



Protecting Children:

The UN Security Council and Human Trafficking in Conflict

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Background:

[Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict](#) ('Watchlist') is an international network of NGOs striving to end violations against children during armed conflicts and to guarantee their rights. As a global network, we strategically collect and disseminate information on violations against children in conflicts to influence key decision makers in order to create and implement programs and policies that effectively protect children.

Watchlist is a fiscally sponsored project of Tides Center, a US-based 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization. An Advisory Board comprising of leading international human rights and humanitarian NGOs provides general supervision. Current members include: ChildFund Alliance, Human Rights Watch, the Norwegian Refugee Council, Save the Children, Terre des Hommes International Federation, War Child, and World Vision International. Watchlist also has Associate Members, with whom it collaborates on advocacy initiatives. Current Associate Members include among others Child Soldiers International, Geneva Call, and the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative. Established in 2001, Watchlist is the leading NGO advocacy network, working alongside the UN, pushing the UN's Children and Armed Conflict agenda forward.

Today's conflicts are marked by armed groups that openly engage in enslavement and forced labour. In 2016, the UN Secretary-General listed 52 armed groups for recruitment and use of children, a grave violation labeled by the International Labour Organization (ILO) as a practice similar to slavery in its Convention 182 on the Prohibition and Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour. Furthermore, more than half of the 65.3 million people forcibly displaced in 2015 due to persecution, conflict, generalized violence, or human rights violations were children. Many are separated from their parents and travel alone and are thus susceptible to exploitation and abuse. Meanwhile, the ILO reported that 21 million people around the world are victims of forced labour and extreme exploitation. Children aged 17 years and below represent 26 percent of that total (or 5.5 million child victims)¹.

In December 2015, the UN Security Council held its first-ever thematic debate on human trafficking in armed conflict. At the end of the debate, the Council adopted a Presidential Statement (S/PRST/2015/25) noting the particular impact on women and children of trafficking in persons in situations of armed conflict, and its intention to continue to address this impact

¹ ILO, *ILO 2012 Global Estimate of Forced Labour*. Updated figures are to be published in fall 2017.

in the context of its Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict. In December 2016, the Council held a ministerial-level open debate and adopted Resolution 2331, in which it expressed its grave concern over the high number of girls and boys trafficked in armed conflict and their heightened vulnerability to violations and abuses. In March 2017, the Council, under the UK presidency, held another open debate on human trafficking in conflict. While the March open debate had no outcome document, the quick succession of both debates is emblematic of the Council's intensifying focus on the scourge of conflict-related human trafficking.

With this consultancy, Watchlist seeks to define appropriate goals, objectives, stakeholders and allies, as well as targets for mainstreaming children and armed conflict into the UN Security Council's nascent engagement on human trafficking in conflict.

Expected time frame of consultancy:

Approximately 25 days spread out over approximately 3 months (September 2017 – November 2017), or until completion of the task.

Summary of Consultant Duties:

There are multiple connections between human trafficking in conflict and grave violations against children, including, but not limited to, the recruitment and use of children, killing and maiming, and rape and other forms of sexual violence. **As the Security Council is expanding its role on 'human trafficking in conflict', Watchlist seeks to perform a scoping exercise to identify areas and avenues for engagement on this issue.** The scoping exercise will primarily target the twelve organizations² that are members of Watchlist, but also gauge the level of interest and ability within other non-governmental organizations to take part in advocacy and engagement on the topic of 'human trafficking in conflict'.

The primary components of the proposed process are as follows:

- Desk research and front-end planning with staff;
- Stakeholder interviews;
- Development of final report, which will state the problem/issue, identify options, provide rationale, and propose recommendations.

Timeline and Details:

PHASE ONE: PLANNING

Desk Research and Front-End Planning with Staff (Consultant and staff):

- Debrief Watchlist staff on their understanding/impressions of the emerging human trafficking in conflict issue at the UN, including how/why it is of interest to Watchlist and the donor (Humanity United).
- Discuss with Watchlist staff the goals and objectives of this scoping exercise.

² Watchlist Advisory Board Members are: Child Fund Alliance, Human Rights Watch, Norwegian Refugee Council, Terre des Hommes International Federation, Save the Children, War Child International, and World Vision International. Watchlist Associate Members are: Child Soldiers International, Geneva Call, Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, Nonviolent Peaceforce, and the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative.

PHASE TWO: INFORMATION GATHERING

Stakeholder Interviews (Consultant with staff support):

- Develop a comprehensive list of interviewees including donors (government and foundation), UN representatives, government representatives, NGOs (headquarters and field level), local partners, and others. (Minimum 25 interviews).
- Develop a standard set of questions for the interviews and guidelines for a minimum set of information that should be obtained from each interview; questions will focus on identifying key themes and strategic opportunities for future activities.
- Document information obtained in each interview, analyze information, and submit to staff a brief (5-7 page) summary of key themes and emerging issues that arose from the interviews.

PHASE THREE: FRAMING, REPORT

Framing Retreat (Consultant and staff):

- All staff will participate in a one-day event, where the consultant will debrief staff on the stakeholder interviews, summarize key themes and emerging issues, present initial findings, and discuss and consult on recommendations.

Writing the Report (Consultant):

- Based on the discussions of the retreat, the Consultant will draft a document that sets out an appropriate goal and objectives, and outlines stakeholders and allies, as well as targets, for mainstreaming children and armed conflict into the UN Security Council's engagement on human trafficking in conflict.
- The Consultant will circulate the draft report for one round of review, and integrate comments from both staff and Advisory Board Members.
- The final report will include the formulation of an advocacy goal and objectives; identification of stakeholders and allies, as well as targets for relevant influencing opportunities; and recommendations for moving forward/next steps. The report will also include estimates of the human and financial resources required for implementation.

DELIVERABLES:

1. Front-end planning and monthly process updates to the staff;
2. Written summary of each stakeholder interview and analysis of key themes/emerging issues;
3. Final report (based on structure described above), including a 2-page summary of findings and recommendations.

Requirements:

- Master's Degree in international affairs, public policy, or related field;

- Senior Child Protection professional (10+ years of experience);
- Knowledge of human trafficking;
- Knowledge of international human rights and humanitarian law, particularly UN Security Council Resolution 1612, with specialization in children and armed conflict preferred;
- Past experience working with NGOs and/or in the non-profit sector;
- Excellent knowledge of UN system and relevant international and regional organizations.

Compensation:

- Lump Sum per deliverable/milestone of project.
- Incidentals as appropriate.

To apply submit résumé, cover letter detailing relevant experience and (1) unedited writing sample via email to:

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