women and girls.

The findings of the two parts should allow proposing through the desk review and consultation with women, associations and institutions/organizations that were closely monitoring the situation, what would be the adequate 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**

Based on the proposed TORs and with support and coordination with CAWTAR project's team leader, the consultant/researcher will have to undertake the following:

1. Assess/Finalize the list of data collection sources to ensure complete and comprehensive information & knowledge,
2. Complete the list of documents and related references to prepare the annotated bibliography.
3. Conduct the desk review exercise to assess and analyze the content of listed documents (available quantitative data, research, report, survey, policy briefs/papers, strategies and any other related pertinent document) related to GBV during the Covid-19 lockdown period in the MENA region and elsewhere, if any.
4. Organize the overall quantitative and qualitative data and information, to set up a GBV diagnosis during the lockdown
5. Finalize analysis, synthesis of the findings.
6. Define the challenges and way forward by categorizing the findings stemming from the review, with a summary of conclusions and recommendations that will include:
   - interventions areas by governmental, non-governmental institutions and international organizations
   - GBV impact on the survivors rights and life
   - Emergency plans during such period, if any, (e.g. security and legal protection, services, economic income…) using the international references and important legal aspects related to women’s status and human rights.
Based on the above, the consultant should provide a technical & methodological note and a work plan as part of the application to be sent at registry@cawtar.org before September 8, 2020.

**Expected deliverable:**

1) A report consisting of an overall introduction and analysis of the content organized from the desk review highlighting the circumstances and consequences of GBV during the lockdown period as well as effects on women and girls including economic effects, with focus on each of the 7 covered countries, if and when possible with all required annexes including a Bibliography/listing of literature review’s references (50 to 60 pages max)

2) A summary of the report (10 pages max)

3) An annotated bibliography with the list of citations to books, articles, and documents. Each citation is followed by a brief (about 100-150 words) descriptive and evaluative paragraph.

4) Electronic copies of all reviewed documents

**Education:**

Advanced degree (Master+) in relevant Social Sciences, political sciences/ international affairs, law, human rights or related fields.

Technical expertise on Gender issues including gender based violence/GBV as well as Women’s human rights and related questions.

**Work Experience**

From 5 to 10 years of work experience in conducting desk/literature review and analysis, collecting and analyzing data, or related tasks

Proven experience in research (anthropology, social sciences and/or others) including Gender and Human Rights causality Analysis with focus on Gender-based discrimination and gaps in development and human rights as well as at societal and institutional levels in the region including in relation with international norms and standards.

Demonstrated ability to work in an independent manner; ability to organize work efficiently, deal with multiple tasks and meet the deadlines.

**Technical skills**

Excellent analytical, research and writing skills.

Extensive capacity and experience in dealing with various data/information and reports’ analysis

Reporting experience and skills,

Excellent command of both oral and written English, French and Arabic: *The language of the reporting will be decided later on according to the collected information.*

**Computer literacy**

Mastering utilization of software and operating systems

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2 Available Studies, surveys, researches, policy papers/documents … on GBV during the Covid 19 lockdown and related publications from regional and international organizations.

3 Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia

4 The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited.