

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Consultancy

Multimedia production on sexual violence against boys December 2025 – August 2026

Organisational background

ECPAT International is a global network of civil society organisations dedicated to ending the sexual exploitation of children in all its manifestations. This includes the exploitation of children in prostitution, in the context of digital environments, in the context of trafficking of children for sexual purposes, the sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism and some forms of child, early and forced marriage. ECPAT has a network with a membership of 142 civil society organisations in 115 countries. The ECPAT International Secretariat coordinates the global work of the organisation and is based in Bangkok, Thailand. The Secretariat designs and implements global and regional level programmes and undertakes programming, campaigning, advocacy and research to facilitate a range of network initiatives.

Context of the assignment

The <u>Global Alliance for the Protection of Boys from Sexual Violence</u> (GAPB) was established by a core group of international and local organizations with complementary expertise on the issue of sexual violence against boys. The international founding members of the Alliance include <u>All Survivors Project, ECPAT International</u>, <u>Equimundo</u>, <u>Family for Every Child</u>, <u>Physicians for Human Right</u>, <u>Save the Children</u> and <u>Women's Refugee Commission</u>. This collaborative effort aims to enhance the understanding and the capacity of the child protection sector, as well as other relevant sectors, to address all forms of sexual violence affecting boys in diverse contexts. Most importantly, the action of the GAPB aims to be a complementary resource for all gender-based violence (GBV) efforts, advocating for gender equity and contributing to the fight against GBV to bring about change at the global level.

The <u>ECPAT Global Boys Initiative (GBI)</u>, which convenes the GAPB, was launched by ECPAT International to shed light and support the development of solutions to end the sexual exploitation and abuse of boys. After a global literature review and a 10-country research project to shed light on key issues on protection and assistance to boys at risk of sexual exploitation and abuse, the ECPAT GBI started to focus on the passage from theory to practice and conducted a series of 12 case studies collecting and documenting practices of organisations supporting boys at risk or victims and survivors of sexual exploitation and abuse.

While significant strides have been made in addressing sexual violence against children, the issue as it affects boys remains largely invisible. Stigma, silence, and gendered assumptions continue to prevent boys from being seen, believed, and supported.

To challenge this invisibility and inspire deeper reflection and action, ECPAT is seeking a creative production partner to develop a 10-20 minute short film that tells a powerful, ethically grounded story



about sexual violence against boys. The film will serve as an advocacy and awareness-raising tool for professionals, policymakers, and the wider public.

Objectives of the assignment

The main objectives of this consultancy are to conceptualise, produce, and deliver a multimedia production (approx. 10-20 minutes) that:

- Raises awareness about the issue of sexual violence against boys and its often-overlooked impact.
- Challenges gender stereotypes and social stigma that silence boy survivors.
- Reflects survivor-centered, inclusive, and ethical communication consistent with ECPAT's values and child safeguarding principles.

ECPAT encourages submissions from all regions and cultural contexts. Productions may be in any language, reflecting the diversity of boys' experiences globally.

ECPAT will provide strategic and technical guidance throughout to ensure that the script, narrative framing, and key messages align with the organisation's principles and values when representing and working with or for boys on the issue of sexual violence.

Scope of the assignment

The selected consultant/ team will oversee the entire creative and production process from start to finish, including concept development, scripting, filming, and post-production.

- 1. Creative Development
- Propose the overarching concept, tone, and format of the short animation/ film (fictional, documentary, or hybrid).
- Develop a visual treatment and narrative approach that conveys the issue with empathy, accuracy, and impact.
- Ensure all proposed ideas are in line with ECPAT's safeguarding and ethical standards.
- 2. Scriptwriting and Pre-Production
- Develop the script and storyline.
- Manage all aspects of pre-production including casting, locations, logistics, and permissions.
- Collaborate closely with ECPAT for feedback on messaging, ethical framing, and alignment with the organisation's objectives.
- 3. Production
- Oversee all filming or animation elements, including direction, cinematography, sound, and production management.
- Ensure that all production activities comply with child safeguarding standards and ethical content guidelines.



- 4. Post-Production
- Lead the full editing process, including sound design, color correction, graphics, subtitles, and accessibility adaptations.
- Deliver final versions optimised for online and in-person screenings.
- 5. Collaboration and Review
- Participate in regular review meetings with ECPAT's communications and programme teams.
- Integrate feedback at each stage of production.

Applicant profile

The ideal applicant should have:

- Proven experience in producing and directing short films, documentaries, or multimedia storytelling projects, ideally addressing human rights or social justice issues.
- Demonstrated capacity to manage all stages of production (concept, scripting, filming, and editing).
- Ability to translate sensitive and complex subjects into impactful, survivor-centered narratives.
- Experience within the children's rights, gender equity, and/or gender-based violence sectors would be an asset.
- Strong visual storytelling skills and attention to ethical representation.
- Commitment to child safeguarding and trauma-informed production practices.

People of the Global Majority, women; trans, non-binary, and intersex persons; persons with disabilities and other candidates from historically oppressed groups, of all ages, are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

Timeline

The consultant will work closely with ECPAT International, as well as other technical partners, between December 2025 and June 2026, with the final approved short film to be delivered by the start of July 2026.

Additional Information

ECPAT International is committed to keeping children safe. Consultants must share our commitment to the safeguarding of children. Selected candidates will be required to sign and adhere to ECPAT International's policies and procedures including the Child Safeguarding Policy and the Code of Conduct.

Expression of Interest



Please send to natashad@ecpat.org

- CV and portfolio detailing relevant experiences;
- Financial proposal in USD with a clear breakdown of costs. Please note that the estimated budget for this project is between USD 5,000-10,000.

Deadline

1st December 2025.