**Manusher Jonno Foundation**

**ToR for Comparative study on**

**Violence against women and children during COVID 19**

**Background:**

Addressing Violence against Women and Children is one of the priority area of MJFso from the very beginning of COVID-19, MJF monitored the situation and provided counseling and *Shalish* support to the violence survivors and potential child marriage victims and tried to link them with medical and legal services but all govt. departments and agencies were focused on preventing corona virus spread through lockdown, so it was very challenging.

Concerned about the report of global rise in Domestic violence during COVID 19, Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) took an initiative to undertake quick telephone survey in the Sub grantees’ working location from April to September 2020 to find the reality of domestic and other forms of violence against women and children in Bangladesh during lockdown. MJF undertook month by month survey. In Bangladesh, MJF survey and other surveys have revealed rise in domestic violence, increase in child marriage and violence against children during COVID-19. The findings of MJF telephone survey on VAWG (April’20-September’20) reveals that 37912 domestic violence incidences occurred in 53 districts of Bangladesh. MJF collected information of 48233 beneficiaries through 108 PNGOs. It is observed in the previous survey that all the front-line services were stopped, for example- community service, para-legal, and NGOs’ field-level activities which aggravated VAWG situation during COVID-19. People’s livelihoods were destroyed which increased inequalities. Women faced domestic violence and additional work burden. It is predicted that COVID impact is going to hinder directly the SDG achievements.

In this context MJF would like to facilitate a study in 20 common districts (from the previous survey) of the same period from April --September of the year 2021 to draw a comparative analysis of domestic violence, other forms of violence against women and children and child marriage during the Covid outbreak.

**Objective:**

Major objective of the study is to compare the situation of domestic violence, other forms of violence against women and children and child marriage during the months from April to September 2021 with those of the previous year. Specific objectives of the study are:

* To analyze the change in Domestic Violence rate from similar period of time between the years 2020 and 2021
* To determine the change in Child marriage rate from similar period of time between the years 2020 and 2021
* To find out the reasons behind domestic violence/VAWG
* To find out the reasons behind child marriage
* To identify specific and realistic recommendations useful for policy advocacy on the issue

**Scope of Work:**

* Interview with domestic violence victim/violence survivors of different types of disputes
* Interview with family members including spouse and in-laws
* Interview with child marriage victim or potential child marriage victim
* Interview with parents, local level service providers, DWAs, UP Chairmen, UNOs, OCs, Doctors, Judges, citizen group members, *kazis* (marriage registers)etc.

**Key Issues of the Study:**

Comparative analysis between same period of April-September ’20 and April-September ’21 of domestic violence, violence against women and girls and child marriage situation

**Geographic Locations:**

20 common districts from the survey of the previous year.

**Methodology and Sampling**

Mixed method (quantitative and qualitative) method is expected to be adopted for the proposed study with statistically significant number of respondents from the selected 20 districts of Bangladesh.

**Time Frame:**

October ’21—January ‘22

**Deliverables:**

Consultant team will deliver a report on comparative analysis between same period of April-September’20 and April-September’21 of domestic violence, violence against women and girls and child marriage situation in 20 districts of Bangladesh

**General Terms and Conditions:**

**Proposal and Budget**

The consulting farm/individual will provide a proposal (outline on methodology, prior experience of the firm/individual consultant on similar type of study and budget). The budget will include consultancy fee, preparation and making copy of study report, transport, accommodation, food and data collection cost of consulting farm/consultant any other cost (if applicable). VAT and tax will be deducted at source as per government rule of Bangladesh.

**Mode of Payment:**

A payment schedule is given below against the deliverables

| **Sl. No** | **Deliverables** | **Payment schedule** |
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| 1 | Submission of Inception report and invoice | 30% of the total amount |
| 2 | Submission of Draft report and invoice | 40% of the total amount |
| 3 | Submission of final report and invoice | 30% of the total amount |

**Copyright and Ownership of Assignment**

MJF reserves the copyright of all information, findings and the final documents produced through this process.

**General Clause**

All documents prepared during the assignment will be treated as MJF property. Assignment will not be sub-contracted to anyone.

* If any additional time is required to complete the contract, over and above that previously agreed to, without changing the scope of work, then it has to be agreed by MJF in writing to Ruma Sultana, Coordinator, before 10 days ending of Consultancy period. Request for Extension must be submitted with proper justification.
* If required any change in the **Scope of Work** by MJF, it should be rationalized in written with required cost or time, or any part of the work under the contract, equitable adjustment in the contract price, delivery schedule, or both will be amended in writing.
* The consultant/team will be responsible for all their costs including taxes, subsistence, transport and accommodation.
* Submissions which do not meet all the basic requirements will not be reviewed.

**Penalty Clause**

If the agreed deadline and / or deliverables are not adhered to by the consultant/team, financial penalties will be imposed upon the consultant/team in terms of payment. This is specified as follows:

* In case of delayed submission of the deliverables up to one-month delay, 30% of the contract amount will be deducted.
* Delay of more than one month, will result in auto cancelation of the contract and forfeit of the remaining 50% of the contract value.
* Confidentiality of all aspects of the assignment is to be assured by the consultant/team at all times.

**Disclaimer**

Manusher Jonno Foundation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals/applications without assigning any reason what so ever.

**Disclosure of information**

It is understood and agreed that the Consultant(s) shall, during and after the effective period of the contract, treat any information obtained in the assignment of the performance of the Contract as confidential and not disclose any part of it, unless authorized in writing by Manusher Jonno Foundation. Information will be made available for the consultants on a need-to-know basis.

**Safeguarding /Protection Policy**

The individual consultant /team/Firm shall comply with the MJF’s Policies on safeguarding and Child Protection. Any violation /deviation in complying with MJF’s Policy on Children Protection and vulnerable adults will not only result-in termination of the agreement but also MJF will initiate appropriate action in order to make good the damages/losses caused due to noncompliance of MJF’s safeguarding policy.

**Submission of Proposal**

Technical and financial proposal along with CV/organizational profile, copy of TIN etc. should be submitted to Manusher Jonno Foundation by e-mail to [subarna@manusher.org](mailto:subarna@manusher.org). Deadline for submission of the abovementioned documents is 27th September 2021.