



## Request for Proposals Consultancy

### Evaluation of the status of implementation of the recommendations from the first Global Study on Sexual Exploitation of Children in the context of Travel and Tourism

#### ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

ECPAT International is a global network of organisations working together for the elimination of the sexual exploitation of children (SEC) in all its manifestations i.e. exploitation of children in prostitution, online child sexual exploitation, sale and trafficking of children for sexual purposes, sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism and some forms of child, early and forced marriage. The ECPAT Network currently consists of 122 members working at national and local levels in 104 countries.

#### BACKGROUND

The [Global Study](#) on Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism was the first ever consolidated effort to understand the global nature and scope of this crime. The Study was published in 2016 as the most comprehensive picture of this crime at the time. It included input from 67 partners around the world, as well as contributions from experts and children themselves. It has subsequently led to detailed studies of the situation in every region and an ever-expanding list of countries. The Global Study brought this gross violation of children's rights into the light and set out recommendations that required concerted action from intergovernmental bodies, national governments, NGOs and the private sector including the travel, tourism and transportation industry, ICT industry and companies whose staff members travel for business. The Global Study recommendations provided a roadmap to protect children – their implementation contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals targets 8.9 and 12b, which call for sustainable tourism development, as well as targets 5.2, 8.7, and 16.2, which aim to end child sexual exploitation. See here for the full list of the [recommendations](#).

The launch of the Global Study was followed by actions at the global, regional and national levels and led to concrete commitments by a wide range of stakeholders. In its role as Secretariat to the Global Study, ECPAT International continued to work towards the implementation of the recommendations of the Study and monitored its impact.

The [report](#): *Keeping the Promise: Ending Violence Against Children by 2030* by the UN SRVAC (2019) recognized that the Global Study galvanized action, including the process of transforming the UNWTO voluntary code on this issue into an international convention. The report highlighted that the Global Study brought the issue of sexual exploitation of children in the context of travel and tourism on the international agenda and set out clear recommendations for concerted action. The first [International Summit](#) on the Protection of Children in Travel and Tourism took place in Bogotá, Colombia, in June 2018. It was organised as a follow-up to the Global Study and laid the groundwork for committed partnerships

and a comprehensive, child rights-centred, collaborative approach to end impunity for traveling child sex offenders.

### **OBJECTIVES OF CONSULTANCY**

ECPAT International seeks to engage the services of a consultant to conduct an evaluation of the status of implementation of the recommendations from the first Global Study on Sexual Exploitation of Children in the context of Travel and Tourism by intergovernmental international and regional bodies, the private sector, governments, law enforcement and civil society organisations. The task will involve a desk review of the documents reflecting the progress; a survey and interviews with key stakeholders. The evaluation will be presented in a report that will guide the way forward in an altered and evolving travel and tourism environment, as the result of COVID-19 pandemic.

ECPAT International is seeking a consultant to:

1. Review and analyze the existing documents that give an overview and reflect progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the Global Study.
2. Conduct an evaluation survey with key stakeholders that were involved in the development and the implementation of the recommendations of the Global Study.
3. Conduct interviews with key selected representatives of the intergovernmental international and regional bodies, the private sector, governments, law enforcement and the CSOs.
4. Prepare an evaluation report with clear and detailed recommendations for actions to guide the next steps to protect children from sexual exploitation in an altered and evolving travel and tourism environment, as the result of COVID-19 pandemic.

### **DELIVERABLES**

Based on the guidance from ECPAT International, the consultant is expected to:

- Participate in an inception meeting;
- Provide a work plan with dates for deliverables, for agreement with ECPAT International;
- Analyse the existing documents that give an overview of the overall implementation, provide the library of files, reports and documents reviewed;
- Develop and conduct an online survey;
- Conduct and analyse interviews with the key stakeholders;
- Prepare a draft evaluation report for validation by key stakeholders and feedback from ECPAT International (maximum 20 pages in English language);
- Deliver the final evaluation report taking into account feedback, for approval by ECPAT;
- Participate in a meeting with the presentation of the report with recommendations for actions to guide the way forward.

### **TIMEFRAME**

- It is estimated that this consultancy will require 25 working days over a period of up to 3 months (February-April 2022).

### **CONSULTANT PROFILE**

- Relevant higher education qualification;
- Track record of developing high-quality and impact oriented evaluation reports;

- Knowledge on child sexual exploitation and abuse with a particular focus on the sexual exploitation of children in the context of travel and tourism with its online elements;
- Strong organisational skills and ability to manage time and meet deadlines;
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English (knowledge of Spanish and/or French languages is an advantage).

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- This is a home-based assignment with online consultations; no travel is required.
- The Consultant is expected to act at all times in a manner consistent with the values of ECPAT International and in compliance with the organisation's policies and procedures including Child Safeguarding Policy and the Staff Code of Conduct.
- This consultancy is open to individual experts as well as agencies.

#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Please present a proposal outlining the following:

- Proposed timeline
- CV of key expert(s)
- Track record of experience in similar assignments
- Requested fee

Please submit the proposal by email to [vacancy@ecpat.org](mailto:vacancy@ecpat.org) by 28 January 2022. Mention in the subject header: your name and "Evaluation: Global Study".