



INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Date: **17 August 2021**

Country: Republic of Moldova

Description of the assignment: Mobilization consultant to facilitate the process of mainstreaming human rights-based approach in the initial training of social workers and other specialists in social field

Project Reference: UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR) via UNDP Moldova

Period of assignment/services: 15 September 2021 – 20 April 2022, with estimated workload of up to 80 working days

Proposals should be submitted online only, by following the “Apply online” link, no later than [31 August 2021](#). The applicant, following the job application process, should receive a confirmation e-mail. Confirmation of successful application should be forwarded to the following e-mail: vfetescu@ohchr.org.

Requests for **clarification only** must be sent by standard electronic communication to the following e-mail: vfetescu@ohchr.org. UNDP will respond 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 applicants.

1. BACKGROUND

The UN Human Rights Office (Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights – OHCHR) represents the world's commitment to universal ideals of human dignity. It has a unique mandate from the international community to promote and protect all human rights.

The OHCHR field presence in Moldova, led by the Human Rights Adviser, assists the UN RC Office, UN Country Team in Moldova (UNCT), Government and civil society in strengthening human rights and human rights-based approach, working closely with the UN Country Team on capacity building and mainstreaming human rights in their work, as well as providing support in engagement with national actors on human rights, including advising national authorities upon request. Thematic priorities for the work of the Office are: (i) Strengthening rule of law and accountability for human rights violations; (ii) Enhancing equality and countering discrimination; (iii) Integrating human rights in sustainable development; (iv) Enhancing civic space and people's participation.

Starting from 2021 the HRA presence in Moldova jointly with UNFPA is implementing the project “Empowerment of Older Women and Women with Disabilities in Moldova” (2021-2022), implemented with the contribution of Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) in the context of the UN Socio-Economic

Response and Recovery Plan in Moldova. The main aim of the project is the empowerment and building of social resilience of older persons by fostering intergenerational dialogue with young people and improving their access to quality social services. It also aims at building the capacity of social professionals in applying a human rights-based approach in their work. As part of the OHCHR component of the project, the staff of the faculty of social assistance will be enabled to apply and transmit a human rights-based approach to and in their teaching, and trainers of the social assistance services will have an increased knowledge on human rights and human rights based approach, which they will integrate in their trainings. The main partners of the project are National Agency for Social Assistance and Social Work Department of the Moldova State University. Two main results are envisaged: (1) Human rights are mainstreamed in the curriculum of the faculty of social work at the state university and (2) Human Rights training package drafted (off- and on-line) for staff of the National Agency for Social Assistance (NASA), as well as for all the specialist in the field of social work, including in the field of social services delivery.

Under the direct supervision of the Human Rights Adviser, in close collaboration with the Human Rights Officer and the lead Consultant to mainstream human rights-based approach to social work, the consultant will facilitate the process of work with the Social Work Department of Moldova State University. As part of the responsibility, the consultant will provide support in identification of the relevant courses to be evaluated and identification of the proper model for ensuring the human rights mainstreaming in the initial training of social workers. Besides this, the mobilization consultant will facilitate the process of consultation of the report on the analysis from human rights perspective of the educational courses and of the concept for mainstreaming the human rights-based approach in social work. The mobilization consultant will further provide support developing the necessary materials, consultation of the developed materials and organization of the capacity building training for the team of lectures of the Social Work Department of Moldova State University. The consultant will serve as a liaison between the Social Work Department of Moldova State University and OHCHR team and consultants and will advocate at the University level for ensuring the human rights mainstreaming in the initial training program of social workers and other specialists in social field.

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

The Consultant works under the direct supervision of the Human Rights Adviser, in close collaboration with the Human Rights Officer and the Lead consultant to mainstream human rights-based approach to social work. He/she will also work closely with staff of the Social Work Department of the Moldova State University for the effective achievement of expected results.

Under the present Terms of Reference, the Consultant will:

- a. Facilitate the process of access and analysis of the existing educational program that is being used by the Social Work Department of Moldova State University in the initial training of the social workers and assess the extent to which human rights have been and can be mainstreamed in the existing educational programme.

The consultant will provide support to the Lead Consultant and guide the process of evaluation of the existing curricula and materials and development of the concept of human rights mainstreaming in the initial training of social workers. The mobilization consultant will facilitate the discussion and consultations with lecturers and students, as well as the representatives of the National Social Assistance Agency.

- b. Provide support in developing the concept of mainstreaming human rights and the human rights-based approach to social work in the initial training of social workers. The mobilization consultant will provide support to the lead consultant to mainstream the human rights-based approach in the initial training of social workers in identification of proper models of mainstreaming, ie either developing a separate course on human rights based approach to social work and/or mainstreaming human rights through the existing courses.
- c. Provide support and guidance in developing the set of educational curricula and materials/initial training package based on the established concept.

