



BANGLADESH COUNTER TRAFFICKING-IN-PERSONS PROGRAM

Request for Applications

Child Marriage Prevention through Community Mobilization

RFA number: BC/TIP-2019-001
Grant amount: BDT 15,000,000
Project duration: 12 months
Submission Deadline: July 12, 2019

I. General Information

Built on the foundation laid by the Actions for Combating Trafficking-in-Persons program (ACT 2008-2014), the six-year Bangladesh Counter Trafficking-in-Persons (BC/TIP) program, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development and implemented by Winrock International, aims to reduce the prevalence of human trafficking in Bangladesh through strengthened capacity of communities to identify and prevent trafficking-in-persons (TIP); improve access of trafficking victims to assistance; increase responsiveness of criminal justice actors to trafficking victims; and facilitate effective and coordinated partnerships among stakeholders to combat trafficking.

BC/TIP addresses the trafficking problem in 20 trafficking-prone districts (Barishal, Chapai Nawabganj, Cox's Bazar, Chattogram, Dhaka, Dinajpur, Faridpur, Jashore, Khulna, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Mymensingh, Naogaon, Narail, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Satkhira, Sirajganj, Sylhet, Tangail) through robust interventions in all four of USAID's areas of emphasis: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Partnership. It connects local and national government representatives, non-governmental organizations, citizens and community leaders to prevent trafficking-in-persons, protect survivors, prosecute the crimes of perpetrators, and engage at all levels of society as change agents in curbing the crime. BC/TIP partners with Bangladeshi non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that have complementary skills and presence in the BC/TIP target areas, which ensures relevance, sustainability, and cost-effectiveness.

In March 2018, components on child marriage were added to BC/TIP's scope of work and the project end date was extended up to November 30, 2020. BC/TIP will address the issue of child marriage in parallel with TIP interventions through Prevention and Protection aims to fill gaps in knowledge for both child marriage and TIP, as empirical evidence, on how best to tackle both issues, is limited. The

intervention under child marriage will also focus on prosecution as far as possible to punish the perpetrators.

BC/TIP's Child Marriage Component Objectives:

1. Strengthen the capacity of communities to identify child marriage victims and take action;
2. Improve child marriage victims' access to assistance;
3. Increase the responsiveness of criminal justice actors to child marriage victims;
4. Reduce prevalence of child marriage by creating awareness among at-risk population and make the main actors more responsive to the cause
5. Facilitate effective and coordinated partnerships among stakeholders to address the issue of child marriage.

Projects resulting from this request for applications (RFA) will address all objectives. Peer education and leadership will be a key mechanism to reach men, women, and children at risk and victims of child marriage (CM) and implement public mobilization and CM prevention activities in the target areas of Bangladesh as outlined above. Projects will work to equip students, parents, grandparents, youth and local leaders with tools, support, and innovative methods to inform and mobilize communities to prevent child marriage, identify at-risks and support to victims of child marriage, take preventive actions, protect survivors by connecting them to services, and address root causes of child marriage and gender-based violence.

II. The Purpose of the RFA

The purpose of this RFA is to solicit applications and establish partnerships to ***strengthen the capacity of communities and local government entities to reduce the prevalence of child marriage and identify at-risk groups and victims of child marriage and take action*** under BC/TIP in five (05) districts as well as in Teknaf and Ukhia Upazila under Cox's Bazar district targeting at Rohingya populations and host communities, where BC/TIP has on-going intervention. The RFA is open to all Bangladeshi NGOs that have experience in implementing similar work. Winrock will award one grant.

III. Sought Child Marriage Prevention and Community Mobilization Activities

To strengthen the capacity of communities and local government entities to reduce the prevalence of child marriage and identify at-risk groups and victims of child marriage and take action, applicants should propose a combination of technical solutions presented below, depending on the expertise of an applicant organization:

- Develop and implement a community-based Peer Leader¹ Program that will focus on: mobilization of citizens in target communities, prevention of child marriage, identification of people that are at-risks of child marriage;
- Identify and refer at-risk people and victims of child marriage for support services as needed;

¹ Peer leaders are the multi professional youth volunteers in the community within 18-35 years age who are selected in a systematic and participatory way. Their role is aimed at acting as key informants, who will significantly contribute to community learning and understanding of issues like child marriage, trafficking-in-persons (TIP), safe migration, access to necessary support and service providers, accountability of government institutions, and community capacity to identify victims of child marriage and refer them to service providers.

