

## Study on "The Economic Cost of Gender Based Violence (adults, teens and children) in Mauritius"

Kolektif Drwa Imin (KDI), which is a consortium of non-governmental organisations namely, Gender Links (GL), Young Queer Alliance (YQA) and Kolektif Drwa Zanfan Morisien (KDZM), is inviting for a team of Consultant / Consultancy Firm to submit a proposal for a research on "The Economic Cost of Gender Based Violence in Mauritius".

The KDI is implementing this project undertaken under the UK FCDO-funded Global Equality Project being implemented in Mauritius supported by the Kaleidoscope Trust. The project aims to advance equality and equal protection before the law in order to secure the rights of women and girls, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) persons in Mauritius without discrimination. The programme is hosted by GL and managed by a committee of the organisation in the consortium.

One of the main activities of the project is to conduct a research to quantify the economic cost of Gender Based Violence (GBV) faced by women, girls and LGBTQI persons in Mauritius.

### Offer submission details

*Applicants should submit their offer as per the TOR to the KDI by email: kolektifdrwaimin@gmail.com*

*Deadline: 18th October 2022*

## 1. Background

The UNHCR defines GBV as "harmful acts directed at an individual based on their gender. It stems from gender inequality, the abuse of power and harmful norms. It is a serious violation of human rights, and a life-threatening health and protection issue."

In March 2022, KDI conducted a research titled "Understanding the perceived roles of Gender and GBV in Mauritius". The findings of the research, inter alia, demonstrated that:-

- Family setting has an important impact on gender role development,
- There is no consensus about the definition of gender identity,
- 89% of the research participants are aware of physical and emotional violence,
- Some forms of GBV seem to be accepted,
- There is no consensus about equal rights of women and men in Mauritius

From the results of the research, the KDI proposed several recommendations in line with addressing the inequalities. The recommendation document was submitted to State actors and presented through different media platforms. The document stressed on the importance of looking at the sex and gender concepts from a holistic perspective, provided guidance notes to media partners when tackling gender issues, proposed recommendations for the Gender Equality Bill, the ICT Act, the Protection from Domestic Violence Act, the Civil and Penal Code respectively.



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United Nations (UN) Women stresses on the importance of cutting-edge policy research to build knowledge and tackle gender issues. GBV is a human rights violation of concern which also contributes towards an economic cost to society at large. Among others, these costs comprise among others loss of productivity, lost output from health disparities (depression, suicide, access to healthcare including for injuries and STIs) and loss of human resources (education, immigration, costs to families, cost to welfare, cost to criminal justice and imprisonment).

In Mauritius, LGBTQ+ people have reported being victims of discrimination (61.5%), stigmatisation (67.9%) and violence (45.4%) due to their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression (YQA, 2022). 1 on 4 women have reportedly faced GBV in Mauritius (UNDP, 2020). On the other hand, for the period 2018 to 2020 (as at November), ninety two (92) cases of homicide/femicide or gender related killings of women/men have been reported to Police.

Intimate Partner Violence in Mauritius is estimated to have cost around MUR 2 billion per year; that is 0.6% of the GDP (UNDP, 2017). Similarly, the economic cost of homophobia and exclusion of LGBTQI people in India is around 0.1 - 1.7% of the country's GDP (The World Bank, 2014) and the economic burden of violence against children in east asia and the pacific was equivalent to 2% of the region's GDP (UNICEF, 2015). If similar proportions were currently applied to Mauritius, the economic cost of GBV would be around 2.7 - 4.3% of the country's GDP; that is, MUR 13.97 to 20.66 billion of the country's GDP in 2021.

### 2. Objectives of the study

- To map the different forms of violence, their impact on the individual and their economic level.
- To provide an analysis of the cost that gender based violence against women, children and LGBTQI+ people in Mauritius has.
- To disaggregate the economic cost of violence through different determinants not limited to educational settings; healthcare; workforce; the criminal justice system, NGO work and welfare services.
- To compare the economic costs against a number of legislative, policy and structural changes.
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### 4. Timeframe and schedule of payment

<b>Inception Report</b>	<p>Maximum 10 pages Inception Report should be produced and submitted to the KDI after three weeks from the start of the implementation.</p> <p>The report should include the table of content, the initial findings, the methodology and process of data collection.</p>
<b>Draft Final Report</b>	<p>Draft Final Report: Maximum 100 pages. The report should contain sufficient detailed information with an executive summary, the tables and figures, methodology, approach used for data collection and analysis and the findings.</p> <p>The Draft Final Report should be presented to the KDI 3 months (End of January 2023) after the Inception Report.</p>
<b>Final Report</b>	<p>The final report to be submitted to the KDI end of February 2023 after the draft final report. The report should include all the elements set under section 3.1 of the TOR. The final report should be a maximum of 100 pages (excluding annex) submitted in a 'word' document. Along with the narrative report, the researcher is expected to deliver a PowerPoint presentation with the salient findings and a policy brief.</p>

The final report (as well as previous reports) must be of very high quality, including language. The findings, analysis, conclusions and recommendations should be thorough and the link between them should be clear. The recommendations should be concrete and realistic and presented in a logical structure following on their importance and level of details. The Final Report and the Presentation should be provided in soft copies. This work is confidential and submitted strictly to the KDI. It is to be noted that the KDI will provide comments for the Inception and Draft Final Report respectively. The researcher is expected to collaborate fully with the KDI during this process.

**The schedule of payment will be as followed:**

25%	Upon submission of the Inception Report
50%	Upon submission of the Draft Final Report
25%	Upon successful completion of the Final Report and PowerPoint



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### 5. Profile of team of consultant / consultancy firm

- An Economist with a minimum qualification of a Master's degree with at least five years' working experience in the field of economics or a similar interdisciplinary field.
- A Human Rights focal with a minimum qualification of a Master's degree with at least five years' working experience in the field of human rights and gender or a similar interdisciplinary field.
- Demonstrable research and reporting skills
- Demonstrable understanding of human rights and gender issues
- Highest personal integrity and ethical standards, with demonstrated ability to handle confidential matters in a discreet and respectful manner
- In an event where research assistants/ junior researchers are being taken on board, their profiles should also be submitted.

### 6. Administrative Information

- The submission of the report and the presentation should be in English language
- The place and scope of the study is the Republic of Mauritius
- Interested team of consultant / consultancy firm should send their proposal which should include a draft methodology of maximum 4 pages of how the researcher/expert perceives and plans to carry out the assignment as well as his/her CV. It is compulsory that the offer be accompanied with a financial proposal
- The financial offer cannot include the purchase of equipment and software.

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