

Terms of Reference

Research to determine prevalence of Gender-Based Violence in people over 49 in protracted displacement (September 2014 until September 2016)

End of Project Evaluation

1. Background to the Project

HelpAge International helps older people claim their rights and challenge discrimination and poverty, so that they can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives. While this project was funded by the U.S. Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration to HelpAge International's global work on older people, HelpAge USA and the American Association for the Advancement of Science were responsible for implementing the project. The total project budget: Year 1 - \$270,580, Year 2 - \$249,238

HelpAge USA is part of the HelpAge global network which brings together more than 114 affiliates working with older people in over 70 countries to implement programs and policies that improve the lives of older people in the world's poorest communities.

Despite growing numbers of older displaced persons, no one knows the prevalence of gender-based violence (GBV) against older people in situations of displacement. Older refugees are often overlooked or not identified in data collection. They are often excluded from, or unable to access, services. Very little is known about the experience of GBV against people over the age of 49, since so few programs include this population.

HelpAge USA carried out a research project to determine prevalence of GBV in people over 49 in protracted displacement between September 2014 and September 2016.

Expected results:

The project's overall goal is to research GBV in order to show its existence in older displaced populations and provide some insight into contexts of risk. It also aims to produce a survey tool to be shared for use by other humanitarian organizations. The research aims to generate recommendations for better inclusive data collection to improve the projects and programs of international organizations and NGO's. Specifically:

Objective 1

- Year One: Improve understanding of methods to assess the prevalence of GBV for people over the age of 49 in situations of protracted displacement.
- Year Two: Assess the prevalence of GBV for people over the age of 49 in situations of protracted displacement.

Objective 2

- Year One: Raise awareness of the potential prevalence of GBV against people over 49 among key humanitarian actors and researchers at international level.
- Year Two: Raise awareness of the findings of prevalence of GBV against people over 49.

2. Purpose of the Evaluation

HelpAge USA are looking for an evaluator to:

- Generate learning regarding effective methods of data collection on GBV prevalence in older aged displaced populations, and recommendations for how best to utilise the data for awareness raising activities with relevant stakeholders.
- Outline the key challenges in conducting GBV research with older men and women in displacement situations and generate recommendations for similar future investigations.
- Measure the achievement of results against the objectives and indicators table (see Final PRM Award for GBV research)

The evaluation findings will be shared with HelpAge USA, Human Rights and Law Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, HelpAge International and BRPM.

HelpAge USA will develop a management response to the final version of the evaluation report, commenting on the process, the utility of the report and a position on the recommendations.

3. Focus and Scope of the Evaluation

The evaluation will take consideration of OECD-DAC and HelpAge Evaluation Policy criteria: Relevance, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Sustainability and Impact, Accountability and Learning, when evaluating the 3 purpose points outlined above. The evaluator might consider the strengths and weaknesses in relation to the following criteria, but can make their own judgment regarding the relevance of these criteria. If not considered relevant a short rationale as to why will be expected:

Approach and Methodology of the Evaluation

- The data collection methods will be agreed in consultation with the project (key evaluation questions and any tools).
- Key stakeholders important to include in the evaluation are: research staff, trained enumerators, targeted INGO/NGOs, any other relevant stakeholders identified during the course of the evaluation.
- A document review will be conducted. The review will refer to pertinent reports against the key outcomes stated in the contract. Documents might include project proposals, quarterly reports, training and field research reports and others identified by the project team as important.
- The evaluation will not require any field work: it is envisaged that it can be done through skype, telephone or other technology remotely.

Specific Tasks and Deliverables

The evaluator will undertake the following tasks:

- Undertake a document review to become familiar with the project.
- Develop an evaluation framework, methodology and tools and refine these with the HelpAge International M and E advisor.
- Undertake data collection and analysis according to HelpAge guidelines on evaluation quality
- Present draft findings and recommendations to all relevant project stakeholders
- Prepare a draft report for review, circulate and consider comments
- Prepare and submit a final report according to HelpAge guidelines on length and structure

HelpAge USA will support with provision of required documents, logistics and coordinating with countries/locations/stakeholders where evaluation consultations will take place.

HelpAge international are responsible for TOR development, Recruitment and providing comments on the final evaluation draft.

Expertise required

- A postgraduate qualification (Masters or above) in Social Sciences or International development with a minimum of 5 years' experience in research and evaluation.
- Proven experience in evaluation of research and awareness raising projects. Experience of research on gender-based violence and/or displaced populations (preferably in older age) is an advantage.
- Strong communication skills, proficient in working across all levels of institutions with experience of conducting primary data collection activities sensitively in a range of contexts.
- Excellent report writing skills in English

Time-frame

The evaluation is expected to commence in early April. It is anticipated that the evaluation will take no more than 14 working days, including, preparation and piloting the tools, briefings/debriefings and external meetings, presentation/revision of findings to HelpAge USA and other stakeholders and preparing draft and final reports. Provisional completion date is the end of April.

Expressions of Interest:

Expressions of interest are sought from applicants meeting the criteria above. These should be addressed to [Sandy Picken](mailto:sandy.picken@helpage.org) and [Alex Bush](mailto:abush@helpage.org) at the following addresses: sandy.picken@helpage.org, abush@helpage.org no later than midnight on **Wednesday the 8th of March**.

Expressions of interest should include:

- A short (one page) cover letter addressing the selection criteria above.
- CV (maximum 3 pages) outlining his/her experience
- Summary Proposal (maximum 3 pages) illustrating the applicant's understanding of the TOR and task to be accomplished, plus a draft evaluation framework and plan including any logistic support required.
- Financial proposal: The financial proposal should provide cost estimates for services rendered including daily consultancy fees.

Data Disaggregation

*All evaluation findings should be **disaggregated by age and sex.**
60-70, 70-80, 80+. 'Younger older people' may include 50-60*

Gender Analysis

All evaluations should provide a better understanding of the differences of the realities of both older men and women who are impacted by the project