

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT A GENDER AUDIT OF SHELTERS AND PROTECTION SERVICES OFFERED TO SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND FORCED MIGRATION IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA, NIGERIA.

The CLEEN Foundation (formerly known as Centre for Law Enforcement Education) works through its headquarters in Abuja and three regional offices in Lagos, Owerri and Edo respectively to implement programs and projects across Nigeria and the West Africa sub region.

Towards attaining CLEEN's mandate to promote gender mainstreaming at all levels of its effort towards enhancing public safety & security, the organization regularly contracts gender sensitive projects to seasoned gender experts on broader issues of public safety, security and justice sector reform in Nigeria. Thus, through a competitive bidding process, CLEEN Foundation invites applications from suitable and qualified gender experts with substantial experience in trafficking and migration programs.

Background and Rationale:

The United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons especially Women, Girls and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, provides in Article 3 that “trafficking in persons” means “the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.”

Human trafficking can best be described as a global problem and a modern form of slavery. Women, girls and children are the key target groups because of their unequal socio-economic status and the lack of awareness of their legal rights. In 2008, International Labour Organisation estimated that 98% of women and girls are trafficked for sexual exploitation. Though a global concern, the scale of human trafficking in Nigeria has also gained traction in media and policy engagement in recent times. In 2016, an estimated 40.3 million people were said to be in modern slavery, including 24.9 million in forced labour and 15.4 million in forced marriage. It means there are about 5.4 victims of modern slavery for every 1,000 persons in the world. 1 in 4 victims of modern slavery are children..

The effort of Nigeria's Government to stop trafficking and unsafe migration dates back to its moves to ratify the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in persons and the subsequent domestication of the treaty through the enactment of a national law. Nigeria in addition to the Trafficking in Persons Protocol has ratified many international instruments that support the elimination and punishment of trafficking. These include the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child of 1989, the International Labour Organisation Forced Labour Convention of 1930 (No. 29), the International Labour Organisation Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention of 1999 (No. 182), International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, and the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) of 1979.

Nigeria is a source, transit, and destination country for women and children subjected to trafficking in persons including forced labour and forced prostitution.

Trafficked Nigerian women and children are recruited from rural areas within the country's borders women and girls for involuntary domestic servitude and sexual exploitation, and boys for forced labour in street.

In view of the above, the need for an assessment of the services provided by protection facilities, shelters and safe homes to survivors of human trafficking and forced migration becomes imperative. CLEEN Foundation in partnership with the UNWOMEN and with funding support from the Government of Italy on a project focused on “Preventing forced migration and trafficking of women and girls in Nigeria: Build resilience, promote sustainable development, conducted a gender assessment of protection services offered to victims of trafficking in Edo and Lagos States which has presented stakeholders and major frontline actors with evidence-based findings on gender related issues responders and front liners face in the process of combating trafficking and forced migration and practical solutions to resolving those issues. Following the success of the Gender audit conducted in the focal states of Edo and Lagos, CLEEN will undertake a Gender audit of protection services within existing shelters, safe homes and other frontline services by providers in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja through the engagement of a consultant with practical and technical knowledge on these issues.

Specific Project Objectives:

- To develop a Gender Audit Tool for the assessment of existing protection services for victims of trafficking in the FCT
- To undertake the assessment of the protection services, shelters and safe homes for survivors of human trafficking and forced migration in the FCT from a Gender perspective.
- To present the findings of the audit at a validation and public presentation workshops respectively.

In view of the above, applications are invited from suitably qualified person (s) to serve as a gender consultant to undertake the above tasks.

Requirements for Consultants:

The Applicant must possess the following:

- A minimum of M.Sc. preferably in Law, Social Sciences, Gender and Development studies, Public Policy, Political Science, etc.
- Possess a background and relevant experience (not less than 7 years) as a gender expert with adequate knowledge and practice around trafficking and migration.
- Demonstrate a track record of past work on trafficking and migration.
- Have strong analytical, public speaking and report writing skills.
- Sufficient technological and computer skills to facilitate online meetings where a physical meeting is not possible.

Consultant Roles/Responsibilities/ Expected Deliverables:

- Spearhead the development of the gender audit instrument through a methodology workshop
- Conduct fieldwork through engagement with identified stakeholders including NAPTIP HQ and assess the existing protection services currently being offered in the FCT, Abuja.
- Develop the first draft report of the audit findings, validate at a validation workshop
- Present the revised and finalised findings at a Public Presentation Workshop

How to Apply:

Interested and qualified individuals (preferably females) should submit their application documents to: procurement@cleen.org

The Application must include the following:

- A Cover Letter detailing requirements, skills and experience as described above. Information on past related work is desirable.
- CVs with relevant experience (maximum of 3 pages) including two referees conversant with their work.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Only shortlisted applicants who comply with the basic requirements will be contacted and successful applicants will be notified immediately. **Deadline for the submission (electronic and postage) of the expression of interest is Monday, 12th of July 2021.**

CLEEN Foundation is an Equal Opportunity organisation. Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

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