

APHR Consultancy Notice

Project Consultant for Freedom of Religion and Belief (FoRB)

A. Project Title

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B. Background

The right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) faces unique and growing challenges globally. While we see a remarkable religious and cultural diversity in Southeast Asia, this situation also presents a complex and often troubling landscape when it comes to the protection and promotion of the people's FoRB. Many countries in the region continue to grapple with the challenge of ensuring FoRB for all. State-sanctioned discrimination, restrictive laws, and the rise of extremist ideologies threaten individuals and communities choosing to express their faith or belief, but considered as 'deviant.'

The consequences of FoRB violations are far-reaching as some are forced to conceal their beliefs or face various forms of attacks, from hate speech to physical violence. The erosion of religious freedom undermines inclusivity and can even cause instability for a nation.

APHR is working to ensure that incidences of religious intolerance are addressed. Crucial to this is the role of parliamentarians to protect people's right to Freedom of Religion of Belief (FoRB). It is important that MPs across the region are mobilized to prevent passing of repressive legislation or amend/repeal existing ones. Through their mandate, it is also important to promote social cohesion among communities.

To achieve the above goals, APHR works closely with the International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief (IPPFoRB) to monitor and advocate for FoRB-related issues in the region.

C. Scope of Work

ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) is seeking an experienced and dedicated Project Consultant to assist the organization's completion of its FoRB project with IPPFoRB.

The role will involve research, organizing, advocacy work, and project management aimed at advancing the role and effectiveness of parliamentarians in advancing the right to FoRB in the region.

Among other things the Project Consultant liaises and identifies strategic partners, designs advocacy strategies, organizes events and workshops, and completes tasks, including donor reporting, and other necessary tasks, for the completion of the project.

D. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

Expected Deliverables	Timeline
Preparations for Regional Conference among regional parliamentarians and key stakeholders	June to August 2024
Coordinate advocacy initiatives with APHR's Media Team and IPPFoRB's Advocacy Officer	June to September 2024
Completion of Final Project and Terminal Reports and assistance to the project evaluation process	June to September 2024
Other tasks related to APHR ForB Portfolio concerns	June to September 2024

E. Institutional Arrangement

The Project Consultant will report directly to the Programs Director

F. Duration of Work

Four months, 15 June 2024 - 15 October 2024

G. Duty Station

Remote

H. Qualification of the Successful Contractor

- Bachelor's degree in related field;
- At least 3-4 years professional experience of implementing programs and advocacy on issues relating to freedom of religion or belief;
- Strong knowledge of the freedom of religion or belief and/or political context in Southeast Asia;
- Excellent analytical and writing skills for a wide variety of audiences;
- Strong network with civil society organizations and stakeholders working on FoRB issues in Southeast Asia;
- Proven organizational skills, with exceptional attention to detail;
- Ability to work as a member of a regional team;
- Oral and written fluency in English;
- Ability and willingness to travel in the project region; and
- Be able to handle challenging and demanding work situations.

GoWork - Coworking and Office Space, 9th floor, Chubb Square, Jl. M.H. Thamrin No.10, RT.14/RW.20, Kb. Melati, Jakarta, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta 10230, Indonesia

I. Recommended Presentation of Offer

Applicants may submit the following requirements to procurement@aseanmp.org with subject heading **“FoRB Project Consultant”** by **7 June 2024** :

- Cover letter (1 page max) including why they consider themselves as the most suitable candidates for the assignment.
- Personal CV indicating all relevant past experience.
- Fixed amount of Proposed Fee

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

APHR is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages qualified candidates of all genders from all nationalities, religious, and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities, to apply.
