

***Baseline Study: Legal Opportunities and Challenges in Implementing
the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons (ACTIP)***

Project Summary:

In November 2015, the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (ACTIP) was signed by the ASEAN Leaders at the 27th ASEAN Summit, demonstrating the ASEAN's commitment in addressing trafficking in persons as a regional problem and resolve to find the most effective solution. In accordance with its aim to promote knowledge exchange and support the protection and promotion of human rights, particularly on issues that are of most pressing concern to the ASEAN, HRRC will be conducting a baseline study on the legal opportunities and challenges in implementing ACTIP (the Study).

The Study will analyze and provide an overview of legal instruments on trafficking in persons and related offenses specified in the ACTIP in each ASEAN Member State. It will also assist the ASEAN and other interested stakeholders to identify legislative and institutional gaps in the response to trafficking and promote cross-border collaboration in this regard.

The Study will comprise of 10 country reports containing country-specific findings on each ASEAN Member State and one synthesis report that would highlight regional trends and gaps as well as provide a comparative assessment on the overall strategy with regard to creating an environment that discourages trafficking in persons.

The reports must be completed by the selected rapporteurs over a period of three months, with the first draft of the completed country reports required by the end of August 2016 and the final country reports anticipated by the end of September 2016. The lead researcher is expected to provide a final report by mid-October 2016.

Research Positions on Offer:

Lead Researcher. We are currently seeking a research consultant to lead the team of ASEAN researchers. The Lead Researcher is responsible for: (i) finalizing the research design and country report templates, in consultation with HRRC; (ii) ensuring the country rapporteurs produce reports that are consistent with the terms of reference for the study; (iii) collating the findings of the reports produced across all ten member states; (iv) drafting the synthesis report for the research consisting of 10 to 15 pages; (v) providing recommendations for the successful implementation of the ACTIP; and (vi) finalizing a reference section for the report.

The researcher must have at least a Masters Degree or PhD in Law or related fields, and must have published in the area of trafficking in persons. Where no such qualified candidate can be found, a researcher with equivalent experience working in the field may be considered. We anticipate paying the Lead Researcher US\$ 4,000 (net of Indonesia tax).

Country Rapporteurs. We will require experienced researchers to collect and analyze laws and regulations in relation to ACTIP in each of the ten ASEAN member states. It is preferable for a country rapporteur to have a Masters Degree in Law or related fields, but relevant qualifications in the field of vulnerable groups and human trafficking will be seriously considered. We anticipate



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country rapporteurs having to produce reports/fact sheets between 5-10 pages in length, for a fee of US\$ 1,000 (net of Indonesia tax) per country.

We would be grateful if you would send your Curriculum Vitae, a sample of a previous work, and the names and contact details of two referees, no later than **11 July 2016** to our Head of Research, Ms. Faith Delos Reyes at f.suzzette@hrrca.org; cc'ing Ms. Cess Principe and Ms. Juniati Suryadi: c.principe@hrrca.org, j.suryadi@hrrca.org. Please contact Ms. Cess Principe for any further information.