- Educate, inform, and empower the aforementioned at-risk groups and victims of child marriage in order to support them to reduce the risk of child marriage and gender-based violence. Work with Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Ministry of Education, Local Administration and Local Government Bodies to enhance and improve their services to the community;
- Train duty bearers, especially the Marriage Registrars, Elected Representatives of Union Parishad, Members of Violence against Women Prevention Committee and Members of Standing Committees of UP as they can play pivotal role in preventing child marriage;
- Facilitate campaign programs including Door-to-Door campaign, School campaign and Bi-cycle campaign;
- Establish and promote partnerships between NGOs and the public and private sectors to encourage authentic action-oriented collaboration to reduce the prevalence of child marriage and support the at-risks and victims of child marriage;
- Develop and disseminate issue-based behavior change messages to prevent child marriage, de-stigmatize victims, and reduce stereotypes and gender and socio-economic biases that contribute to encourage child marriage.

IV. Cross-Cutting Themes

Gender-Sensitive Programming: Projects under this RFA should use gender analysis to continually examine differences between women and men in community roles, power, needs, constraints, and opportunities, as well as the impact of these differences on their lives. Prevention interventions should include gender-sensitive materials and activities for communities and peer leaders, and address gender-based violence and other gender-related causes of child marriage. Community mobilization activities should include men, women, girls, and boys, by engaging marginalized individuals within each group. Applicants should propose gender-sensitive and equitable approach to project staffing.

Youth Engagement: Job opportunities and access to the job market is still a challenge for Bangladeshi youth. Applicants should reflect the following approaches/interventions in their application: through different sensitization sessions with adolescent groups and support to peer leaders, empower youth to lead community actions and long-term behaviors change; engage youth through social media and social networking tools.

V. Target Geographic Locations:

Grant will be awarded to cover Six (06) of the most vulnerable districts from amongst the existing districts of BC/TIP program including Rohingya camps and host communities in Teknaf and Ukhia under Cox's Bazar.

Districts: Chapainawabganj, Cox's Bazar (Teknaf and Ukhia), Kurigram, Naogaon, Rangpur and Tangail

The existing partner organizations of BC/TIP are working in some of the Upazilas of the above-mentioned districts except for Cox's Bazar and Tangail, so the applicants will try to avoid overlapping either by avoiding the entire upazila where there is BC/TIP's presence, or at least Union Parishads under those Upazilas. The applicants may determine their geographic

locations in consultation with BC/TIP's existing partners. The following table demonstrates the presence of BC/TIP:

Sl.	Partner	District	Upazila
1.	Proyas	Chapainawabganj	Sadar, Bholahat, Shibganj,
2.	Sachetan	Chapainawabganj	Nachole
3.	RDRS	Kurigram	Phulbari
4.	Sachetan	Naogaon	Atrai, Rani Nagar, Niamatpur and Mandar
5.	RDRS	Rangpur	Kaunia

Rohingya and host community response in Cox's Bazar:

Early marriage is a common cultural practice within the Rohingya Muslim communities in Myanmar with child marriages being extremely common among the ethnic minority group. As over one million Rohingya have fled their homes into neighboring Bangladesh since late August, food rations have reportedly been a major factor in the decision for families to marry off their children in the camps while UN officials warned that Rohingya children, especially those who were unaccompanied, are at great risk of being trafficked or forced into marriages. An investigation by the International Organization for Migration recently uncovered documented accounts of Rohingya girls as young as 11 getting married, and families at refugee camps in Cox's Bazar are forcing their girls to marry early to reduce the number of mouths to feed and secure more food for themselves.

Young Rohingya girls who have fled Myanmar are being forced to marry when they reach Bangladesh simply to secure more food for themselves and their families.

With UN World Food Programme rations allocated by household, families are marrying off girls as young as 12 to reduce the number of mouths to feed and create new households with food quotas of their own, the Guardian has learned.

