

## TERM OF REFERENCE

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Technical Editor – Violence Against Women</b>
<b>Type of Contract:</b>	<b>SSA</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	24 February to 30 June 2017
<b>Duty Station:</b>	Home Based
<b>Application deadline:</b>	17 February 2017

### I. GENERAL BACKGROUND

Grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, UN Women works for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls; the empowerment of women; and the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security. Placing women’s rights at the centre of all its efforts, UN Women leads and coordinates the efforts of the United Nations system to ensure that commitments on gender equality and gender mainstreaming translate into action throughout the world. UN Women provides strong and coherent leadership in support of Member States’ priorities and efforts, building effective partnerships with civil society and other relevant actors.

UN Women and the ADB are collaborating to produce a regional flagship publication, “Benchmark Publication: Gender Equality and the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific”. The study aims to provide new evidence for monitoring the implementation of gender-related SDG goals, targets and indicators, as well as provide policy recommendations to help governments in the region improve gender statistics and equality outcomes by 2030. Data and statistics are important tools for devising policies to achieve gender equality and women’s empowerment, assessing their impact, and ensuring accountability. At the international level there have been important advances in normative and technical standards related to gender statistics. At the regional level, the Benchmark Publication serves as a critical evidence-based policy advocacy tool to advance the strategic positioning of gender statistics as a key part of evidence-based policy-making for the next 15 years.

In this regard, rigorous evidence is integral to inform policy to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment. The Benchmark Publication is expected to provide a snapshot of the current status (baseline) as well as concrete measurements of progress towards gender equality in relation to the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific region. Simultaneously, it aims to identify data gaps (in statistics) as well as provide a policy tool to help governments in the region to improve gender equality outcomes by 2030.

### II. OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The overall objective of this consultancy is to provide key technical support for substantive editing and revision of key sections on violence against women under Chapter 2 and 3 of the Benchmark Publication. This will directly contribute to the finalization of the revised draft for external peer review process. Under the overall guidance of

the production team led by UN Women and ADB, the consultant will report to the UN Women Programme Specialist and the Ending Violence Against Women Programme Specialist, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. The consultant will assist in substantively editing based on the findings and contents of the original draft with particular attention to improvement of the cohesive and coherent messages. He/she will add additional analysis and interpretations as requested by the production team. The main involvement of the consultant will be during Feb-April 2017. Subsequently, the team will engage in finalizing the second and final draft in May-June 2017 (though not continuously) as outlined in the scope of work section. The consultant will also be required to participate in virtual meetings with the team.

**III. SCOPE OF WORK**

Technical and substantive editing includes the following:

- Enhance grammar and sentence structure and language use
- Improve formatting and presentation of contents, data and findings.
- Review the key contents, trends and analysis under the safety pillar with particular focus on violence against women in Chapter 2 and 3.
- Provide some additional analysis and/or interpretation where appropriate
- Ensure that key contents and messages are in line with ADB and UN Women’s corporate messages and policy positioning related to ending violence against women and the SDGs.

**IV. EXPECTED OUTPUT/DELIVERABLES**

The consultant is expected to deliver the following:

Outputs	Tentative Timeline
1. Revised first draft	End of March
2. Finalization of the revised first draft incorporating additional comments from ADB and UN Women	End of April
3. Technical contribution to revise the second and final draft incorporating comments from ADB and UN Women	May-June

**V. DEGREE OF EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**Education:**

Master’s degree or equivalent in international development, political science, development studies, gender studies, law, social science or related field.

**Experience:**

- A minimum of 10 years of relevant with strong technical expertise in addressing violence against women and violence against women data analysis preferably with particular focus on the Asia-Pacific region
- International experience with development organizations, with experience working within United Nations system preferred
- Strong understanding of the rights-based approaches, gender or advocacy to multi-sectoral stakeholders

- Strong understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals and its gender-related indicators particularly on violence against women and girls.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with particular experience in design of knowledge products and technical reports preferably on violence against women
- Previous experience with UN Women/ADB is an advantage

#### **Language Requirements:**

- Excellent written and verbal communication in English is required.

#### **VI. Selection Criteria**

The candidates will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria: (i) educational background and work experience as reflected in their CV and relevant publications; (ii) the short technical proposal; and (iii) financial proposal, which includes daily consultancy rate as well as the breakdown for each deliverables and the proposed lump sum travel amount (airfare and DSA). The evaluation will be based on the combination of the weighted technical and financial scores (80 per cent technical and 20 per cent financial). The technical evaluation includes the knowledge/expertise in gender equality and ending violence against women, as well as the SDGs specifically within the context of the Asia-Pacific region with experience in producing high quality knowledge products. The evaluation methods include desk review and/or validation interview.

#### **VII. How to apply**

Interested candidates are requested to submit updated CV, P-11, brief technical and financial proposals, including daily consultancy rate as well as the breakdown for each deliverable to [hr.bangkok@unwomen.org](mailto:hr.bangkok@unwomen.org) with the subject line, “**Application for Technical Editor – Violence Against Women**” no later than **17 February 2017**.