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Request for Tender: Evaluation Consultant

AkiDwa invites tenders from a qualified person to conduct an evaluation of the organisation's work on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The successful applicant will assess and evaluate the delivery of FGM-related work in Ireland in the last ten years.

Introduction

Established in 2001, AkiDwa is an ethnic minority-led national network of migrant women living in Ireland. The organisation advocates for migrant women's equal rights in Irish society, free of gender and racial stereotyping. In partnership with others, AkiDwa uses a holistic and gender-specific approach to promote migrant women's integration and provides them with support for access to mainstream services and initiatives.

Project Background

To advance the work of the organization on sexual and gender based violence, AkiDwa has been working on the issue of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) since its inception. This includes delivery of training on FGM to frontline services and healthcare professionals, and raising awareness at community and societal level. Since 2009 the organisation has established a pool of community health ambassadors who have supported the organizational work on FGM by raising awareness at local, regional and national level. One major undertaking of our FGM programming has been reaching out to communities affected by FGM in order to raise awareness on this issue and as well as creating awareness that the practice of FGM is prohibited under the Criminal Justice (Female Genital Mutilation) Act 2012, including its practice in Ireland and the removal of children out of Ireland for the practice of FGM.

AkiDwa has also been working with the National Steering Committee on FGM (NSC on FGM) which includes organisations working on the elimination of FGM, including international NGOs working in developing countries where the practice of FGM is prevalent. In 2016, in the absence of a government-led plan on FGM, AkiDwa and the NSC on FGM produced a three year plan [*Towards a National Action Plan to Combat Female Genital Mutilation: 2016-2019*](#). This plan came to an end in December 2019. While a lot of ground work has been completed in Ireland on FGM, much work remains to be done to ensure children are fully protected from the risks of FGM. AkiDwa's latest estimates suggest that 5,795 women and girls in Ireland are living with the consequences of FGM, including both physical and psychological. EIGE research estimates that there are as many as 1,632 girls still at risk of being cut living in Ireland. On a wider scale, the European Union estimates that around 500,000 girls and women in Europe are living with lifelong consequences of FGM and that every year a further 180,000 children are put at risk from this harmful traditional practice.



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Evaluation

AkiDwa seek a comprehensive audit of the work on FGM through the review of documentation and reports, consultation with staff and with project partners and discussions with people who have received training and other forms of interventions.

Using [*Towards a National Action Plan to Combat FGM*](#) as a framework, the evaluation will focus on the following facets of AkiDwa's work with the various groups: level of awareness; Prevention; Protection; Provision, support and care – for women and girls who have undergone FGM; Prosecution.

The consultant would begin the evaluation work as soon as possible with a view to delivering the final evaluation report on 31st May 2020. AkiDwa requests a meeting with the evaluator to review methodology and the scope of the evaluation prior to the commencement of work and at midway point appropriate for appraisal. The consultant will deliver the final evaluation report to the Head of Operations & Strategy.

Information required in tender response

1. Consultant's name, address, telephone and email
2. Current CV, including experience and qualifications
3. An outline of proposed methodology for the evaluation, including timeline, milestones in the proposal for the final report and contact details. Please note references will not be contacted unless the tender is successful.

Interested parties should send their proposal to Head of Operations & Strategy, email: info@akidwa.ie by **5PM on 6th March 2020**. Note: Please save all documents in PDF format.