

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**Series of ‘bridging papers’ looking at intersections between children’s rights and other sectors
(labour, LGBT, women, environment, corruption, housing, security)
in the context of Mega Sporting Events (MSEs).**

‘Terre des Hommes International Federation’ is issuing a call for proposals within the framework of its campaign ‘Children Win’ (www.childrenwin.org). TdH calls for seven **‘bridging papers’** of 3-5 pages each outlining how children’s rights connect to other sectors in the context of Mega Sporting Events (MSEs).

A better understanding of the intersections between children’s rights and 1) labour, 2) LGBT, 3) women, 4) environment, 5) corruption, 6) housing, 7) security sectors will clarify advocacy measures and activities targeting MSE organizers. Increased knowledge around these thematic intersections can best contribute to collective efforts to support organizers to respect human rights and environmental standards, notably in the MSE bidding process.

TdH expects proposals which consider all seven requested ‘bridging papers’ of 3-5 pages, thus covering all above mentioned intersections. Additionally, an overall introduction and conclusion to specify the topics and identify potential interactions/synergies are also requested to ‘embed’ the ‘bridging papers’ which should also function as ‘stand-alone’ papers (modular system).

Individuals, institutes or organizations applying are expected to examine how and which violations of children’s rights take place before, during and after MSEs and investigate which ones have been raised by various sectors. There might also be unexplored opportunities for children before, during and after MSEs which need consideration. Applications will identify and review intersections of each area of interventions with children’s rights, including but not restricted to:

- **Labour rights:** how do labour migration issues connect with the impact on children (incl. but not restricted to child migrants, including worst forms of child labour and children left behind by migrant parents or caregivers).
- **LGBT rights:** how do children’s rights relate to the promotion of LGBT rights including the misuse of child protection concerns and, the inclusion of LGBT adolescents in interventions regarding children’s rights.
- **Women’s rights:** how are child and adolescent girls’ unique rights considered in efforts to include women’s rights into MSE organizers’ interventions.
- **Environment:** how do environmental standards relate to the rights of children.
- **Corruption:** what are the direct and indirect relations between the rights of children and efforts to put an end to corruption in and around MSEs.
- **Housing rights:** how are children’s rights included in MSE related housing concerns such as forced or voluntary displacement.
- **Security:** how does the increase in surveillance related to MSEs affect children’s rights.

Cross-cutting areas for bridging papers:

- 1) Children in sexual and other forms of exploitation; 2) Gender; 3) Boys; 4) Disability;
- 5) Views and opinions of children (inclusion).

The bridging papers are expected to clarify linkages, gaps and differences, encourage joint thinking and inform more coherent approaches from a children's rights standpoint. A child defined by the United Nations is anyone under the age of 18.

1 Process

Applicant(s) are expected to: examine existing documentation on the impact of MSEs related to the different themes; review how other sectors incorporate children's issues and monitoring projects; disaggregate available data by age and (including numbers and ages of children where available); interview relevant organizations and/or actors. Cooperation with other competent and specialized individuals, institutes or organizations is very welcomed (sub-contracts), but needs to be autonomously managed by the main applicant(s).

2 Output

A series of seven bridging papers (3-5 pages each) connecting the positive and negative effects that MSEs have on children and on different sectors (before, during and after MSEs); including an overall introduction and conclusion. TdH is expecting a full document of approx. 40 pages.

3 Eligibility of applicants and formal requirements

The applicant(s) should have solid experience in conducting cross-sectorial research and be familiar with children's rights and more generally the field of human rights. Ideally, applications should be based on a mixed-method approach combining both qualitative and quantitative data.

We will only consider proposals with a **budget under CHF 20'000**.

Applications must be submitted electronically and in English to Dr. Marianne Meier, Head of 'Children Win', (marianne.meier@terredeshommes.org). Proposals should NOT exceed two narrative pages (without annex) and must include:

- Context and objective
- Description of approach and methodology
- Potential cooperation partners

Annex 1: Budget

Annex 2: Short CV of applicant(s)

4 Timeline

The deadline for proposals is **February 25th, 2015**.

The pre-selection of a shortlist, meetings with shortlisted applicants and final selection will be done by **mid-March 2015**. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a detailed application.

Duration: The research should begin **mid-April 2015**. The full document (7 bridging papers with overall introduction and conclusion) must be delivered AT THE LATEST on **July 31st, 2015**.