



**Terms of Reference (ToR)**

**For**

**Children are protected from Violence (CPV) project**

**Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST)**

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**1. Background of the Project:**

Bangladesh has roughly 64 million children under the age of 18 (UNICEF 2014). Gender discrimination, sexual harassment, child marriage, and Physical and Humiliating Punishment (PHP) are just a few of the primary issues that females encounter. In Bangladesh, PHP is a frequent, socially condoned, and tolerated type of violence against children. 82.3 percent of children (114 years) endure psychological abuse or physical punishment, according to the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey of 2012–2013 (report issued by UNICEF and Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics in March 2015). In most situations, children are punished in the name of 'discipline' by their parents, teachers, employers, and caretakers. Furthermore, media reports claim that youngsters in educational institutions are subjected to severe corporal punishment (schools and madrasas).

Bangladesh's government has taken some important moves against corporal punishment in recent years. Bangladesh's Supreme Court ruled that corporal punishment in educational institutions is "illegal and unconstitutional." In compliance with this ruling, the Government of Bangladesh issued a Circular prohibiting corporal punishment in educational institutions in 2011, and the new Guidelines prohibited both physical and psychological punishments. Bangladesh Government has also undertaken a series of initiatives to develop a national agenda to address violence against children with an emphasis on addressing PHP, which includes the National Children Policy and enacting of the Children Act 2013. Furthermore, some provisions have also been proposed in the draft Education Act 2016 to prohibit PHP in schools. But there is no law banning PHP in all settings.

In Bangladesh, most of the sexual abuse occurs in the home, family, and community, and girls (aged 13 to 18) are the most common victims of rape. Sexual harassment affects children at home, school, in the community, and at employment. Bangladesh has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world. According to Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey (BDHS) 2011, 65% of married women aged 20-24 years were married before the age of 18 years. In a patriarchal social structure in Bangladesh male members are the key decision makers in different spheres of the society and the truth is that they are perpetrators in most of the cases of sexual and gender-based violence against children and women. Bangladesh has number of Acts e.g. The Suppression of Violence Against Women and Children 2000 Act (Amended in 2003), Child



Marriage Restraint Act 1929 (a new law on Child Marriage and National Plan of Action on Child Marriage is in progress in Bangladesh).

Child Protection will focus on enacting a law on banning Physical and Humiliating Punishment (PHP) in all settings, promote Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting (PDEP) to reduce PHP by parents/caregivers and reduce Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in project locations. These will be achieved by strengthening the capacity of CSOs and empowering children and individuals. CSOs will be involved in advocacy on PHP at the national level. Public awareness will be created on the negative consequences of PHP through print and electronic media. CSOs will roll out PDEP in the communities. PDEP messages will also be disseminated through government health workers and information and communication technology. CSOs will strengthen the existing work with men and boys to reduce SGBV. They will also promote positive fatherhood to address SGBV and PHP. Referral linkages will be developed with government and NGO service providers to prevent and respond to SGBV, Children will monitor and report PHP and SGBV issues. Parents and care givers will practice Positive Discipline techniques. Fathers will be engaged in childrearing, which will contribute to challenging gender stereotypes and ultimately reduce SGBV and PHP.

## 2. Project Objective:

The core object of this project is to protect children from Physical and Humiliating Punishment and Sexual and Gender Based violence Child Protection: To focus on enacting a law on banning Physical and Humiliating Punishment (PHP) in all settings, promote Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting (PDEP) to reduce PHP by parents/caregivers and reduce Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in project locations.

## 3. Project Outcomes

The project outcome lies as follows:

- A law banning Physical and Humiliating Punishment (PHP) in all settings enacted in Bangladesh.
- Parents and caregivers are urged to minimize the practice of PHP.
- Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) to be minimized in project locations.
- Knowledge sharing on PHP issues with school students.
- Discussing the project with the school management committee.
- Discussion with TO, ATO regarding the concerned matter.
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- The amendment of new law reformation replacing the old one with consultation with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)'s focal point and its status.
- Addressing the stage of current development on the issues which were sent from BLAST.
- The concerns of right to information and legislative reformation must be considered with the NHRC.

## 4. Specific objectives of the Short-term evaluation:

The Short-term evaluation has following objectives:

- To measure the extent to which the CPV project has met its immediate objectives, expected results and outcomes over the last three years of intervention.
- To assess which interventions and strategies have proved to be most effective and least effective, and to assess the quality and sustainability of the same.
- To assess the relevance of the problems identified which the project sought to address, and the appropriateness of the project design, target population/beneficiaries, and aims and objectives.
- To provide evidence-based recommendations on a potential scale-up strategy for the project.

## 6. Study areas:

The intervention is to be held on Dhaka, Chattagram, Faridpur.

