

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

EXPLORING COVID-19 RELATED SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL-ECONOMIC IMPACTS
ON VULNERABLE GROUPS IN THE FOUR MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIA COUNTRIES OF
CAMBODIA, LAOS, MYANMAR AND VIETNAM.

1. BACKGROUND

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung (RLS) is one of six major political foundations in the Federal Republic of Germany, tasked primarily with conducting political education for progressive social development both at home and abroad. The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung is closely linked to the German Left Party, DIE LINKE. Since its founding in 1990, the Rosa-Luxemburg's work has adhered to the legacy of its namesake, German socialist leader Rosa Luxemburg, and seeks to represent critical thinking and democratic socialism with an unwavering internationalist focus. Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung has 26 offices worldwide, working in over 80 countries with partner organizations, including state agencies, academic institutions and civil society organizations. The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung started its work in Vietnam in 2002 and officially registered in Vietnam as a regional office in 2009 to embrace a mission of supporting the transformation of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar into participatory, socially just, and ecologically sustainable societies.

2. RATIONALE

First identified in Wuhan (the capital of Hubei province, China) in 2019, Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has spread globally with over half a million confirmed cases and ten thousands of confirmed deaths in close to 200 countries and territories worldwide with rising tendencies (end of March).

Around the world, governments are working against the clock to fight this pandemic by applying large-scale quarantines, travel restrictions, social-distancing measures, and country lockdowns.

The social-ecological and social-economic effects are thereby not predictable and can reach far beyond of the threat of the virus itself.

As a left-wing educational institution, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Southeast Asia, Hanoi office reacts to this pandemic politically to support the global fight against the virus and its long term effects. We are working to ensure that the existing and coming policies, which are often made in hurry to cope with this pandemic, shall not be at the cost of the socially vulnerable and politically underrepresented groups.

This is the rationale for a call for research proposals with the aim to ensure, that the voice of politically underrepresented groups shall be heard and taken into account in the ongoing fight against this pandemic.

3. SCOPE OF THE CONSULTANT WORK

3.1 Objective

The overall objective of this call for research proposals is to

Improve the understanding and consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic by creating scientific evidence on Covid-19 related social-ecological and social-economic impacts on vulnerable groups in the four mainland Southeast Asia countries of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam.

Recommended topics / fields for research proposals:

- Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on globalization / protectionism.
- Livelihood and economic alternatives in response to Covid-19 crisis.
- Access to health care among different social groups.
- Impact of Covid-19 on the Care Situation of Women.
- Impact on female migrant workers.
- Impact on domestic and overseas migrants.
- Discrimination towards Covid-19 virus positive / suspected people, and foreigners (who originate from affected areas/countries).

- Covid-19 outbreak and implications related to nature conservation.
- Public health care system: Implications from Covid-19 outbreak.
- Impact on the informal sector.
- Impact on the situation of people with disabilities.
- Impact of Covid-19 on domestic violence.
- Others

3.2 Expected Deliverables

- A research report, maximum 18.000 words, in English
 - report summary (around 1000-1500 words)

3.3 Tentative planning

We suggest an implementation period from April to September of 2020.

Nevertheless, and depending on the mode of the studies, the timeframe can be shortened or prolonged. Thereby the report shall be finalized not later than November 2020.

WHAT	WHEN					
	<i>Apr.</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun.</i>	<i>Jul.</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sep.</i>
Call for applicants	x					
Appraising proposals and signing contract	x	x				
Fieldwork/report writing		x	X	x	x	
Submission of draft report for RLS SEA review					x	x
Finalization of report						x

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANT(S)

- Having relevant qualifications (Ph.D. or Master degrees) and experience relevant to research topic in the above mentioned countries.
- Having experience in conducting similar researches.
- Being able to meet the timeframe

5. APPLICATIONPROCEDURE

Interested consultants are requested to send:

- 1) Research Proposal (1-3 pages long),
- 2) Financial proposal
 - Including:
 - no of working days,
 - estimated words of the study,
 - Total budget in EUR.
 - Please be kindly informed that the budget ceiling for the proposal is maximum 10,000 EUR (including consultant fee, PIT, logistic cost etc.).
- 3) CV of the applicant(s) with at least two references in English.
- 4) A sample research report (in English) conducted by the applicant(s)

Please send all requested documents in one PDF file to nguyen.tung@rosalux.org

DEADLINE: 30th April 2020

After the review/screening of applications, only short-listed applicants will be contacted by phone or email, and invited for an interview.

We encourage female applicants. We only consider applications meeting all above required conditions.

Please refrain from phone inquiries.