

Terms of Reference for Research Consultant on Inclusive Disaster Preparedness Messaging in Bangladesh

1. Purpose

The assignment is for a consultant to work on the ***Messaging for Inclusion: Co-creating disability and age inclusive disaster preparedness messaging in Bangladesh*** a research project funded and supported by ELRHA's Humanitarian Innovation Fund (HIF) programme. ELRHA's HIF is funded by aid from the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). The project is led by Leonard Cheshire, in partnership with Christian Aid and Kurigram Protibandhi Kallyan Songstha (KPKS). The research intends to explore the perceptions and experiences that people with disabilities and older people in Kurigram District, Bangladesh have of disaster preparedness messaging. The project runs until Spring 2022.

2. Context

Leonard Cheshire (LC) is a UK based charity supporting people with disabilities to live, learn and work as independently as they choose, whatever their ability. The key thematic areas include inclusive education, inclusive employment, youth leadership and advocacy and research (<https://www.leonardcheshire.org/>). The South Asia Regional Office is based in Bangalore – India. LC has more than 10 years of experience in implementing economic inclusion programme working as alongside people with disabilities, employers, skill service providers, INGOs, CBOs and professionals. Our ambitious new five-year international strategy aims to enrich lives and promote independence for more than 100,000 persons with disabilities across Africa and Asia.

A key part of the inception phase of the project is a situational analysis. The aim of the situational analysis is to identify the key factors that comprise and influence inclusive disaster preparedness messaging in Bangladesh, as well as map the extant academic and grey literature on disaster preparedness messaging, including *inclusive* disaster preparedness messaging in Bangladesh and the South Asia Region.

3. Deliverable

Undertake a desk-based analysis of relevant literature on inclusive messaging in disaster preparedness.

The consultant will be required to identify and catalogue literature, before analysing the sources to answer the questions posed by the research. The consultant will also catalogue and review relevant policies and programmes.

- 1) What are the key elements that make up disaster preparedness messaging, and what factors contribute to good disaster preparedness messaging?

- 2) What factors need to be considered for disability and age-inclusive disaster preparedness messaging in the context of Bangladesh?

Research questions for the situational analysis may be refined by the consultant in discussion with the project team. The consultant is expected to write a report that answers these questions, as well as highlights gaps in the research area of disaster preparedness messaging.

The consultant will work under the supervision of Dr Mark Carew, Project lead and will need to liaise with other LC staff at the Bangladesh country office.

The consultant is expected to submit the following as part of the project.

Deliverables	Timeline
Framework for delivering the scope of work (including the methodology for conducting the review, study and workplan, and report template)	5 days from signing the contract
Draft report and spreadsheet cataloguing literature	End of Week 5
Final report	End of Week 6

4. Timeline

The consultant is expected to deliver this role within a maximum of 6 weeks (20 days of work) starting from 15th May 2021 to 30th June 2021 completion no later than 15th July 2021.

5. Person specification

Essential criteria

- An M.Sc. or higher in a subject relevant to disability and international development
- Experience in conducting situational analyses and desk reviews
- Knowledge of disaster preparedness & management and disability and age inclusion
- Strong academic writing (in English)

Desirable

- Lived experience of disability

6. How to apply

Please submit an expression of Interest:

In your Expression of Interest including the following;

- Your CV including track-record of recent projects (including a writing sample)
- Your experience of delivering work similar to this scope or focus
- Expected consultancy fees.

Please respond with your Expression of Interest to Aryn Lalji (amyn.lalji@leonardcheshire.org) by May 8th 2021.

Contract: Contractual obligations will be defined through a standard consultancy agreement, outlining deliverables, timelines, payments, and stating that the intellectual property will belong to Leonard Cheshire.

If you have any queries, please contact Aryn Lalji using the address above