



## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROVISION OF LEGAL AID SERVICES

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020

### **1. Introduction:**

STEWARDWOMEN is an indigenous South Sudanese women organization founded in 2009 to address the problems of sexual and gender based violence; lack of access to justice by women; lack of participation of women in leadership and decision-making and poverty among others. It is registered as a not for profit non- governmental organization with the government of South Sudan in 2009. Our vision is “a South Sudanese society free from the violations of the human rights of women and children”. Our mission is “to develop, shape and empower South Sudanese women to advocate for policies that foster equal economic opportunity and secure human rights for women and children”.

Our 2018-2020 strategic intervention areas are; 1) Access to justice; 2) Legislation and law reform; 3) Psychosocial support to GBV survivors; 4) Protection of adolescent girls in schools; 5) Women leadership and empowerment; 6) Governance/peace building; 7) Sexual and Reproductive Health rights and Economic Empowerment.

We are an organization with Observer Status granted by the African Commission Human and People’s Rights. We are also a member of the Solidarity for African Women’s Rights [SOAWRS] that campaigns for the ratification and/or domestication of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People’s Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa [Maputo protocol]. We are also the lead agency of a national coalition of 40 CSOs that advocates for the ratification of the Maputo protocol in South Sudan. Our field offices are located in Romich in Tonj East County [Warrap State], Rubkona County [Unity State], Nimule and Magwi [Eastern Equatoria State], and a national coordination office in Juba [Central Equatoria State].

Under the UN Trust Fund project titled; “Strengthening Provision and coordination of services to survivors of rape and early/child marriage”, we are in search of a Law Firm whose partners share our vision and mission to “Provide Legal Aid Services” to 50 victims of rape and early/child marriages in Rubkona and Jondoru –Juba IDP settlements within a period of 3 years.

### **2. Key roles and duties of the Legal Aid Service Provider:**

Under the supervision of the Director, the key roles and duties are but not limited to the following;

- Record and document cases of rape and early/child marriage referred to it by STEWARDWOMEN;
- Provide advice and assistance to and, as appropriate, representation for victims of rape and early/child marriage, taking into account their particular needs and any relevant vulnerability;



- Ensure respect, and take any necessary actions to further, the interests of survivors of rape and early/child marriage, having particular regard to their age, gender, mental or physical disability, or sexual orientation;
- Seek to ensure that, survivors of rape and early/child marriage know and understand their rights;
- Seek to ensure that, survivors of rape and early/child marriage are treated with dignity, that their human rights are respected, and that they are treated in accordance with the law;
- Seek to ensure that decisions of survivors are respected;
- Challenge, in an appropriate way, any unlawful or unfair treatment of survivors of rape and early/child marriage;
- Seek to ensure that survivors and early/child marriage continue to receive legal advice, assistance and representation until their case is finally disposed of, including in any appeal;
- Submit reports to the management of STEWARDWOMEN as often as it may be required.

### 3. What kind of Service Provider we are we looking for?

- Must be a reputable law Firm, with ability to assign two dedicated Advocates to provide legal aid services;
- The Law Firm MUST have existed for more than 5 years;
- The two advocates must have at least 3-5 years' experience practicing law with a reputable law fir;
- Must be persons of high integrity and mature;
- Must be well versed with issues of gender based violence;
- Must have a good command of English language (spoken and written) and the ability to speak Arabic and other local language(s) spoken at the project site will be added advantage;
- Excellent communications and analytical skills;
- Strong understanding of gender norms and conflict in South Sudan;
- Ability to operate independently in field locations in South Sudan.

### 4. Application Submission Procedures:

If you meet the above requirements for this position, please submit your proposal including financial proposal, updated resumes of 2 of your Advocates and evidence of past similar work by the law firm, only through our e-mail: [stewardwomen.jobs@gmail.com](mailto:stewardwomen.jobs@gmail.com), addressed to:

“Senior Human Resources & Administration Officer, STEWARDWOMEN.

Please indicate the position applied for in the email subject line. Applications should be submitted latest by Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2020.

Senior Human Resources/Admin Officer  
STEWARDWOMEN