Medics in Bangladesh say young girls have been a particular target of sexual violence in Myanmar's Rakhine state. But in the camps of Cox's Bazar, they continue to face violence in the form of early marriage, which causes physical and psychological damage.

The situation in terms of child marriage is also dismal in the host communities in the two Upazilas where the Rohingya camps are located.

The applicant will work with local leaders, youth (form peer leaders), teachers, parents, religious leaders, local elites and Camp In-Charge (CIC) and camp leaders for Rohingya population. The project will make these groups equipped with tools, support, and innovative methods to inform and mobilize communities to prevent child marriage, identify at-risks and support to victims of child marriage, take preventive actions, protect survivors by connecting them to services, and address root causes of child marriage and gender-based violence.

VI. Expected Outcomes

Applicants are expected to deliver on some or all of the following outcomes **and are requested to provide respective targets:**

- the prevalence of child marriage in the working area reduced;
- at-risk persons and victims of child marriage identified by targeted communities and referred to support services;
- community leaders, including parents, grandparents, local leaders, elected representatives, youth (peer leaders) duty bearers and different committee trained to reduce the prevalence of child marriage;
- targeted communities reached with child marriage prevention-related information
- knowledge and skills of duty bearers (Marriage Registrars and UP members), targeted groups and community members improved on prevention of child marriage, Child Marriage Restraint Act, 2017 and redress mechanisms;
- access to direct services for At-risks and victim of child marriage enhanced;
- responsibilities of UP, VAW prevention committee and child marriage prevention committee well defined;
- Functioning of local administration and other duty bearers according to Rules of Child Marriage Restraint Act, 2017 ensured.

Indicators for the intended project include but are not limited to:

% of trained communities with an increased level of knowledge on the provisions of the Child Marriage Restraint Act

% of community members demonstrated increased awareness on child marriage issues

of duty bearers (Marriage Registrar and UP members) and other stakeholders (SMC, community members, Peer Leaders, ANIRBAN) receiving capacity building

of community members exposed to the provisions of the Child Marriage Restraint Act

of child marriage victims and at-risk persons receiving direct services and referrals

Note: An activity level indicator might be developed to identify the number of child marriage that has been prevented by the community.

VII. Application Guidelines

Applicants are requested to submit applications in accordance with the guidelines in Annex-1 and submit a full application following the format in Annex-2.

Annex-1

Application Guidelines

A. Eligibility Requirements:

- a) Must be an officially registered non-profitable organization able to work in target locations.
- b) The organization must have DUNS number and SAM registration, an instruction how to do it is attached.
- c) Prior experience in working in the proposed geographical area.
- d) A match contribution/Cost Share not less than 15% of total project budget is required, an instruction of cost share is attached.
- e) Only one application may be submitted per organization
- f) Project funds may be used – as appropriate – for staff and operational costs, transportation, or other direct project costs
- g) All funds must be spent in Bangladesh
- h) Open to all nonprofit organization of Bangladesh; applicants outside of Dhaka are especially encouraged to apply

IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT COPY from any other organization's application and DO NOT ALLOW others to copy from you. Duplicates submitted by different organizations will be eliminated from the competition without regard as to who copied from whom.

B. Evaluation Criteria

All submitted applications will be reviewed by the BC/TIP selection committee. Proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrated understanding of child marriage, trafficking-in-persons and gender-based violence together with BC/TIP goals and RFA objectives;
- Clearly identified activities in line with Section III above;
- Ambitious yet realistic targets and timeline;
- Sound methodology and combination and sequence of activities to achieve expected results;
- Organizational capacity to implement proposed activities, including understanding of local populations, established relations with relevant governmental, nongovernmental and private sector actors;
- Evidence of analysis of key stakeholders and clear plan to engage them;
- Clear understanding of real obstacles and convincing discussion of how these can be overcome;
- Cost sharing proposed and overall cost-effectiveness of the proposed budget
- Innovation;
- Inclusion of women and youth in project implementation and activities;
- Sustainability of proposed activities.

