



Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for

CHILDREN AND ARMED CONFLICT

Vacancy - Independent Contractor

Human Rights/Child Protection Specialist

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict serves as the leading United Nations advocate for the protection and well-being of children affected by armed conflict. The issue of children and armed conflict is high on the international agenda and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (OSRSG-CAAC) has been a central player in addressing it for more than 20 years.

The OSRSG CAAC is looking for a Human Rights/Child Protection Specialist to assist in developing a Guidance Note for Country Taskforces on Monitoring and Reporting (CTFMR) and child protection practitioners on the abduction of children during armed conflict in light of Security Council resolution 2225, which added it as a trigger violation. In addition, the Human Rights/Child Protection Specialist will follow-up on CAAC-related developments in Afghanistan and will coordinate the preparation of the upcoming country-specific report on the situation of children and armed conflict in Afghanistan.

The independent contractor will be based in New York at UNHQ and will be hired for an initial period of four months beginning December 2018, with the possibility of extension depending on the availability of funds.

Qualifications

- Minimum four years of progressively responsible experience in human rights monitoring and documentation with a focus on children's human rights and/or child protection, including two years in the field, as well as knowledge with the UN system and the CAAC mandate is required.
- Excellent analytical skills, including the ability to conduct complex human rights research is required.
- Expertise in monitoring and documenting grave violations against children during armed conflict and an understanding of child protection concerns is required.
- Fluency in English, both written and spoken, together with excellent writing and communication skills, and the ability to speak and write in a clear manner is required.
- Experience in drafting reports and correspondence using child protection-sensitive language is required.
- Experience working in Afghanistan and knowledge with the UN presence and child protection actors on the ground and local security institutions is desirable.

How to apply

For further information, or to submit an application, please email your CV with a cover letter to Denise Badila at balidad@un.org

***** The deadline to apply is 5 November 2018. *****