

Maestral International is currently providing technical support to several multi-year children's care reform initiatives. We are interested in adding some additional consultants to our external roster for consideration when future requests for technical assistance are received.

We anticipate technical requests across a range of care system components such as workforce, financing, M&E, service delivery, policies and legislation. We are interested in candidates who bring experience of engaging in global care reform efforts, and who also have in-depth understanding and experience of working in specific technical areas. These areas might include family strengthening and prevention of unnecessary separation (e.g. social service delivery / reform), family- and community-based alternative care (e.g. foster care for children with disabilities and high support needs), and transitioning and ending institutional care (e.g. case management for reintegration or strategic planning processes).

Whilst we are interested in hearing from candidates from around the world, we are particularly interested in those with experience in care reform or related areas in eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific. We encourage applications from candidates with lived experience of alternative care, recognizing this will be important to effective technical assistance.

Suitable candidates would have the following skills and experience:

- In-depth understanding and experience of care reform in different geographic contexts, and an understanding of the different drivers of child-family separation.
- Specialist knowledge and technical expertise in one or more specific areas related to care reform, for example, but not limited to:
  - developing social services to prevent unnecessary family separation,
  - enhancing partnership and participation of people with lived experience of care,
  - advising on care and support of children with disabilities,
  - improving case management guidance and training to support family reintegration,
  - social service workforce strengthening,
  - strengthening gatekeeping mechanisms,
  - approaches to developing public financing for care
  - care reform M&E, care system assessments and care information management systems.
- Experience of engaging with and providing technical assistance to governmental and inter-governmental actors, particularly to support the reform of child protection and care systems.
- Ability to be consistently responsive to communications and flexible to rapidly engage with and complete tasks, sometimes within a few weeks' notice.



- Ability to work in English required; languages relevant to geographic areas of expertise preferred but not required.

Interested candidates should submit a CV and expression of interest via [this form](#) by June 13, 2025.