

A CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICE

FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INFORMATIVE HANDBOOK ON INDEPENDENT LIVING TAKING THE ARTICLE 19 OF UNCRPD INTO CONSIDERATION.

Background:

Center for Independent Living of Persons with Disabilities (CIL-Kathmandu) is a pioneering organization, established in 2006, with a mission to advance the rights of individuals with disabilities in Nepal. Our vision is to foster dignified and independent lives for people with disabilities within inclusive communities, while ensuring full awareness of their human rights. Operating under the guidelines of the Organization Registration Act 2034 (1977) and affiliated with the Social Welfare Council, CIL-Kathmandu is recognized as a non-profit, non-political, self-help organization by and for persons with disabilities. With special consultative status with UN ECOSOC, we are the first disabled persons' organization in Nepal dedicated to promoting and safeguarding the rights of individuals with disabilities through the concept of 'Independent Living'.

CIL-Kathmandu is seeking to hire competent individual expert or firm to take consultancy service for the development of a comprehensive informative handbook on the concept and practice of independent living taking the article 19 of CPRD into account.

Objective:

CIL-Kathmandu is embarking on the development of a comprehensive informative handbook on the concept and practice of Independent Living, aligned with CRPD Article-19, to aware people with disabilities and general public on disability rights. This initiative is supported by the DRF/DRAF project, aimed at amplifying the voices of marginalized disability groups in Nepal through **“To amplify the voices of most marginalized and underrepresented disability groups (Indigenous Peoples, Severe Person with Disabilities) through Movement Building, Political Participation and Accessibility in Nepal”** a consortium project involves National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal and Spinal Cord Injury Network Nepal.

Scope of Work:

The scope of this work is to study and analyze the concept of independent living, article 19 of CRPD and its relevant general comments and prepare an informative handbook for public awareness in the close consultation of CIL, relevant stakeholders, and disability rights expert.

Eligibility Criteria:

Interested individual or entities must demonstrate:

1. Minimum 10 years of experience working in the field of Disability sector and extensive knowledge of CRPD, rights-based approach of disability and concept and practice of Independent Living.
2. Master's degree in social science/management or any other relevant degree from a recognized university
3. Have previous experience of developing handbooks, booklets on different topics of disability.

4. Expertise in the concept of Independent Living and a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities within this domain.
5. Ability to effectively collaborate with CIL-Kathmandu and relevant stakeholders throughout the project.
6. Have good knowledge and skill of writing content in Nepali language using accessible font such as Unicode.
7. Capacity to deliver the project within the agreed timeline and budget, ensuring high-quality outcomes.

Key tasks and deliverables

The selected consultant is deemed to deliver the following tasks and outputs.

- a) An analysis of the perspective and intent of article 19 of CRPD and its relevant general comments.
- b) Articulate the definition, concept, principles and practical aspect of Independent Living for persons with disabilities.
- c) Identify practical and contextual solutions to ensure independent living for persons with disabilities.
- d) Prepare the first draft of the informative handbook in Nepali Language and share to CIL
- e) Collect feedback and comments from disability rights experts and stakeholders
- f) Incorporate feedback and comments.
- g) Finalize the handbook and submit it to project management team of CIL.

Service Duration and Location:

The consultant will work in close coordination with the CIL-Kathmandu team for a maximum of 20 working days. The assignment will commence immediately and must be completed by April 20, 2024.

Submission of Expression of Interest:

Interested organizations or individuals are required to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to info@cil.org.np with the subject line "Expression of Interest on Informative Handbook Development" by February 29, 2024. The EOI should include:

1. A cover-letter
2. Financial proposal
3. A brief concept note outlining the methodological design, structure of handbook including a work plan and quality assurance mechanisms.
4. Updated CV of expert/s with previous similar experience.

For firms:

1. Firm Registration & Renewal certificate
2. Copy of VAT Registration Certificate
3. Latest Tax clearance certificate

Selection Process:

The selection of the partner will be based on their experience and proposed budget. CIL-Kathmandu reserves the right to select or reject any applications. All data collected during the project will be treated confidentially and shall not be disseminated without prior consent from CIL-Kathmandu.

We welcome passionate and capable individuals and organizations to collaborate with us in establishing a valuable asset dedicated to promoting Independent Living rights in Nepal. We particularly encourage applications from experts with disabilities, women, and other marginalized groups.