- d. Facilitate the conduct of consultation sessions/meetings with the representatives of Social Work Department and students. Facilitate the internal consultation within the university, before the extended consultation with the OHCHR team, NASA and other important stakeholders.
- e. Facilitate the process of conducting of at least 3 days training for lecturers. Co-facilitate the training together with the Lead Consultant to mainstream human rights-based approach to social work and the OHCHR team.

Contribute to adaptation and finalize the curricula and educational materials (training package), based on the feedback received during the lecturers' training.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

I. Academic Qualifications:

- University degree in social science, law, human rights or other relevant discipline;
- Master's degree/courses in human rights would be considered an advantage.

II. Experience and skills:

- At least 7 years of professional experience at the national level in human rights work, social assistance work, sociology;
- At least 7 years of experience in conducting the initial training of social workers;
- Experience in conducting analysis and developing and providing capacity building programs for the specialists in the social field.

III. Language requirements:

- Fluency in Romanian language; Fluency in Russian and English would be an asset;
- Knowledge of one or more relevant minority languages, including Bulgarian, Ukrainian or Romani, as well as sign language(s), will be a strong advantage.

Diversity Clause: Applicants – particularly women – from under-represented groups (persons with disabilities, Roma and other ethnic, linguistic or religious minorities, persons living with HIV, refugees and other noncitizens) will have an advantage during the selection process. OHCHR is committed to reasonably accommodate the working environment for the persons with diverse needs.

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS

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

1. Proposal:

- (i) Explaining why they are the most suitable for the work;
- (ii) Provide a brief methodology on how they will approach and conduct the work.

2. Financial proposal (fee per day and total amount);

3. Personal CV including past experience in similar assignments and the contact details of at least 3 reference persons;

4. Offeror's Letter confirming Interest and Availability.

5. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The financial proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount, and payment terms around specific and measurable (qualitative and quantitative) deliverables. Payments are made in installments and are based upon output, i.e. upon delivery of the services specified in the TOR. In order to assist the requesting unit in the comparison of financial proposals, the financial proposal will include a breakdown of this lump sum amount (including fees, taxes, mobile phone calls, etc.).

Travel

All envisaged travel costs must be included in the financial proposal. This includes all travel to join duty station/repatriation travel. In general, UNDP should not accept travel costs exceeding those of an economy class ticket. Should the IC wish to travel on a higher class he/she should do so using their own resources.

In the case of unforeseeable travel, payment of travel costs including tickets, lodging and terminal expenses should be agreed upon, between the respective business unit and Individual Consultant, prior to travel and will be reimbursed.

6. EVALUATION

Initially, individual consultants will be short-listed based on the following minimum qualification criteria:

- University degree in social science, law, human rights or other relevant discipline;
- At least 7 years of professional experience at the national level in human rights work, social assistance work, sociology.

The short-listed individual consultants will be further evaluated based on the following methodology:

Cumulative analysis

The award of the contract shall be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as:

a) responsive/compliant/acceptable, and

b) having received the highest score out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation.

* Technical Criteria weight – 60% (300 pts.);

* Financial Criteria weight – 40% (200 pts.).

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 210 points would be considered for the Financial Evaluation.

Criteria	Scoring	Maximum Points Obtainable
<u>Technical</u>		
University degree in social science, law, human rights or other relevant discipline; (Master's degree/courses in human rights would be considered an advantage);	University degree – 50 pts.; Master's degree/ training courses– 65 pts.;	65
At least 7 years of professional experience at the national level in human rights work, social assistance work, sociology;	7 years –up to 30 pts.; each additional year - 20 pts., up to maximum 90 pts.;	90

At least 7 years of experience in conducting the initial training of social workers;	7 years –up to 20 pts.; each additional year - 10 pts., up to maximum 60 pts.;	60
Experience in in conducting analysis and developing and providing capacity building programs for the specialists in the social field;	Less than 1 year- 5 pts.; 1 year –up to 10 pts.; each additional year - 10 pts., up to maximum 40 pts.;	40
Good command of oral and written Romanian. English and Russian would be an asset;	Max - 30 pts. (10 pts –each language);	30
Knowledge of one or more relevant minority languages, including Bulgarian, Ukrainian or Romani, as well as sign language(s), will be a strong advantage;	Max - 10 pts. (2 pts –each language);	10
Belonging to the under-represented groups within the UN Moldova (persons with disabilities, Roma and other ethnic, linguistic or religious minorities, persons living with HIV, refugees and other noncitizens as self-declared).	No – 0 pts, to one group – 2 pts, to two or more groups – 5 pts.	5
Maximum Total Technical Scoring		300
Financial		
Evaluation of submitted financial offers will be done based on the following formula: $S = F_{min} / F * 200$ S – score received on financial evaluation; Fmin – the lowest financial offer out of all the submitted offers qualified over the technical evaluation round; F – financial offer under consideration.		200

Winning candidate

The winning candidate will be the candidate, who has accumulated the highest aggregated score (technical scoring + financial scoring).

ANNEXES:

ANNEX 1 – TERMS OF REFERENCES (TOR)

ANNEX 2 – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS