Terms of Reference – Individual Contractor
Temporary support to the Office of the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict

Children and armed conflict, livelihoods and Sustainable Development Goals

A. Background

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (SRSG CAAC) serves as the leading UN advocate for the protection and well-being of children affected by armed conflict.

The mandate of the SRSG CAAC was created by General Assembly Resolution A/RES/51/77 following the publication, in 1996, of the report by Graça Machel on the impact of armed conflict on children.

Since 1999, the systematic engagement of the UN Security Council has placed the protection of children affected by armed conflict at the heart of its international peace and security agenda. In 2005, the Security Council adopted resolution 1612 which established the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) on six grave violations against children in situations of armed conflict, including:

1. recruitment and use of children
2. killing or maiming of children
3. rape or other forms of sexual violence against children
4. attacks against schools and hospitals
5. abduction of children
6. denial of humanitarian access for children.

The SRSG CAAC regularly reports to United Nations bodies (Security Council, General Assembly and Human Rights Council) on the situation of children in armed conflict. In addition to the Annual Report of the Secretary General on children and armed conflict presented to the Security Council that covers all country situations on the CAAC agenda, country-specific reports are also regularly submitted to the Security Council Working Group (SCWG) on CAAC.

B. Project description and objective

Armed conflicts have long-term devastating effects on children and their communities. The impact of grave violations against children, on livelihoods and sustainable development needs to be analysed more in depth in order to identify new and concrete ways to advocate with parties to conflict to end and prevent violations, and to support communities to be actively engaged in lasting peace.
The OSRSG CAAC is looking for an Individual Contractor to develop an analytical paper on the link between grave violations against children, livelihoods, and the achievement of the relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

C. Responsibilities
Under the supervision the Political Affairs Officer, the Individual Contractor will:

• Analyse how grave violations against children in armed conflict impact the achievement of the SDGs;
• Finalize analytical paper for publication.

D. Expected outcomes
• Supplement to analytical paper on how grave violations against children in armed conflict impact the achievement of the SDGs.

E. Location
Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, the individual contractor is expected to work remotely.

F. Duration of Work
One (1) month full-time to be completed by 15 August 2021.

G. Qualifications

Functional competencies
• Proven ability to conduct complex research, including expertise in data collection, monitoring and reporting human rights violations, solid understanding of child protection concerns;
• Excellent writing, communication and analytical skills;
• Familiarity with the UN system and good knowledge of the children and armed conflict mandate is desirable.

Education
• Advanced degree (Master’s or equivalent) in law, political sciences, international relations or other disciplines related to human rights and international law. A
combination of relevant academic qualifications and three years additional work experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Experience
- Minimum four years of progressively responsible experience working on human rights monitoring and reporting and/or child protection, including two years in the field. Experience working in or on conflict situations is an asset.

Languages
- Fluency in English is required;
- Knowledge of French or another UN language is desirable.

Applications
The following documents must be submitted with all applications (incomplete applications will not be accepted) to Dianne Fairweather fairweather@un.org.

Please refer to “Individual Contractor SDGs” in the subject of your email.

1. Cover letter
2. Personal History Profile (PHP) or (P11) – go to www.inspira.un.org to create an account and PHP, if you do not already have one.
3. One writing sample unedited by others.

***The deadline to apply is 20 June 2021. ***