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## Consultancy Announcement

# Creating Healthy, Safe and Resilient Communities in Thailand

Global Fund for Children partners to build a world where all children and youth are safe, strong, and valued. We pursue this mission by investing in innovative, locally led organizations, helping them deepen their impact, improve the wellbeing of children and youth, and build their capacity for social change. To further advance and protect the rights of children and youth, GFC supports its partners to engage in grassroots advocacy initiatives to effect policy and social norm change from the local level. Since our founding in 1997, GFC has invested \$43 million in over 700 grassroots organization around the world. Our work advances the rights of children and youth across four focus areas: education; gender equity; youth empowerment; and freedom from violence and exploitation. GFC currently partners with 6 organizations in Thailand working to create inclusive spaces for children with disabilities, promote gender equity and sexual and reproductive health rights.

## Landscape Mapping and Analysis – Consultancy Objectives and Deliverables

GFC is excited to launch a three-year initiative to create healthy, safe and resilient communities in Thailand as part of its broader strategy aimed at catalyzing community-driven systems change to shift social norms, behaviors, and policies that foster lasting change for children and youth.

To initiate this work in Thailand, GFC is commissioning a landscape mapping and analysis between April and June 2022 in an effort to better understand the issues affecting children and youth, especially girls and young women, particularly as the longer term impact of COVID continues to unfold throughout the region. This study will produce a country-level analysis of systemic issues and barriers to inclusion, health and safety for children and young people and how these issues are currently being addressed by civil society organizations, government programs and CSR initiatives to create recommendations for GFC's investment and support.

Specifically, the analysis will articulate the context of Thailand's socio-economic landscape and the state of civil society, identify the moveable barriers and challenges of working on issues related to children and youth empowerment from the lens of community-based organizations, articulate insights, forward-looking strategies for GFC and map approaches along with recommended GFC-aligned community-based organizations working to address the issues.

The goal of this mapping and analysis is to identify niche areas of investment to create healthy, safe and resilient communities in Thailand. Utilizing this analysis and recommendations, GFC will identify 6 to 7 new grassroots organizations in Thailand that are using effective interventions to eliminate barriers to safety, equity and empowerment for children and youth experiencing exclusion and discrimination based on their identity, legal status, economic status, location and other factors, in Thailand.

**This is a consultancy role based in Thailand. Applicants must be Thai citizens or have authorization to work in Thailand. GFC will not cover relocation costs or the cost of living in Thailand.**

### Project Objectives:

- To provide a brief overview about key issues facing the country and impacting children and young people, with a focus on children experiencing exclusion and discrimination based on legal status, identity, economic status, location and other factors which can lead to exclusion in Thailand
- Frame the background and context to the social economy and civil society in the country with a lens on how this affects children and youth
- Provide an overview of the existing priority areas and initiatives supported by civil society, government- and the private/corporate sector
- Identify barriers and challenges of addressing key issues affecting children and young people in Thailand with a focus on the most vulnerable communities from the perspective of community-based organizations.
- Provide an understanding of the organizational cultures and systems in the Thai civil society context from the perspective of identifying challenges and opportunities to shifting the power to community-based organizations and youth groups.

Key questions to consider include:

- What is the current state of civil society and the operating environment for community-based organizations, especially those working on human rights issues?
  - What are hot-button issues affecting children and young people in Thailand, and issues that are critical but underfunded? What are issues that get less attention?
  - What issues and interventions does the government welcome collaboration on, and what issues are dangerous or challenging for community-based organizations to work on?
  - What capacities/capabilities are essential for local community based organizations to be able to respond to the key emerging issues?
- Shortlist issues and locations in Thailand where GFCs partnership with community-based organizations can drive the most impact for children and young people over 3 years
  - Provide recommendations for GFC investment in both visual and written form
  - Highlight key organizations aligned with GFCs values and criteria across shortlisted issue areas/geographies

### Project Deliverable:

- 1-page executive summary
- A 1-page overview of the key issues facing the country that impact children and young people.
- A 12-15 page landscape report which will draw largely from primary and light secondary research, along with 10-15 interviews with GFC partners, with the option for informal group conversations, and other experts. Not included in the 12-15 page recommendation: Research citations, list of interviewees and notes from each interview which must be included in appendix to the report.
- A visual mapping of issues, gaps, and recommendations
- 1-page summary for each location identified
- Recommendations on key organizations to engage with by issue area/geography

### Project Implementation:

#### Key Activities

- ❖ Create framework for study and interview questions
- ❖ Secondary research scan - map key issues, key organizations, review geographies and vulnerable populations
- ❖ Interview experts via skype, zoom, or in person where possible. Analysis and Write-Up
- ❖ Write up and draft visual sharing of overview of landscape + issues + areas of work + gaps
- ❖ May 27<sup>th</sup> Deliverable: Draft Report
- ❖ Finalize output based on input from GFC team
- ❖ June 15<sup>th</sup> Deliverable: Final Report

### Project Timeline & Cost:

- April 15 – June 15, 2022
- 12,000 USD
- Travel included in existing costs

To apply, please send a cover letter, a resume or curriculum vitae, and a one-page summary of proposed study frame and questions in English to [kkhan@globalfundforchildren.org](mailto:kkhan@globalfundforchildren.org) with “Consultant – Landscape Mapping and Analysis” in the subject line. Applications must be received by April 11<sup>th</sup> to be considered.

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