

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR STUDY OF STREET CHILDREN
IN ASSAM

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited by State Child Protection Society, Assam from prominent Registered Non-Government Agencies (NGA)/Non-Government Organization (NGO)/ Academic Institutions (AI) to take up a study on Street Children in Assam. The NGA/ NGO/AI with a proven track record in doing similar work for any other Govt Organization having at least 3 years of previous experience of carrying out similar work would be given due weightage. Preference would be given to agencies which have adequate and competent Human Resources in their team and experience in similar activities including reputed professionals for similar work. The agency may apply with detailed terms and conditions along with available Human Resource and their survey methodologies in the prescribed format (available in the official website of SCPS, Assam-scpsassam.org) to the office of the State Child Protection Society, Assam (Survey, Beltola house no-46) in a sealed envelope clearly marked **“EOI for Study of Street Children in Assam”**. The last date for submission of proposal is **23/12/2021**.

EOI received after the last date or by Email etc shall be summarily rejected. The selected agency will be asked to submit their detailed proposals in due course. The Member Secretary, SCPS shall have the right to reject any or all EOIs received in response to the invitation, and its decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

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Member Secretary
State Child Protection Society

TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR STUDY OF STREET CHILDREN IN ASSAM

State Child Protection Society (SCPS), Assam is a registered Society under the aegis of the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Assam. The Society was notified by Government of Assam on 12th July, 2010.

The primary responsibility of SCPS is to roll out the National Flagship Programme of Government of India, namely the Child Protection Services (CPS) under Mission Vatsalaya in the State. CPS aims at providing a holistic Child Protection Mechanism both at the Preventive and Rehabilitative aspect for Children in Need of Care and Protection and Children in Conflict with Law.

State Child Protection Society is mandated to implement all the components of the scheme (CPS) in a manner as prescribed in the Scheme and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. SCPS, as the nomenclature suggest is the highest State Level Office to roll out all the components of this scheme and also to oversee and monitor the functionality and effectiveness of District level offices and other Civil Society Partners, who are a vital support to this scheme.

Situation of Street children in Assam

A sizeable majority of the children in Assam are impoverished which is supported by the fact that about 31.98 percentage of the population live below poverty. The literacy rate of Assam is 72.19. Assam ranks 30th in Human Resource Development Index and 21st in Poverty Index in India as of 2020 (2011-12) as hosted by Niti Ayog. Gross Drop-Out ratio at classes-I-V and I-VIII of schools for general education during the year 20011-12 were 32.2 and 50.2 respectively. The number of working children has dropped a little from 351416 in 2001 to 347353 in 2011. All these factors have increased the vulnerability of children in Assam and the whole phenomenon has been largely responsible for the growing incidences of children in difficult circumstances who are destitute, neglected and are deprived of family care, protection shelter and other basic necessities for survival. Since urbanization in Assam is gradually picking up, street children phenomenon which is essentially an urban phenomenon is increasing in many places mainly the railway stations in the state of Assam. However the present street children programme of Govt. of India only covers Kamrup (M) and Nagaon, Cachar and Tinsukia (with open shelter only at Guwahati, Nagaon, Silchar and Tinsukia) while some other important towns and railway junctions like Dibrugarh, Barpeta, Lakhimpur, Tezpur, Rangia, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar,

Lumping etc where the phenomenon of street children may be prevalent remain uncovered.

Street children are a subset of vulnerable children, a major category that comes under children in need of care and protection (CNCP), defined under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

Although, there is no legal definition of the street children, Save the Children Organization in its report “Surviving The Street: A Study of Street Children In Delhi” has given reference of UNICEF according to which three types of children belong to the category of street children-

- The first is street-living children who ran away from their families and live alone on the streets
- The second is street-working children who spend most of their time on the streets fending for themselves, but return home on a regular basis.
- The last category is children from street families who live on the streets with their families.

