Piloting a Child Protection Index in Moldova and Georgia

SELECTION OF MOLDAVIAN AND GEORGIAN EXPERTS

BACKGROUND
ChildPact is the Regional Coalition for Child Protection in the Wider Black Sea Area. Established at the Black Sea NGO Forum in 2011, ChildPact is a coalition of coalitions: its members are national networks of child-focused NGOs from 10 countries in the Wider Black Sea Area (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo¹, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, and Serbia). ChildPact brings together more than 600 NGOs which serve more than 500,000 children.

ChildPact's first objective² is to monitor and influence child-related policies by documenting child protection concerns and advocating for better policies to protect vulnerable children. In September 2012 ChildPact’s Steering Committee³ decided to create a Child Protection Index⁴, to reflect on child protection systems in ChildPact’s member countries with a goal to develop a region-wide monitoring agenda on child protection reforms and implementation. Such a tool will enable a new level of engagement between child protection experts in civil society and government policy makers in countries throughout the region. In the long term, this Index will facilitate innovative and necessary regional cooperation on child protection. ChildPact’s objectives for this index include: 1. To provide an evidence-based approach to policy debates; 2. To identify needs and gaps in child protection systems; 3. To create cross- 

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.
³ More information about ChildPact’s Steering Committee is available at: http://www.childpact.org/about-us/steering-committee/
⁴ For a quick overview of the Child Protection Index intent please see the animation available at: http://www.childpact.org/child-protection-index/.
national comparisons for advocacy and funding purposes; 4. To push for new efforts on data population; 5. To unify various sectors and actors (government, civil society and academia) under shared principles and increase collaboration; and 6. To offer incentives and answers for qualitative and quantitative growth in child protection systems.

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SELECTION CRITERIA
1.1 CHILD PROTECTION EXPERTS
The child protection experts should be representatives / members / affiliates of the national coalitions of child protection / rights NGOs (The Georgian Coalition for Child and Youth Welfare and APSCF Moldova respectively) and fulfil the following conditions:
• Hold an university degree in relevant social fields: social work, psychology, etc
• Have relevant experience/ expertise in child protection: child abuse and neglect, child labour, exploitation (including sexual), child trafficking and missing children, drug abuse, adoptions, and alternative care for children
• Have good knowledge / understanding of the public sector
• Have previous experience in assessing child protection programs
• Have a good command of English (reading, writing, speaking)

One of these experts will act as a country coordinator. The country coordinator will be a recognized leading child protection professional with good coordination and communication abilities.

1.2 LEGAL EXPERTS
The legal experts should also be representatives / members / affiliates of the national coalitions or their close collaborators. They will meet the following conditions:
• Hold university degree in legal studies
• Have relevant child protection expertise
• Have a good command of English (reading, writing, speaking)

SCOPE OF WORK
The selected experts would be required to participate to a one-day training on the data collection methodology and provide documented answers to approximately 250 indicators, within an agreed timeframe of approximately two months.

HOW TO APPLY
If interested please send your CV and a letter of motivation in English to andy_guth@wvi.org, before August 25th. Your affiliation to the Georgian Coalition for Child and Youth Welfare or APSCF Moldova will be checked by the ChildPact selection panel.