

**Confront violence against women and girls project
Badadon Sangho**

Request for proposal for baseline survey

Background:

In Bangladesh, the current rate of violence in any form against women and girls rate is 74%, highest in rural areas (74.8%), and lowest in city areas 54.4%. Due to saline intrusion, shrimp farming and public and private land investment on land and water-bodies, people are selling their lands. There is big cycle of land brokers, who are engaged in the land ownership transfer and creating disputes and conflict. Women and girls are entitled of inheritance lands. However women landowners are worst victims of land conflict, displacement and violence i.e. eve-teaching, harassment and insensitive behaviour from male members of families, neighbours and community. So that women become vulnerable to expel from land rights and victims of violence. The women concerned have less mobility and lack of awareness (i.e. type, nature and lands claiming procedures). Mostly women and girls are afraid to move alone, report about violence, and seek support from public and social agencies. In addition, teachers, men, boys, journalists, private actors, local elected bodies and land officials are alert about the type and nature violence against women and girls due to land conflicts and disputes.

Objective of the baseline:

Badadon Sangho is considering this baseline survey as the benchmark of starting the project that will assist to measure the project output after the end of the project. The baseline survey will be mainly focused to i) collect and analyse pre-intervention data describing situation of objective of the project ii) snapshot of indicators keeping outcomes and outputs in mind are as follows:

- Violence against women and girls reported and put in legal framework with land rights abuse and displacement
- Perspective of women and girls participating in the project, about their access to and support received from police, local elected bodies of union Parishads and land officials, especially on BV-related land-rights cases
- Women leadership in the project areas are able to go to police station, land office and union Parishad to support other women and girls
- Perspective of women and girls participating in the project, awareness on land ownership literacy and land documentation and succession certificate
- Upazila and district legal aid committee members in the project areas have awareness on land induced violence against women
- Perspective of local elected bodies participating in the project areas informed on issues and challenges women face related to VAW legal information and succession certificate and maintaining a local database in succession ownership.
- Perspective of police officers and land officials in the project areas informed on issues and challenges women face related to VAW.

Rationale of the Study:

Badadon Sangho is women's rights and women-led organisation working particularly on the issues of women's land rights, women fisher-folks control over water-bodies and violence against women and girls. Its works with single mothers, widow, women with disabilities, divorcee, separated, elderly women, minorities and indigenous and dalit as most priority

beneficiaries. Since last quarter of 2019, UN trust fund to end violence against women and girls supported to confront land induced violence against women and girls in four unions in southwest region of Bangladesh. A set of outputs and outcomes are planned to achieve within the duration of the project. In order to achieve the indicators, the team is implementing set of activities. It is now important to know better about the baseline of each of the targeted indicators.

The report will be guiding document for programme planning, further strategy development and results evaluation.

Specific objectives of the study:

Broadly, objectives of the study are to

- Develop an baseline of selected indicators – that were set under the project on violence against women and girls
- Guiding the assessment the changes on violence against women and girls at end of the project
- Assist to explain the issue of violence against women in relation to land rights abuse, ownership conflict and disputes
- Suggest policy options for improving security and enhanced rights of the women and girls

Methodology of study:

It is important to note that it is hard to establish mechanism for prevention and response in case of silence and open violence against women resulting of land ownership transfer. Tools and methods in respect to sensitivity and ethics would be one of the strong benchmark of the proposal.

It is expected that consultant/firm (and the team, if applied) will conduct the study has employed both quantitative and qualitative research methods. Data needs to be collected both from primary and secondary sources. Primary data has to be collected through quantitative field surveys and qualitative methods like Focus Group Discussion (FGD), Key Informant Interview (KII). Household survey is expected to be carried out using structured questionnaires to assess the status of the households and its members on various indicators. Focus Group Discussions and Key Informant Interviews can be done with the respective stakeholders to explore the underlying causes, further explanation and opinion. Secondary data regarding national level indicators can be collected from various published documents for comparison. A few examples of sources may be Landesa, Land Portal, International Land Coalition, FAO, UN Women, Global Land Tool Network, Displacement Solution, Feminist Action Research on LAND by APWLD, Business and Human Rights Resources Centre, etc.

Working area and beneficiaries:

Name of district	Name of Upazila	No of Union	Total beneficiaries
Bagerhat	Rampal	Two (2) unions	2,000 women and girls
	Fakirhat	Two (2) unions	1,900 women and girls

Key Competencies:

Competencies of the team members are as follows:

- Excellent competency on research methodology that includes tools, methods and techniques to collect sensitive data at remote setting
- Excellent English writing communication skills, with analytic capacity and ability to synthesise the issues and relevant findings of socio-cultural and political economy for preparing a quality report
- Maturity and confidence in dealing with different types of highly sensitive beneficiaries and stakeholders
- Capacity of forming a sound team composition of data collectors and management, those who are capable to catch-up language and culture of marginalised communities
- Proven experience in relevant research work as well as the study subject on violence against women and girls

During of study:

From March to July 2020.

Expected deliverable:

It is expected that the study will be started in March 2020 for an estimated duration of 45 working days across the 120 days. The really work load would be decided by the team for desk reviews, data collection, analysis and draft and final report sharing. An inception report would be submitted by the selected consultant within one week after contract signing; this work plan will be reviewed and approved by Badabon Sangho.

A draft report would be prepared and submitted to Badabon Sangho prior to release the second installment of the payment. While the draft report is produced, it should be shared with Badabon Sangho, and Badabon Sangho will provide feedback on draft report within two weeks after receiving the draft report.

- An inception report with detailed work plan
- Data collection methodologies with tools
- A draft report
- Two (2) copies of final reports

How to submit proposal:

The selection committee is requesting potential consultant and firm to prepare and submit the technical and financial proposal with necessary attachment by 26 Feb 2020 to badabonsangho.db@gmail.com. Please note that 15% VAT can be shown in the proposal but tax will be included in fees. Please feel free to contact should you have any further clarification. The committee will score according to set criteria and only the successful shortlisted consultant's financial proposal will be negotiated.

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