

## Terms of Reference – Enfants&Développement (E&D)

E&D is seeking a Consultant to conduct a **quantitative and a qualitative research** to explore **gender based violence** main issues especially domestic violence amongst **female migrant workers in Ho Chi Minh City in order to implement a pilot program on Gender-Based Violence (GBV).**

### 1. Project background

Working in Vietnam since 1992, Enfants & Développement (E&D) is implementing projects focusing on the child, the family and the community, and pays particular attention to women and girls. The first fifteen years in Vietnam were dedicated to the ethnic minorities in Northern mountain areas, with projects focused on global child development. Since 2011, E&D leads a Family Development, vocational training and child protection programs in Ho Chi Minh City for migrants and vulnerable families. By supporting families in difficulties and raising capacity buildings of social workers and volunteers, E&D focuses on enhancing the access to social services for poor families, quality education/vocational training and employment for disadvantaged children/young people and prevent child abuses.

E&D was one of the few international NGO legally allowed to operate directly in social services in Vietnam, and to have built strong collaboration with local authorities. However, it is part of E&D long term strategy to set up and build capacity of local partners (either public services and civil society) to implement projects.

Since 2011, E&D's team has encountered many cases of domestic violence and has difficulties to help victims, because of a lack of local resources, awareness, skills and especially because it is still a taboo which has to remain in the family.

As a matter of fact, the 2010 Viet Nam National Study on domestic violence revealed that 58.3 per cent of ever-married women experienced at least one type of domestic violence at some point of their lives. The 2013 UNODC "Assessment of the situation of women in the criminal justice system in Viet Nam" acknowledged that 58% of women in Viet Nam experience some type of emotional, physical or sexual domestic violence during their lifetime. However, only 13% of abused women sought help from the justice system. Unfortunately, violence against women is still seen as a private matter that takes place behind the closed doors, and there are significant shortcomings to investigate and prosecute domestic violence. Moreover, when the problem is properly identified and known, victims are often referred to reconciliation facilitators within their local community to arrive at a "solution" within the family before involving the criminal justice system or at least efficient social services to protect and empower them. For migrants, the situation is even worse since the links between them and the community are new and usually weak.

To address this trend and to develop a new project for victims of GBV, E&D is currently exploring the needs for delivering or improving existing social services and preventative GBV projects in Ho Chi Minh City amongst vulnerable migrant families. E&D plans to do this by partnering with Mass Organizations, civil society and local authorities to conduct an exploratory quantitative and qualitative research to explore current understanding and behaviors towards GBV and challenges in accessing services. **Research findings will be used internally by E&D and financial partners to inform future project design, define the most efficient types of intervention to support victim of domestic violence and act as an exploratory research for future project monitoring and evaluation.**

## 2. Research approach

### 2.1 Research objectives

The research for this study will focus on: community and institutional attitudes surrounding gender based violence and individual, community, legal, and institutional responses to domestic violence. The research is designed to:

- Examine inconsistencies between the current law, its interpretation, and its implementation at the district and commune level in Ho Chi Minh City, especially where are living mostly poor and migrant households;
- Perceived prevalence, frequencies, and severity of different types of violence (verbal and physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse) amongst migrant workers and poor households in Ho Chi Minh City;
- Document community (in migrant, poor household districts) and institutional attitudes regarding what constitutes gender-based violence;
- what are the causes and consequences of this violence, and how these attitudes differ between women and men, various age groups, level of income, job situation...;
- Analyse the response of institutions such as the police, courts, mass organisations, and local authorities to incidences of violence (how are violent incidences brought to authorities' attention, what procedures and reporting systems are in place to respond to incidences, what services available to protect victims and when are actions taken to bring these incidences to prosecution);
- Examine how women, either as individuals or collectively, are attempting to (or can) address gender based violence;
- Analyse gaps between the individual, collective and institutional needs and existing services to prevent and response gender based violence and provide key recommendations to design the process of intervention of the pilot project on 3 years (included in the family development project) and the key orientation for a future project only dedicated to GBV.

