Title of Consultancy:
Exploring Linkages between Gender and Corruption: Scoping Paper on Sextortion

GENERAL INFORMATION
Application Closing Date: 28 May 2019
Consultancy Start Date: 17 June 2019
Location of Consultancy: Remote

BACKGROUND
The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted in September 2015 by the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The SDGs recognize that corruption and gender inequality are major obstacles to achieving any of the 17 SDGs. They hamper economic growth and increase inequalities in income, access to services, and distribution of resources. While these two issues cut across many of the SDGs, two SDGs are of particular relevance to anti-corruption and gender equality: SDG 16 on sustainable governance, which obliges member states to “promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels”, and SDG 5 on achieving gender equality and empower all women and girls.

As part of its TI 2020 strategy "Together against Corruption", Transparency International is committed to creating demand for accountability and empowering citizens’ action against corruption. One of the TI 2020 key strategic priorities is to “work with a wide range of people to act to confront corruption, demand accountability and contribute to anti-corruption approaches that are systemic and sustainable”, particularly targeting activists, young people, women and those engaged in social movements. Within this framework, TI’s Secretariat is committed to mainstream gender in the fight against corruption. As part of this commitment, TI has explored the linkages between gender and corruption in a number of publications such as a working paper on gender and corruption in service delivery (2010), a policy brief on gender, equality and corruption (2014), a topic guide on gender and corruption (2016) and publications on gender, land and corruption (2018). TI is also coordinating a number of projects around the world to address the gendered impact of corruption, working on sextortion in the Middle East, on gender, access to land rights and corruption in Africa, and women’s political participation and corruption in Latin America.

There is evidence that corruption affects women and men differently and hits the poor and vulnerable groups the hardest, especially women, who represent a higher share of the world’s poor. Corruption also hinders progress towards gender equality and presents a barrier for women to gain full access to their civic, social and economic rights. There are also gender specific forms of corruption, which are disproportionately experienced by women, such as sexual extortion. The phenomenon of “sextortion”, where sexual favours rather than money are the currency of the bribe, has gained prominence in recent years. Women can be forced to perform sexual favours in exchange for basic services, credit, employment, school or university grades. These are forms of corruption that are not always recognized as such and are less likely to be reported due to a culture of shaming, fear of reprisal, and lack of safe and gender-sensitive reporting mechanisms. Despite the growing awareness of the issue, little is known on sextortion as a gendered form of corruption, its scale, forms, impact and possible solutions. There is a need for providing a solid research foundation to help identify key areas for prevention programming.
OBJECTIVES

The principle objectives of this study is to support Transparency International's commitment to mainstreaming gender in the fight against corruption, and creating support for action to tackling sextortion.

More specifically, the objectives of this study are:

• To assess the state of knowledge on the linkages between corruption and sextortion
• To identify knowledge gaps that need to be addressed by further research
• To inform the design of anti-corruption interventions tackling this form of corruption
• To raise awareness among anti-corruption practitioners and key stakeholders on sextortion as a form of corruption
• To understand the current legal frameworks under which sextortion cases are addressed and to identify legal gaps and loopholes

Furthermore, this study will serve as an evidence base for further primary research currently being conducted. Forthcoming, two TI publications will look at sextortion as a gendered form of corruption. TI’s Global Corruption Barometer will collect data on sextortion in a number of countries in Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East. TI will also launch a report on its project to fight sextortion and corruption’s impact on women in Morocco in the course of 2019. This study will help ensure that our gender analysis for these publications accurately reflects the wider literature on this topic.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

The consultant is expected to compile an 8-10 page working paper on sextortion based on a desktop literature review of reliable sources of information as well as key informant interviews (between 5 to 10), covering key issues including:

• What is sextortion (definition, forms, drivers, link to corruption, etc)
• Scale/prevalence of the issue in the various regions, sectors
• Impact of sextortion on men and women
• Challenges and opportunities for addressing sextortion, including the role that women can play
• Existing legal frameworks under which crimes of sextortion are addressed and prosecuted
• A set of recommendations to address sextortion via anti-corruption interventions

Guidance and quality assurance

There are a number of key guidance and recommendations that the consultant will need to discuss in the proposal and consider in compiling the paper:

• Referencing: The consultant is expected to reference all sources backing statements and avoid un-sourced information to allow for tracing of the source of a statistic or quote. The consultant will also be expected to submit all the background sources needed in a format to be specified in the proposal - electronic access, field notes and recordings, survey data or photocopies of web pages, etc.
• Libel: Guidance to avoid libel will be provided if needed.
• Style guide: The consultant is expected to adhere to the TI style guide, to be provided by TI.

The consultant will submit an indicative timeline as part of the proposal.
Indicative and realistic time line with specific dates for expected intermediary and final deliverables and outputs will be provided by the consultant in collaboration with TI. This may include the production of initial notes, the submission of a detailed outline of the paper, first drafts, and final drafts. The timeline needs to provide for sufficient time for TI staff and partners to read and comment on drafts (two weeks is usually realistic). The timetable must be checked and revised once the TOR is actually approved and research has begun.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

The researcher should have the following qualifications:

- **Profile of the researcher:**
  - Relevant experience in anti-corruption, development, SDG related areas of expertise and/or gender expertise
  - Must have experience in gender studies and gender-based violence.
  - Fluent oral and written English communication skills
- **Track record of having conducted similar research**
- **Quality of the methodology and approach to the assignment**
- **Value for money of the proposal**

**REMUNERATION AND COSTS**

The Consultants should provide their estimated total fee as a lump sum or as standard daily or hourly rates, before any VAT or other charges.

**For Consultants based in the EU, EEA and Switzerland**

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

The application should include the following documents in English:

The following documents and information that should be included in the submission:

- An overview of the methodological approach
- A list of possible challenges, risks and mitigation strategies
- A detailed timeframe
- Background of the researcher: CV, function and role in relation to the assignment
- An indicative budget
- A sample of previous similar work
- Contact information of two people willing to be contacted for their reference.
• Completed VAT Form for Tenders/Vendor Form (Only for Consultants based in the EU, EEA and Switzerland)

Please indicate “Working Paper on Sextortion” in the subject line of your email application. Applications should be sent in English by email to genderstudy@transparency.org by close of business of 28/05/2019.

Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.