



Project Name: Request for Proposals for a consultant to engage in research on women and girls’ pathway into the criminal justice system in Myanmar, as well as their treatment in the justice system, including any gender based discrimination they may experience

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Type: Consultancy

Background: The International Legal Foundation (ILF) is the leading global advocate for the right to counsel and is a specialist in the provision of quality defense services to marginalized and vulnerable accused in post-conflict and transitioning countries. Established in 2001 in New York as a nonprofit organization, the ILF has operated in Myanmar since 2017, as a public defender office. In 2024, the ILF established Gender Justice Units with the goal to provide specialized legal aid to women and girls in conflict with the law. To support this work, the ILF would like to engage a consultant to assist us to map and analyze women and girls’ pathways into the justice system, the existence or possibility of gender-sensitive practices in the justice system, violations of laws, and challenges faced in women and girls’ reintegration into society and meaningful access to justice. The findings and recommendations—as informed by the ILF’s experienced ILF Myanmar legal aid providers and international experts—may be published and disseminated.

Project goals and scope of services:

ILF is seeking a consultant who is knowledgeable about:

1. The pathways women and girls take into and through the criminal and young legal systems,
2. The criminal and youth law and legal process in Myanmar, and
3. Qualitative research and its application to program and policy design.

Tasks and deliverables will include:

- Partnering as a research expert with ILF experts in the field, including by assisting ILF’s Myanmar legal aid providers with the theoretical and legal framing of the research project;

- Developing a detailed research plan and consulting on the development of research tools including interview protocols and questions, focus group protocols and questions, consent forms, surveys, additions to case database, and case study design;
- Training Myanmar legal aid providers and other ILF frontline Myanmar staff on relevant theory and research methods both remotely and on-site;
- Coding and analyzing qualitative data to develop themes and recommendations.
- Analysis of excel case database; and
- Writing assessment reports with recommendations, as informed by the ILF's Myanmar and international experts for various international audiences.

Anticipated selection schedule: A selection will be made by September 18, 2024

Submission of Proposals: Proposals should be sent to email to jobs@theilf.org no later than September 18, 2024. Top applicants will move on to phone interviews before a final selection is made and may be asked for additional supporting documentation.

Timeline: Anticipated project start date September 23, 2024. The project must be completed by April 30, 2025.

Elements of Proposal: Proposals should include a description of qualifications and relevant expertise, vision for the project, and project plan including timeline and budget.

Evaluation Criteria: Applicants will be evaluated based on the strength of their past work, including demonstrated expertise in producing high-quality research reports especially on gender justice and child rights framework, feasibility of their proposal, and previous work experience in Myanmar (preferable). The consultant who is hired must comply with all global Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policies.

Budget: Up to a maximum of \$15,000