It is not within the scope of this study to examine all aspects of gender-based violence. Therefore, the study's focus is on domestic violence against women that is perpetrated by their husbands/partners or other family members in the context of poor households and/or migrant workers. The study does not examine child abuse and public violence (such as trafficking, "public" rape and prostitution). However, the research team remained open to these and other issues when they arose in interviews and are related to domestic violence.

### 2.2 Approach

- The research project will involve up to 3 districts where are living mostly poor and migrant households;

Research will involve:

- literature review:
- questionnaire
- Interviews with Local Authorities, Mass Organisations (Women Unions, Youth Unions), Police, health department, justice department, culture and Information department...
- follow-up focus groups



- individual interviews
- meeting to present preliminary research results to the stakeholders and participants (before completing the final report).
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- **Methodology**

This study aims to shed more light on anecdotal evidence of domestic violence directed towards migrant/poor women within the family. Due to limited resources and the sensitivity of the issues being discussed, the study will be primarily qualitative in nature, relying on information gained from in-depth interviews, focus groups, case studies. However, the information gained from these means will be supplemented with information from questionnaires (sample of at least 100 units), which provided an opportunity to compare data from various sources.

- **Selection and Sampling**

Select 3 districts, one commune at least in each will be identified. Research will be only conducted in communes that are primarily populated by poor registered household and migrant workers.

#### **In-depth Interviews**

- At the city, district and commune level, in-depth interviews conducted with key institutional players who would be confronted with gender-based violence in their work. These persons included People's Committee representatives, police officers, court officials, Justice Office, Women's Union cadre, hospitals management and health centres management, INGO and local NGO's management and field staff, Information and Culture department, Community Based Organisations facilitators...
- 10 identified victims of domestic violence through E&D's family development program.
- 10 identified victims of domestic violence by other stakeholders

#### **Focus Groups**

- In addition to in-depth interviews, the study called for the creation of twelve focus groups at the district level (around 15 participants per group coming from different communes). Participants will be selected based on their age, gender, and marital status; only married women and men will be interviewed. In each of the 3 districts four focus groups would be convened, comprised of:
  - Ø men between 20- 30 years of age
  - Ø men between 30-40 years of age
  - Ø women between 20- 30 years of age
  - Ø women between 30-40 years of age

N. B: this methodology is a proposition and can be reviewed by the consultant

**E&D will work in with an external consultant/a team of consultants** (expert in gender based violence and gender equality issues) to ensure the project is delivered to a high standard. Project management and delivery, including:

- Quantitative and qualitative survey design and delivery,
- Recommendations and action plan
- Executive summary

### 3. Required Competencies of the consultant

The following skills and competences are required for this assignment:

- Experience on issues related to Gender based violence, domestic violence, and gender equality issues
- Experience in managing qualitative surveys. Specific experience with surveying victims of Gender based violence issues and needs is highly desirable.
- Strong interview and analysis skills.
- Personnel with excellent command of English (oral and written) and of Vietnamese.
- Sound writing and presentation skills, and experience in speaking to diverse audiences.

### 4. Timing

Indicative timing is shown below.

Activity	Timing
1. Recruitment of the external consultant and literature review	August 2017
2. Literature review design of survey tools interviews	September 2017
3. Focus groups and interviews and questionnaire	October 2017
4. Presentation of initial findings	End of October 2017
5. Report	Mid November 2017

### 5. Expression of Interest

Consultants / organizations should submit a cover letter indicating remuneration (including the detailed costs for transport, per diem for interviewees, translator if needed etc.) CV and a complete proposal on the approach to the assignment (including proposed data sources, methodology and report outline), to **Claire ADAM** : [claire.adam@enfantsetdeveloppement.org](mailto:claire.adam@enfantsetdeveloppement.org) **by 29th August 2017.**