



Terms of Reference

Programme Evaluation: Legal assistance pilot scheme

Ending Unlawful Deprivation of Liberty for Migrant Women and Children in South Africa

Project Background

For the past 18 months, Coram Children's Legal Centre (CCLC) has been leading an EU funded project in South Africa in collaboration with a local partner; the Legal Resources Centre, a Johannesburg based, national NGO. The project, '*Ending unlawful deprivation of liberty of women and children in South Africa*', aims to ensure that women and children who are at risk of immigration detention have access to justice and that they are not subject to unlawful detention. Both international law and the domestic law of South Africa prohibit the detention of unaccompanied asylum-seeking, refugee and migrant children, and place limitations on the detention of refugee and asylum-seeking adults, including women. Despite this protective legal framework, women and children seeking asylum, escaping violence and trafficked women and children are routinely exposed to the risk of immigration detention in South Africa.

Our project has several elements:

Research: We are conducting research on the causes and impact of immigration detention on women and children, and on the extent to which the relevant legal frameworks are implemented in practice.

Legal assistance: Our legal assistance pilot scheme is designed to increase access to justice for migrant women and children through monitoring detention practice and offering legal assistance and representation to children and women at Lindela Holding Centre, SMG and police stations in Guateng and Limpopo, through the Legal Resource Centre.

Capacity building: Implementation of training and capacity building (relating to the rights of women and children) with relevant stakeholders.

This evaluation will focus on assessing progress made under '**output 2**', the **legal assistance pilot**.

In particular the evaluation should examine the relevance, efficiency, impact, effectiveness and sustainability of the legal assistance pilot on project goals and objectives.

Based on findings under each of these areas, the consultant will make **recommendations** for the future development of the project.

Target Audience

The evaluation report will be targeted to CCLC and LRC (in order to assist them to improve service delivery); and to key stakeholders that we target when advocating for the replication of

the project.

Timeline and deliverables

CCLC and LRC will assist the evaluator by providing relevant materials (including a project logframe, outputs and outcomes), and arranging interviews.

1. Conduct review of project materials, develop evaluation methodology (*3 days*)
2. Data collection in South Africa (Limpopo and Guateng) (*10 days*)
3. Data analysis and report drafting (*5 days*)

Deliverables:

- Methodology and data collection tools, to be submitted by 1 August 2014
- Draft evaluation report, to be submitted by 1 September 2014
- Final evaluation report, to be submitted by 12 September 2014

Required Qualifications

- Masters degree or higher in relevant field (law, policy, social sciences);
- 3-5 years' experience conducting qualitative research (data collection and analysis);
- Experience conducting assessment, baselines and evaluations of projects and programmes (ideally relating to legal service delivery);
- Experience working on issues relating to refugee and migrant rights / immigration law;
- Ability to write quickly and clearly in English;
- Familiarity with the South African context (desirable).

Application materials

1. Expression of interest, setting out relevant experience in relation to the required qualifications (*3 pages maximum*)
2. Brief proposal - draft methodology, work plan and proposed budget (*3 pages maximum*)
3. Applicant's CV, and at least one example of previous relevant work

Applications should be emailed to Jennifer Roest at Coram Children's Legal Centre: Jen.Roest@coramclc.org.uk no later than 5pm (GMT) 14 July 2014.