

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

<b>Title</b> Consultant to Conduct Study on the Practice of <i>Sirri</i> Marriage Among Child Brides	<b>Duty Station:</b> Jakarta
<b>Purpose of Activity/Assignment</b> The purpose of this consultancy is to support UNICEF Indonesia in conducting a study on the drivers and impacts of <i>sirri</i> marriage on child brides in two provinces: East Lombok and East Java. The study is expected to provide insights on developing strategies to prevent the <i>sirri</i> marriage practices for child brides from legal and social norms perspectives in Indonesia. It is part of the larger evidence-generation effort under the second phase of “Better Reproductive Health and Rights for All in Indonesia” (BERANI), a UN joint programme.	
<b>Background</b> “Better Reproductive Health and Rights for All in Indonesia” (BERANI) is a joint programme between UNICEF and UNFPA that aims to transform the lives of Indonesian women and young people by addressing key sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR) issues. The programme has been supported by Global Affairs Canada from 2018 to 2022. UNICEF, as the UN agency with the mandate to uphold the rights of all children, focused on developing and implementing the comprehensive child marriage model in three districts in South Sulawesi – Bone, Wajo, and Luwu Utara.  Building on the first phase of the BERANI programme, BERANI II focuses more on scaling up and institutionalizing the interventions, by strengthening the commitment, ownership, and leadership of the duty-bearers and responsibility-holders. In BERANI II, UNICEF will expand the programme coverage and deliver the programme in two additional provinces, namely West Nusa Tenggara and East Java, together with UNFPA and UN WOMEN. The programme also aims to generate evidence that would help the Government of Indonesia to eliminate harmful practices in Indonesia and improve the quality of life for all girls and women.  As part of the evidence generation within the BERANI II programme, UNICEF will conduct a study on the drivers and impacts of <i>sirri</i> marriage on child brides in 2 BERANI II joint locations. While laws and regulations are already in place to prevent child marriage, such as the amendment of the Marriage Law No.1 of 1974 with Law No. 19 of 2019 that increased the age requirement for girls to 19 years old and tightens the marriage dispensation process but – girls under 19 years old are still being married by their parents through <i>sirri</i> or religious marriage. These marriages are not formally recorded, which do not provide adequate legal protection for girls and significantly increase their risk of violence and neglect. While there are a lot of anecdotal evidence and media coverages, there is currently little evidence and studies on how many girls were married through <i>sirri</i> marriage, the drivers, and the impacts to girls’ lives. This study aims to fill the evidence gap and provide recommendations for the government and development partners to better prevent child marriage in Indonesia.  The study aims to answer the key research questions below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the religious regulatory frameworks of <i>sirri</i> marriage and drivers that push child brides to marry through <i>sirri</i> marriage?</li> <li>2. How is the process of <i>sirri</i> marriage for child brides?</li> <li>3. What are the impacts of <i>sirri</i> marriage on girls in particular?</li> <li>4. How significant are <i>sirri</i> marriage practices contributing to child marriage prevalence?</li> <li>5. How can the government, development partners, and religious/traditional leaders effectively prevent the practice of <i>sirri</i> marriage for girls?</li> </ol>	
<b>Scope of Work</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conduct a comprehensive review of regulatory framework, literature, studies, and data related to child marriage and <i>sirri</i> marriage in East Java and West Nusa Tenggara provinces.</li> <li>2. Develop research methodology for understanding the drivers, impact, and significance of <i>sirri</i> marriage in child marriage practices, bearing in mind the cultural and religious context in the two provinces.</li> <li>3. Conduct data collection in quantitative and qualitative methodologies.</li> <li>4. Conduct target population and stakeholder mapping that clearly identifies their role and influence.</li> <li>5. Develop a study that focuses on the findings, analysis, and recommendations.</li> <li>6. Organize and facilitate workshops to disseminate the study results to the government, development partners, and other relevant stakeholders.</li> </ol>	

7. Ensure that the research follows the applicable ethical guidance and is conducted in culturally sensitive manners.		
8. Develop policy brief and other user-friendly communication materials.		
<b>Direct supervisor:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>End Date:</b>
Child Protection Specialist	1 September 2024	31 January 2025

### Work Assignment Overview (SMART)

Tasks/Milestone	Deliverables/Outputs	Timeline	Estimate Budget
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct desk review on available regulatory framework, literature, studies, and data.</li> <li>Develop research methodology and data collection tools.</li> <li>Mapping of target populations and stakeholders.</li> <li>Conduct FGDs, KIs, and other data collection methods in selected districts: Jember, Malang (East Java) &amp; Lombok Timur, Lombok Tengah (West Nusa Tenggara)</li> <li>Provide quality study results from the two provinces.</li> <li>Provide recommendations for the government and development partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulation/policy review</li> <li>Literature review</li> <li>Research methodology</li> <li>Data collection tools</li> </ul>	30 Sept 2024 (15 days)	20%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Result of target population and stakeholder mapping</li> <li>Report on the data collection in two provinces</li> <li>First draft of the final report that outlines the findings, conclusions, and recommendations based on the analysis of the data collected (25 pg max)</li> </ul>	15 December 2024 (40 days)	55%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final report (60 pg max, excluding annexes) and PowerPoint slides (40 slides max)</li> <li>Policy Brief (10 pg max)</li> <li>Documentation (photos, videos)</li> <li>Workshop to disseminate the study to the government, development partners, and other relevant parties.</li> </ul>	28 January 2025 (20 days)	25%

<b>Minimum Qualifications required:</b>	<b>Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D. <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indonesian national with a minimum of 8 years of experience in conducting quantitative and qualitative research related to child protection, gender, and harmful practices.</li> <li>Advanced degree or equivalent in Gender Studies, Law, Development Studies, Social Sciences, or any other relevant field of study.</li> <li>Strong networking ability to develop partnerships with the target population and other relevant partners and stakeholders.</li> <li>Strong analytical and writing skills in English and Indonesian.</li> <li>Experience working with UNICEF or other UN agencies is highly valued and will be considered an asset.</li> </ul>

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