



Request for proposal (RFP) for Scholarship for University students to provide 10 studentships in Masters Level for thesis work on violence against children and knowledge generation under “Community Actions for Child Protection from Violence Project”
Funded by: European Union.

Background

Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB), a Member Association of International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) is implementing a three years project on violence against children titled “Community Action for Child Protection from Violence” by European Union. The project will be implemented in Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna. The project is implemented in partnership with Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP), Bangladesh Centre for Communication Program (BCCP), Aparajeyo Bangladesh (AB) and Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST)

The project aims to contribute to eliminate violence against children (VAC) in the key areas (Family, educational institutions, community level, public place, workplace and in adolescent development center and orphanage) by enabling relevant duty bearers to understand, detect and act to prevent various forms and aspects of violence against children.

The intervention package is designed around a three-pronged approach for detecting, preventive and/or responding to any forms of VAC and rehabilitating victims of violence. The first approach aims at changing or strengthening societal and behavior changes in order to reduce VAC will include awareness raising, sensitization, networking and developing capacities of gatekeepers and stakeholders. The second approach revolves around protecting and helping victims of violence. The third approach will deal with the legal and institutional framework in the project area.

Overall Objective:

To enhance state and non-state actors capacity and capability to eliminate all forms of violence against children

Specific Objectives:

- To strengthen community actions by community people for child protection by developing and make use of multi-formatted communication media tools developed from one common story.
- To provide legal support and comprehensive rehabilitation package for reintegrating child victims of violence.

Expected Results of the project

- (1) A community based system for child protection is established through social attitudes and behavioral changes.
- (2) Improved capacity of implementing partners and other stakeholders to implement VAC activities.
- (3) Increased availability of and access for victims of VAC to shelter, medical, psychological, legal support and vocational training and information system for VAC improved and information system for VAC improved.
- (4) Communication tools for child protection is developed and used.

Target group of the project:

Adults who behave violently to children (teachers, parents, community people, religious leaders), child victims of violence in the project area



Final Beneficiaries of the project:

Children, government agencies, law enforcing agencies and professionals working directly with children

Total beneficiaries:

17675 children survivors of violence shall get direct benefit through the child friendly spaces. Awareness raising campaign will cover 360,000 people. Teachers, law enforcement, Las and school management committee members of 40 school and Madrasah in the project area will receive training regarding various aspects of Violence against Children (VAC).

Terms of Reference for the Sub Grant:

FPAB is now going to provide studentship to Masters level student for their thesis work in child protection issues. FPAB is inviting proposal from reputed public/private universities (or independent departments) to take part in the project. Each university/department can choose up to 05 students. Each student may receive up to BDT 40,000/= to cover necessary costs associated with his/her thesis work. However students will have to justify that the requested amount is necessary to carry out his/her research work. Student will have to carry out their research work under their departmental supervisor following the University rules. FPAB will provide technical and monitoring support if required by the University. Technical experts from FPAB will also work as an external supervisor for the research work. Independent departments are encouraged to submit their application. **However, research/thesis topic must be related to child protection issues.**

Purpose and Objectives of the sub grant:

- To contribute to knowledge generation about Violence against Children in Bangladesh
- Provide critical analysis on child protection issues in Bangladesh.

Methodology:

Respected University/Departments are requested to propose a feasible methodology for carrying out the research and mentioned the consent letter from the supervisor along with the proposal.

Eligibility Criteria for selection of the students

Master’s level public/private university students (Economics/Sociology/Anthropology/Women & Gender Studies/Disaster Management/Social work/Social Welfare and any other subject of Social Science) with thesis, minimum first class/CGPA 3.25 in scale of 4 in honors. Individual students can’t submit the application. Only applications from Universities and Departments will be accepted. However, thesis work must be submitted before January 2016.

Work Schedule

Detail will be worked out jointly with Applicant and FPAB. The activities might be followed by this tentative timeframe.

S.L.	Activities	Time Frame
1	Meeting with FPAB regarding guideline to research activities.	15 September , 2015
2	Develop work and field plan in consultation with FPAB.	21September , 2015



Child Protection Policy:

The organization must comply with the child Protection Policy of FPAB. Any violation/deviation in complying with FPAB's child protection policy will not only result-in termination of the agreement but also FPAB will initiate appropriate action in order to make good the damages/losses caused due to noncompliance of FPAB's Child Protection Policy.

Confidentiality:

All papers shared with the University/department e research University/department are confidential to FPAB and should not be used outside of these two organizations without permission.

Template of the Proposal:

The applicants are requested to follow the following template for the proposal. The proposal signed by the academic supervisor should not exceed a maximum 10 pages, Arial 10 font, 1 inch margin in single line spacing.

Proposal Heading	Weights
Understanding of the assignments (maximum 1 page)	05%
Proposed Approach and Methodology (maximum 5 pages)	30%
Past Experience (maximum 2 pages) including a submitted returnable sample copy with other thesis work.	10%
Work Plan	10%
Team Composition (maximum 1 page) basis of Organization. (please attach individual CVs as annex, with no CV more than 5 pages)	25%
Budget (separate Spread Sheet)*	20%

Key requirement:

An approval letter signed by the academic supervisor and the Head of the Institution/ Department/ Division stating the applicant's information (i.e. enrollment year, registration no, academic records etc.) along with the declaration that the proposed research would constitute his/her partial fulfillment of the Masters academic programme offered by the Institution/ University.

Payment Schedule:

Each fellowship grantee requires abiding by the fellowship programme guidelines comprised of the followings:

a) Grant disbursement modalities and time frame: Each grantee will be provided tentative from 01 September, 2015 and will be ended with the final submission of the completed research paper on 15 January, 2016. The contract paper requires to be signed by both academic and external supervisor.

- i) The grantee will be awarded initially with 30% of the total grant value upon the selection of the proposal.
- ii) The next installment can be up to 40% will be disbursed upon getting an approval note from the reporting external supervisor entitled to supervise the concerned research project.
- iii) The rest of Grant money will be awarded upon the final submission of the completed research paper along with separate approval notes from both academic and external supervisors stating the fulfillment of all criteria set by the committee.



b) Copyright and Knowledge Management: Apart from the enrolling Institution/University and the author him/herself, FPAB reserves the full copyright of the submitted research project. The masters' research studentship programme committee will reserve all right to select appropriate grantees. The committee also reserves all right to null and void any selected research project with prior show cause notice issued by the external supervisor.

Disclaimer of Proposal:

FPAB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Proposal Submission:

The applicant will have to submit both the narrative and financial hard copy of the Proposal mentioning subject line must be "Scholarship" in the envelope, to the following address by 30 August, 2015 during office hour:

Executive Director
Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB)
2, Naya Paltan, Dhaka-1000
Web : www.fpab.org.bd

N.B: Studentship Guideline will be shared after completed selection procedure.

For any queries please email alamin@fpab.org.bd CC to halima@fpab.org.bd by 27 August, 2015.