Consultancy Announcement

Policy Analyst Consultant
Out of the Shadows Index

Consultancy Title: Policy Analyst Consultant, Out of the Shadows Index
Location: Flexible/remote, preferably based in or near ET or CET time zones
Reports to: Senior Program Advisor, Ignite Philanthropy: Inspiring the End to Violence Against Girls and Boys
Hours per week (average): 6 (i.e. circa three working days per month)
Compensation: Commensurate with experience, location, etc.
Term: The total assignment will be twelve months in duration

Background and Consultancy Summary

Ignite Philanthropy: Inspiring the End to Violence Against Girls and Boys is a donor collaborative fund that supports the field working collectively to stop violence against girls and boys. It does this by convening donors and practitioners and providing resources to jumpstart and scale groundbreaking efforts. Ignite Philanthropy resolves challenges that catalyze positive change so that children no longer suffer violence in their lives.

Among other initiatives, Ignite Philanthropy undertakes extensive efforts around the Out of the Shadows Index and through Ignite’s Advocacy Fund. Both are described below in turn.

Out of the Shadows: Shining light on the response to child sexual abuse and exploitation is an Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) research programme supported by the World Childhood Foundation and the Oak Foundation with additional support from the Carlson Family Foundation. It is based on a country-level benchmarking Index that evaluates how stakeholders are responding to the ubiquitous crisis of child sexual abuse and exploitation, and
represents the first major international study focused specifically on this crisis. The EIU
launched the Index’s first iteration in January 2019, covering 40 countries and garnering
extensive media coverage internationally. In collaboration with Oak Foundation, Ignite
Philanthropy subsequently commissioned further EIU work to increase Index coverage to 60
countries, and thereby reflect 85% of the world’s children.

As the only global benchmarking tool publicly ranking countries and private sector actors’
efforts to end child sexual abuse, it offers incredible potential to raise the visibility of a
largely-invisible issue and provide a global report card on national-level efforts. A little
more than a year since its launch, the Index has been recognized and used by governments,
advocates, and the media. This rich data source presents a tremendous opportunity to
better understand what needs to be done to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse.
Armed with this understanding, advocates can better make the case for change at all levels,
from the community level to the global stage.

The Out of the Shadows Advocacy Fund is an Ignite Philanthropy initiative, with Oak
Foundation backing, to support advocacy both globally and in key countries to translate the
Index and its country-specific recommendations into action. Grant funding was augmented
with communications support and the building of connections between grantee partners.

Ignite Philanthropy now seeks a Policy Analyst Consultant to monitor and facilitate the use
of the Out of the Shadows Index (OOSI), develop materials for advocacy and policy
recommendations, and refine the metrics for future rounds of the Index.

The Policy Analyst will collaborate closely with the Senior Program Advisor and a part-time
Communications Consultant, and be supported part-time by a Program Assistant. The Policy
Analyst will also collaborate with other members of the Ignite Philanthropy team, Ignite
Philanthropy donors, the Economist Intelligence Unit, and grantees and other partners.
They will report to the Senior Program Advisor. The location of this assignment is
flexible/remote, preferably based in or near ET or CET time zones as this is where current
Ignite Philanthropy colleagues and primary stakeholders are based. Travel may be required
as part of this assignment.

Responsibilities and Tasks

In collaboration with the Senior Program Advisor, and other relevant stakeholders, the
Policy Analyst will:

- Compile evidence of the use of the Index and its indicators by policymakers, media, and
  advocates; use that evidence to inform advocacy and the future evolution of the Index.
- Conduct analysis around specific aspects of the OOSI e.g. the role of the private sector,
  and use that analysis to develop materials for advocacy or communications usage
- Using data from the Index, provide analysis and develop policy recommendations.
- Write policy briefs that can help bring the data alive for advocates, policymakers, and
  key stakeholders
• Work with and consult partners to understand their success, needs and challenges in using the Index so that new approaches and perspectives can be developed
• Participate in meetings with partners, colleagues, researchers, and activists to explore additional possibilities for use of the Index and joint advocacy ventures
• Maintain a network of relationships with EIU analysts, researchers, and policy experts in areas that are relevant to the work of the Index
• Work with communications staff on media strategies and outreach on related issues
• Refine indicators and metrics for future versions of the Index based on learning from methodology, usage and stakeholders
• Support the identification and selection of grants that promote timely advocacy
• Contribute to development of the longer-term strategy for the OOSI
• Conduct grant reporting as necessary

Experience, Knowledge, Skills and Ability

• Academic training in and exposure to indices
• Experience using indices for government or corporate policy change
• Solid knowledge of data-driven policy
• Substantial practical experience, including at least five years’ work relevant to policy analysis
• Experience working in the Global South and experience working at both national and global levels
• Excellent written, research, and oral communications skills in English
• Numeric analytical skills together with data visualization ability
• Fluency in Spanish or French is desirable
• Philanthropic grantmaking is desirable
• Excellent fit with Ignite Philanthropy’s ethos and approach, exemplary interpersonal skills, and very collegial demeanor
• Demonstrated cultural awareness and sensitivity to the diversity of values, views and approaches to issues relevant to Ignite Philanthropy allies and partners internationally

To Apply
To apply for this consultancy, please send a letter of application stating the skills and approach that you would bring to the consultancy along with your CV/resume (no photos) to Isabella Pyrgies at Isabella@IgnitePhilanthropy.org. Please note in the letter where you learned about the consultancy. The deadline for applications is Sunday, March 22, 2020. Shortlisted candidates will be tele-interviewed on Thursday 26th March 2020.