

CONSULTANT SERVICES PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Date: 14 May 2018

Country: Republic of Moldova

Description of the assignment: National Consultant to undertake a review and adjustment of statistical survey on administrative data about domestic violence in Moldova

Project name: UN Women Moldova

Period of assignment/services: Up to 20 work days within a 3 months assignment

Technical proposal and **financial proposal** should be submitted **on-line** no later than 28 May 2018.

Requests for clarification only must be sent by standard electronic communication to the following e-mail vladimir.paraschiv@unwomen.org.

Please notice that this address is for information requests only, please do not send or copy your application package to this address.

UN Women staff will respond in writing or by standard electronic mail and will send written copies of the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, to all consultants.

1. BACKGROUND

UN Women, grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, works for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls; the empowerment of women; and the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security. Placing women's rights at the center of all its efforts, UN Women leads and coordinates United Nations system efforts to ensure that commitments on gender equality and gender mainstreaming translate into action throughout the world. It provides strong and coherent leadership in support of Member States' priorities and efforts, building effective partnerships with civil society and other relevant actors.

The work of UN Women in Moldova is guided by its new Country Strategic Note for 2018-2022, aligned with the Republic of Moldova–United Nations Partnership Framework for Sustainable Development 2018–2022, the Global Strategic Plan of UN Women for 2018-2021, the National Strategy on Gender Equality for 2017-2021 (NSGE), and aims to contribute to the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Strategic Note focuses on three main areas: 1/strengthening women's participation in politics and decision making, 2/economic empowerment of women and 3/ending violence against women and girls. To achieve progress under these areas, UN Women works with variety of national and international partners and as part of different national and regional initiatives

Violence against women (VAW) is one of the most systematic and widespread human rights violations in the world. In Moldova, as in the region and around the world, it affects individuals regardless of context, culture, or socio-economic status, with serious repercussion for women, their families, and society. Despite progress, including in the area of legal and policy reforms, research, and different awareness raising campaigns, the prevalence of VAW in Moldova remains high. According to the National study "Violence against Women in the Family", carried out by the National Bureau of Statistics, and commissioned by UN Moldova in 2011, 63% of women experienced some type of violence (psychological, physical or sexual) from husband/partner during her lifetime, and one in ten women mentioned that she experienced economic violence at least once in her lifetime. Rural women, elderly women, and those separated or divorced reported the highest prevalence rate of multiple forms of violence .

As a response to this challenge, the State has undertaken the initial steps at policy, legislation as well as implementation levels. The Law No 45-XVI on Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence (DV) from 01.03.2007 is an important legislative base for combating the phenomenon in Moldova. The Law provides an institutional framework detailing the tasks of the competent authorities, provides for the creation of centres/services for the rehabilitation of victims and aggressors, for a mechanism for settling DV cases and protection for victims of DV, including by using protection orders and punitive measures against the aggressor.

At the policy level, Government adopted the first ever National Strategy on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence for the period 2018-2023 and its associated Action Plan for the period 2018-2020 (Government Decision nr.281 from 03.04.2018). The National Strategy aims at providing a systemic approach to violence against women and domestic violence phenomenon for ensuring effective and prompt response from relevant stakeholders in cases of violence. The National strategy has a specific objective to strengthen the systems for collecting, analysing and disseminating sectoral statistical data, and ensure regular monitoring of the dynamics of violence against women and domestic violence.

The collection and analysis of sectoral statistical data is still challenging the institutions with responsibilities in VAW area. The National Bureau of Statistics only in November 2017 has approved the Annual Statistical Survey that includes a set of indicators to be collected annually from the local public authorities of tier I / territorial social assistance structures / specialized public service providers. Following the first reporting exercise, it was revealed that collected data is not reliable and could not be presented as official statistics.

However, in order to ensure the collection of a reliable and comparable statistical data on VAW area a thorough analysis of the indicators is needed. For this purpose, UN Women plans to recruit a national consultant to support the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection in analyzing and improving the statistical data on domestic violence collected from the local public authorities and specialized public service providers and in developing a detailed reporting guide for the respective institutions.

2. SCOPE OF WORK, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

The major scope is to undertake a detailed analysis of the Annual Statistical Survey on domestic violence to improve the quality of the statistical data collected from the local public authorities of tier I / territorial social assistance structures / specialized public service providers and to develop a detailed reporting guide / methodology for respective stakeholders.

For detailed information, please refer to Annex 1- Terms of Reference.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

- Advanced degree in statistics, social studies, law, policy analysis, development studies and/or other social or economic science related to the area relevant for the assignment;
- Other formal education relevant for the assignment is an asset.

Experience:

- At least 7 years of working experience in statistics with a good understanding of the characteristics of official statistics.
- At least 5 years of proven experience in conducting surveys/data analysis, metadata elaboration;

Language skills:

- Fluent in Romanian and English. Working knowledge of Russian will be considered an asset.

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

- Letter of Intent to include a brief overview about which of your previous experiences makes you the most suitable candidate for the advertised position;
- Duly filled Personal History Form P11 and the CV, including records on past experience in similar projects/ assignments and specific outputs obtained; P11 can be downloaded at <http://www.unwomen.org/about-us/employment>;
- Financial proposal – specifying a total lump sum amount for the task specified in Terms of References. The Financial proposal shall include a breakdown of this lump sum amount (daily rate). Please see ANNEX I and ANNEX II.

5. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The financial proposal shall include a breakdown of the lump sum amount (daily rate and number of anticipated working days). Please see Annex I: Price Proposal Guideline and Template and Annex II: Price Proposal Submission Form.

6. TRAVEL

N/A

7. EVALUATION

For detailed evaluation procedures please refer to Annex 1- Terms of Reference

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ANNEX 1 – TERMS OF REFERENCES (TOR)

ANNEX 2 – CONDITIONS OF SERVICE - CONSULTANT