The child in following conditions as per section 2(14) of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 may accordingly be considered as street child —

- (i) who is found working in contravention of labour laws for the time being in force or is found begging, or living on the street; or
- (ii) who has a parent or guardian and such parent or guardian is found to be unfit or incapacitated, by the Committee or the Board, to care for and protect the safety and well-being of the child; or
- (iii) who does not have parents and no one is willing to take care of, or whose parents have abandoned or surrendered him; or (iv) who is missing or run away child, or whose parents cannot be found after making reasonable inquiry in such manner as may be prescribed; or (v) who has been or is being or is likely to be abused, tortured or exploited for the purpose of sexual abuse or illegal acts; or
- (iv) who is found vulnerable and is likely to be inducted into drug abuse or trafficking; (vii) who is being or is likely to be abused for unconscionable gains

As per Section 76 of The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015-

- i) Whoever employs or uses any child for the purpose of begging or causes any child to beg shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and shall also be liable to fine of one lakh rupees:

Provided that, if for the purpose of begging, the person amputates or maims the child, he shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term not less than seven years which may extend up to ten years, and shall also be liable to fine of five lakh rupees.

ii) Whoever, having the actual charge of, or control over the child, abets the commission of an offence under sub-section (1), shall be punishable with the same punishment as provided for in sub-section (1) and such person shall be considered to be unfit under sub-clause (v) of clause (14) of section 2:

Provided that the said child, shall not be considered a child in conflict with law under any circumstances, and shall be removed from the charge or control of such guardian or custodian and produced before the Committee for appropriate rehabilitation.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To map the size of street children in the state of Assam and identify the areas of concentration/hotspots/vulnerable pockets
- To assess the overall situation of street children in the state of Assam, their activities, needs, priorities and also to capture the gender and age disaggregated data of street children.
- To understand their problems owing to street presence, the magnitude and patterns of abuse (including different types of abuses such as drug, substance and sexual), violence an exploitation, labour among street children and their health, and educational status;
- To analyze the mobility pattern of street children and their immediate environment, and coping mechanism
- To set forth recommendations on appropriate intervention on addressing vulnerabilities of street children

AREA OF STUDY:

- i. All district head quarters and important urban centres will be selected for enumeration of street presence of children;
- ii. Important railway stations, bus stops, market areas and other transit points will be included for field survey;
- iii. Places with densely populated slum population will be given priority;
- iv. A semi structured interview schedule will be administered to the children and their family members in the selected high concentration pockets to understand the demographic profile, mobility pattern, addiction behaviour, occupational distribution,

health seeking behaviour, nature of their special problems and the kinds of support they are in need of;

- v. FGDs with community people mainly NGOs, women's group, local authority to gain an insight into the problems of such children;
- vi. Mapping of locally available services for child protection, education, health including mental health
- vii. A cross section of children living in important vulnerable pockets / stations will be included in the survey to highlight their special problems like substance abuse, unsafe sexual behaviour and lack of facilities for night shelter.

PERIOD OF ENGAGEMENT:

The Selected Agency will be required to complete the study within 60 days or the Agency may submit its time line, detail methodologies, human resource strength and previous experience for the purpose in its technical proposal.

ANNEXURE-I

DETAILS OF REQUIREMENT AND MANNER IN WHICH THE AGENCIES SHOULD SEND THEIR EOI, FOR “STUDY OF STREET CHILDREN IN ASSAM”

PART A: ORGANIZATION PROFILE

- 1) Short notes/tables on:
 - a) About the organization
 - b) When it was established (with proof) – registration certificate
 - c) Years of work experience, especially in the areas of conducting research , study and assessment
 - d) List of clients dealt in past and current (if any)
 - e) Range of similar kind of services provided/ able to provide in social and allied sectors,
- 2) Divisions of various activities (If exists)
- 3) Constitution of team for execution of the process work(This agency may submit the HR policy or if they have child protection policy).
- 4) List and brief details of Professionals, Reputed Volunteers in rolls or associated with experience in similar activities.
- 5) List of Officers/Centres/Field Units etc.) to be shown preferably on Assam basis

S.N.	Name of District/City	Name of Contact Person	Address, Telephonic, Fax, E-mail	No. of staff available for the purpose	Infrastructural facilities available (in brief)

Note:

- (i) Please add columns as per requirement.
 - (ii) The Agency must have its office in Assam and presence in most of the districts of Assam with adequate infrastructure. Also, familiarity with local languages (Assamese, Boro) along with Hindi and English..
- 6) Any other details (if desired to be submitted by organization)

PART B: EXPERIENCE OF THE AGENCY

- 1) The bidding agency must show the relevant experience of three years with supporting documents viz. copies of letters of Award and completion from the client as per following format:

S.N.	Name of Projects	Name of Client	Value of work (Rs.)	Date of Commencement	Date of Completion	Whether proof enclosed (yers/no)

Note:

- (i) As column for other sectors, if applicable.
 - ii) If related proof of experience is not enclosed, it will be presumed that organization has no experience in undertaking the work as per details given above.
- 2) Any other details (if desired to be submitted by organization)-please add separate sheets, if needed.
 - 3) Comments on TOR: Agency to submit its comments, if any, on the Terms of Reference for the present work.
 - 4) A brief write-up on the methodology to be adopted by Agency for execution of the work, under reference, on District basis.

PART C:

- 1) Financial Strength & Turnover for the previous three years

Sl no	Financial Year	Total income (Rs)	Turnover (Rs)
1	2018-19		
2	2019-20		
3	2020-21		

Note: The above turnover statement must be supported with relevant proof, The turnover can be shown by way of proof such as:

PART D:

Also, add experience, skills and gender disaggregated data of proposed technical team

S.N.	Name of the Key Professionals	Education Qualification	No. of Project similar nature undertaken	Brief of Experience

- i) Copies of the audited Balance Sheet and profit & loss A/c or Income & Expenditure A/c duly audited by Chartered Accountant.

ii) Any other proof (if available-not essential) as deemed appropriate viz. Auditor's Report, ITR copies etc.

ANNEXURE-II

(Agency Evincing Interest in the EOI should also enclose a certificate on Letter Head of Organization as per format given below:)

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CERTIFICATE

I, working as..... in this organization and authorized to issue this certificate that:

- a) We have gone through the contents of advertisement and related documents for this EOI and fulfill all the eligibility criteria as per EOI.
- b) All relevant documents are enclosed with our EOI.
- c) The details and contents of our EOI are authenticated and based on actual work carried out by our agency, as per record.
- d) We have understood that in case it is found that our agency is not fulfilling any of the laid down criteria, or relevant details/supporting documents are not found to be enclosed, we will not be given any opportunity for any clarifications and our EOI will be evaluated based on available documents in EOI.

Signature of Authorized Signatory

Name.....

Designation.....

Date:

(Please affix Rubber Stamp)

GUIDELINES FOR AGENCIES FOR SENDING EOIs

1. Agency must enclose a covering letter on Agency's Letter Head while sending the EOI with technical and financial proposal.
2. The EOI must be sent in sealed cover within the stipulated time. The EOIs will be evaluated strictly as per laid down criteria. Therefore, before sending the EOIs, the bidder agency must satisfy that they fulfill all the eligibility criteria. The related proof of experience, details of office set-up etc, as asked for, must be enclosed/detailed out for evaluating the EOIs.
3. The details must be furnished as per formats enclosed in this document and strictly as per serial order. The information intended to be supplied should be furnished in such a manner that the same satisfies the need/requirement of EOI under various heads and is self-explanatory.
4. The turnover shown in Part-C should be in Indian Rupees and should exactly match with the figures reflected in the Balance Sheet/P& L Account/Receipt & Payment A/c. the relevant portion of the document reflecting the turnover must be highlighted.
5. In case desired documents/proofs are not enclosed, the EOI shall be rejected and no clarification/enquiry will be sought/made.
6. The last date of receiving the EOIs shall be adhered strictly. EOIs received after the last date will not be opened and no further action will be taken on such EOIs. However, if the last date is declared as holiday, the next working day on which office will be opened will be treated as the last date of receiving the EOIs. The EOIs should be physically received in this office. No plea made over phone/E-mail that EOI is in transit and be accepted due to postal delay etc. shall be entertained. In the interest of agency, it is advised that the EOIs should be sent well before the closing date of receiving the EOI. SCPS shall not be responsible for any postal/courier delay.