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About DRM:
COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor (DRM) is an initiative by seven organizations of persons with disabilities and organizations focusing on combatting discrimination and exclusion of persons with disabilities. This initiative formed in April 2020 to collect reliable quantitative and qualitative data on (I) the experiences of persons with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, and (II) on how different governments are responding to this emergency situation in relation to this specific population. More information about the DRM is available at: https://www.covid-drm.org/.

Background:
Recognizing the significance of accessing reliable quantitative and qualitative data in achieving disability-inclusive COVID-19 response and recovery, seven organizations of persons with disabilities or organizations focusing on fulfilment of disability rights, joint their efforts and launched a global survey in April 2020. The survey is currently available in 18 languages and new languages are forthcoming.

The survey targets three major groups including government officials, national human rights and disability rights monitoring bodies, and persons with disabilities, their organizations and family members. In order to analyse the data collected through the survey, identify and support advocacy opportunities based on the collected data, and prepare pieces summarizing the findings of the survey, the DRM welcomes technical support of a qualified expert as a consultant for the initial period of three months.

Services required:
DRM is seeking support from an experienced researcher to conduct qualitative and quantitative data analyses of the data collected through the DRM survey, and to contribute to the preparing weekly briefings for the group as well as for the DRM web-page. The researcher would also identify advocacy opportunities along with some recommendations for the group, produce tables and summaries based on the data collected, and draft a final report summarizing the findings of the survey.

Researcher tasks:
- Conducting quantitative data analysis and presenting the results in multiple formats including accessible formats;
- Analysing the qualitative data collected through the survey and presenting them as advocacy suggestion notes including recommendations, short pieces for the DRM web-page, and working with mass media as required;
- Providing weekly briefings for the coordinating group summarizing the quantitative and qualitative analysis which will be published on DRM web-page upon finalization;
- Producing other material based on data collected upon approval of the group.
- Attending weekly online meetings of the coordinating group and additional meetings focused on specific issues, as needed.

Deliverables:
- Weekly summary for the DRM working group as long as the survey is open based on the template provided by the group;
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- products summarizing the outcome of data analysis in multiple formats including accessible formats (the number of the products needed will be determined by the group upon consultation with the consultant;
- Narrative pieces highlighting findings of the survey with reference to qualitative data as needed;
- Drafting advocacy materials including letters and statements based on analysis of survey findings.

Timeline: This consultancy would be for 30 working days starting from June 8 2020 ending September 8 2020 with possibility of extension.

Qualifications:
- A degree in public policy, disability studies, human rights, international development, law or equivalent in a relevant field
- Strong research experience and skills in data management
- Advance knowledge and experience with qualitative and quantitative data collection and data analyses
- Familiar with SPSS or other analyses software; familiarity with articulating research findings and dissemination (e.g. data visualizations)
- Commitment to a rights-based approach, and demonstrated interest in and knowledge of the rights of persons with disabilities
- Excellent written skills and capacity to produce high-quality research and advocacy materials in English. Knowledge of other languages will be a plus.
- Excellent time management skills and ability to work independently, with minimum supervision.
- Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

The group also welcomes applications from researchers based with University Research Centres and may consider possibility of future partnership.

Contract duration: June 8 to September 8, 2020.

Contracting and Remuneration:
- Payment and financial compensation will be subject to location and experience.
- Applicants are invited to submit a copy of their passport and commercial/consultant registration/tax numbers. Only applicants with valid commercial and/or consultant registration and/or tax numbers will be considered.
- Payments will be made in several installments and upon successful completion of the deliverables and submission of invoices.

To apply:
- Please send a letter of interest, CV, and financial offer indicating the total fees for 30 working days during the specified timeline to monitoring@covid-drm.org, latest by 30 May, 2020.
- Note: The subject line of the e-mail should be “Application for Researcher – DRM initiative.”