C. Application Submission Information:

Proposals should be submitted in hard copy or by e-mail attachment in Microsoft Word and Excel to:

Child Marriage Prevention through Community Mobilization Grant Application
BC/TIP Program, Winrock International
House 7, Road 23/B (2nd Floor)
Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212
E-mail: bctip@winrock.org (SUBJECT: Child Marriage Prevention through
Community Mobilization Grant Application)

All forms must be legibly typed in English in 12 point, Times New Roman Font. The completed application form plus up to five pages of attachments may be accepted; only send the most relevant material.

D. Award Information

Funded organization will be asked to sign a Sub-grant Agreement which will delineate fiscal and programmatic commitments and responsibilities. As needed, Winrock representatives will provide mandatory instruction on Winrock and USAID regulations, including fiscal and procurement standards, program branding and logos, monitoring and reporting requirements.

Funding will be on an installment basis, beginning with an initial advance, with replenishment of the advance based on approved expenditures and authentic receipts. Short monthly program highlight reports will be required, followed by in-depth quarterly fiscal and programmatic reports.

The funding will be disbursed on a monthly basis.



**Bangladesh Counter Trafficking-In-Persons
(BC/TIP)**

**Grant Application Format
Submission Deadline: July 12, 2019**

General Information

1. Name of organization: _____
 2. Title of project: _____
 3. Location of project (geography covered): _____
 4. Project coordinator or contact person: _____
Address: _____
City, postal code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-Mail: _____ Website: _____
 5. Total funding requested from Winrock: _____ Taka USD
 6. Previous and ongoing funds on Trafficking in Persons and Child Marriage activities disclosure

 7. List date of NGO registration and type of Bangladesh registration. _____
 8. Please state the mission or purpose of your organization: _____
 9. How many full-time staff you have in your organization? _____ Part-time? _____
 10. Name and title of responsible party: _____
- Signature of responsible party:* _____

1. Background and Justification

Briefly state the need for the project in regards to existing problems

2. Project Goals/ Objective

Specify appropriate goals and objectives to address the identified problem.

3. Geographic Location

Please list districts and number of Upazila, Union and village the project will cover.

4. Project Activities and Implementation Strategy

Describe all activities you are proposing, specifying target beneficiaries. If the project is implemented through a partnership, please specify who will be potential partners of the project; selection process of the sub partners and nature of partnership.

5. Project indicators and targets

Referring to Section VI. of the RFA, list indicators and targets for proposed activities

6. (Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) Plan

For the purpose of routine and formal monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL), the applicant shall develop and submit a MEL plan for the timeframe of the project.

7. Cross Cutting Themes and Sustainability

The applicant are requested to describe how they will address the cross cutting themes described in the RFA and explain long term sustainability of project activities.

8. Project Work Plan

#	Activities	Indicator	Total Target	Implementation Timeline									
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10

9. Monitoring and Evaluation

This section should discuss proposed mechanism and procedures for monitoring project operations to ensure that activities are occur as planned, that they remain directed towards stated objectives, and that appropriate corrective actions is taken if referred.

10. Capacity of the Group or Organization to Fulfill the Plan

Describe the experience and capacity of your organization to implement the project in the target locations and with target audiences. Please include relevant prior projects and cite successes.

11. Staffing and Management Plan

Describe the staffing and management plan for this project and detail out the roles and percentage of time for each staff.

12. Budget and Match

Using the provided format, prepare a detailed budget. The applicant can add more rows or columns, as needed. Also use narrative notes to explain or justify costs.

Description of Expense	Unit	Rate/Unit	TOTAL Cost	Request to Winrock	Organization's Match 10%
Salaries by role					
Fees and stipends by activity					
Transportation and travel/per diem by activity					
Supplies and materials					
Events and etc. by each					
Printing/publishing by activity					
Other direct costs					
SUBTOTAL					
TOTAL COST					

List of Needed Documents for Submission

MANDATORY APPLICATION: MAXIMUM 10 PAGES TOTAL:

- Full Proposal
- Logical Framework
- Timeline of Activities
- Grant Budget

OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS: MAXIMUM 5 PAGES TOTAL:

- Letters of Support (if applicable)
- Materials that evidence prior projects or support your application (if applicable)