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LONGITUDINAL COHORT STUDY ON THE FILIPINO CHILD (LCSFC)
Qualitative Study (2023 Follow-Up)
Terms of Reference (TOR): Psychologist Consultant
Date: 15 June 2023

Please refer to TOR Appendix 1.

A. Objectives of Hiring a Psychologist Consultant

The USC-Office of Population will conduct the Longitudinal Cohort Study on the Filipino Child Qualitative Study (2023-Follow Up) on marginalized children. This Follow up Study is designed to conduct another round of In-Depth Interviews on the WD (*With Disability*), IP, GIDA and AC (*Armed Conflict*) child respondents, initially interviewed at age 10 in 2017, who are now age 16 in 2023.

The main objective of the Qualitative Study is to get deeper insights into what life must be like for these marginalized sectors, given that narratives rather than profiles derived from quantitative data are more effective in understanding their prevailing concerns, and what conditions work against them or to their favor. In the course of data collection, the teams may encounter challenges in dealing with some of the marginalized children and their caregivers, thus needing the ability to handle such situations and to provide a psychological first aid.

Given this, the LCSFC needs a Psychologist Consultant who can provide training in interacting with adolescents and engaging them in in-depth interviews (IDIs), and psychological first aid to all data collection teams. The consultant is also expected to respond to mental-health related queries from OPS and the field personnel including queries on dealing with traumatic reactions of study participants and/or field personnel triggered by the interview throughout the data collection period.

B. Desired Qualifications

1. Must be a licensed psychologist
2. Must have expertise and research experience on adolescence, particularly involving Filipino adolescents
3. Must have extensive experience in training field personnel in interacting with adolescents and providing psychological first aid
4. Previous experience working with the OPS in is highly preferred

C. Scope of Work

The work covered by this consultancy includes:

1. Prepare the training regimen and manual for the qualitative data collection teams in interacting with adolescents and engaging them in IDIs, and in providing psychological first aid (for adolescents and adults)
2. Train the qualitative study field personnel in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao on the abovementioned topics
3. Respond to mental health-related questions from OPS and the field teams, including queries on dealing with traumatic reactions of study participants and/or field personnel triggered by the interview
4. Provide recommendation to OPS in case of verified child abuse or sexual abuse uncovered during the conduct of the study (*may include recommendation for further psychological evaluation and counseling services to be given to the victim*)

5. Participate in study dissemination activities, as needed
6. Attend LCSFC meetings, as needed
7. Perform other tasks deemed necessary to achieve the study objectives

D. Consultancy Contract Period: July 16, 2023 to December 15, 2023

E. Deliverables

The consultant is expected to provide the following deliverables on the corresponding completion dates:

1. Draft of Training and Counseling Manual
Target submission date: on or before July 31, 2023

2. Proof of Trainings conducted in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao & Written post-training report
Documented responses to queries from OPS and field teams, including, if any, to queries on dealing with traumatic reactions of study participants and/or field personnel triggered by the interview
Documented recommendations in case of verified child abuse or sexual abuse uncovered (if any)
Proof of attendance in OPS LCSFC meetings and/or dissemination activities (as needed)
Target submission date: on or before September 15, 2023

3. Documented responses to queries from OPS and field teams
Documented recommendations in case of verified child abuse or sexual abuse uncovered (if any)
Proof of attendance in OPS LCSFC meetings and/or dissemination activities (as needed)
Target submission date: on or before December 15, 2023

G. Allowed charges:

1. Consultancy fee (*includes travel and accommodation for the training of qualitative field personnel in Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao*)