## 7. Scope of work:

- Review all relevant project related documents (including project proposal, log frame matrix, annual narrative and financial reports, baseline survey report) and any other background documents. Documents will be provided by lead and partner organisations.
- Develop all relevant sampling and data collection tools, to be shared with the CPV team/ relevant project persons and finalized after feedback.
- Hold consultative meetings with CPV team to discuss the assigned task and progress.
- Developing the tools and review the tools by the BLAST M&E Cell.
- Arrange a debriefing session for the CPV team or relevant project persons.
- Generate final report (after incorporating feedback from CPV team and others) with short term impact of the project and include assessment of future program needs and recommendations for interventions and strategies for possible scaling up approach.
- Collect and analyze data and prepare a draft report.



## 8. Methodology:

The short-term evaluation shall adopt both qualitative and quantitative methods to collect information for both primary and secondary sources. However, the evaluation can only stress on qualitative method if it is time bound and necessary. This study will focus on participatory method that actively engages all stakeholders. It is envisaged that the following methods can be applied:

- Document review for using the necessary secondary data and tools development (including relevant project documents, e.g. project proposal, log frame matrix, annual narrative and financial reports, baseline survey report).
- FGD with Coalition steering committee member
- FGD with Parents
- FGD with School Management committee
- FGD with students
- KII with NHRC persons
- Whatever methodology is used, the study design, the data collection and analysis should be done in a way that is able to generate findings consistent with the study objectives.

## 9. Deliverables:

The consultant will be responsible for the following deliverables:

- Carrying out review of secondary data (including relevant project documents, e.g. project proposal, log frame matrix, annual narrative and financial reports, baseline survey report)
- Developing evaluation methodology and specific evaluation questions
- Data collection tools developed focusing the study objective
- Carrying out field review, including data collection through survey questionnaires/ interviews, focus group discussions etc.
- Conducting process evaluation (e.g., evaluation of program content, implementation)
- Analyzing qualitative and quantitative data collected during the evaluation. The possible data collection activities include questionnaires for the coalition member (**following FGD method**), **questionnaires for the policy maker (KII method)**, **questionnaires for the students (following the KII method)**, **data collection from SMC members (following FGD method)**.
- Producing and presenting draft report and incorporate the feedback after reviewing the report by BLAST/ CPV team.
- Producing physical and electronic copies of cleaned data sets if it is quantitative (After the study BLAST will be the rightful owner of these data set.)
- **Producing the final evaluation report.**
- A power point presentation, presenting the key study findings will be much appreciated



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## 10. Dissemination:

The consultant will be responsible for disseminating the findings amongst the CPV project team at BLAST.

## 11. Timeline:

The Short-term evaluation is planned to conduct within **35 working days** of signing the consultancy agreement.

## 12. Payment Schedule

- 30 % at the time of signing of the contract.
- 30% before completion the field work and submission of draft report.
- 40% on submission and acceptance of the final report.
- VAT and Income tax will be deducted at source from the total contracted amount as per applicable Government rules.

## 12. Responsibilities of Contracted consultant

- Will maintain the agreed time frame.
- Will ensure the quality of data collection and data processing
- Will address any feedback from the contracting agency (i.e., BLAST) as and when required
- Will work in consultation with BLAST
- Will conduct interviews with stakeholders as necessary, for the purpose of the assignment. CPV team will organize the field for the interviews or FGD.
- Will receive project related documents from BLAST and partners and will receive and address feedback on data collection tools, data sets, and draft and final reports as well any other relevant feedback.

Will always maintain confidentiality while undertaking this contract, and particularly while handling project documents and during data collection and will be expected to exercise all caution and sensibility when handling, storing, and sharing information during this contract, including in relation to any individual's gender and sexuality.

## 13. Eligibility for Submission of Proposal

Consultant(s) must meet the following requirements:

- Must have at least 5 years of professional experience in conducting research, evaluation, data collection and reporting in the field of SRHR and public health.
- Must have a strong background in gender analysis, legal and policy framework analysis, and socio-legal research.
- Due to the financial constraint and work nature individual consultants are encourage to apply.



#### 14. How to Apply

Interested parties are requested to submit a brief proposal outlining:

- a) Consultant/organisational profile
- b) Prior experience with similar assignments
- c) Conceptual framework/understanding of the assignment
- c) Proposed methodologies for conducting the assignment
- e) Financial offer

The proposal should not exceed 7pages and should be divided into two components: (i) the Technical Proposal (weight: 75 points); and the Financial Proposal (25 points). The CVs of consultant(s)/all team members within a consultancy firm undertaking the assessment, work plan, and detailed proposed budget (part of the Financial Proposal) must be annexed to the proposal.

The complete proposal must be submitted **by email** to [purchase@blast.org.bd](mailto:purchase@blast.org.bd) **within 3:00 pm, 18, September, 2021**

**BLAST reserves the right to terminate the contract if the work produced by the consultant(s)/contracted firm is not of satisfactory quality or fit for the purpose of the contract. In case of termination, payment will not be made.**

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