**MINISTRY OF GENDER EQUALITY AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**for the**

**Implementation of the Guardian Ad Litem Programme**

The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare is seeking proposals from individuals with proven experience to implement the Guardian Ad Litem programme under the Children’s Act 2020 and the Children’s Court Act 2020, particularly, qualified social workers, barristers, and psychologists. The selected candidate(s) will be responsible for providing quality services that aim to protect the best interests of children who are the subject to legal proceedings.

The Guardian Ad Litem programme provides a unique service to children involved in legal proceedings by appointing a trained and qualified individual to represent their interests. The appointed Guardian Ad Litem serves as an advocate for the child, providing recommendations to the court regarding their welfare and best interests. The Terms of Reference may be consulted on this Ministry’s website on <https://gender.govmu.org/SitePages/ViewCommunique.aspx>

The successful candidate will be required, *inter alia,* to:

* comply with ethical and professional standards.
* Provide regular reports on the status of the cases handled to the relevant authorities.
* Maintain a database of all cases and ensure all information is kept confidential.
* Undergo regular training for Guardian Ad Litem personnel to ensure they remain up-to-date with relevant legislation, procedures, and best practices.

Interested candidates are requested to provide the following information:

Profile

* Any experience in implementing similar programmes
* Evidence of training and qualifications (social workers, barristers, and psychologists)

The selected individual will be required to enter into an agreement with the relevant authorities and adhere to all applicable legislation, regulations, and ethical standards.

Proposals in a sealed envelope clearly marked: **“Expression of Interest for the Implementation of the Guardian Ad Litem Programme’’ –Reference PSY/GUARD/ADLI/14T** should be addressed to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare and deposited in the **Tender Box situated on** **the 7th Floor, Newton Tower, Sir William Newton Street,** **Port Louis** **by** **Wednesday** **07 June 2023, by 13.30 hours (local time) at latest.**

**Note**: The MGEFW reserves the right not to proceed further with this Expression of Interest at any time, without ascribing any reasons.

Any inquiries can also be directed to Mr. A. Appadoo, Head, Planning and Research Unit on telephone number: 405 3307/ 3304

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