



## Request For Proposal

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### Media Fellowship for Promoting Girls Education

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The **NERSWN and NEDAN Foundation** is pleased to announce 'Media Fellowship' to promote and highlight Girls Education. The purpose of the media fellowship is to engage media personnel (print, electronic, social and cartoonist, artist) to take part in increasing awareness, highlight pressing issues, document and share stories of importance on Girls Education.

The **NERSWN (North East Research and Social Work Networking)** [www.nerswn.org](http://www.nerswn.org) and **NEDAN Foundation**, [www.nedan.in](http://www.nedan.in) are two active grassroots organisations based out of Kokrajhar, Bodoland Territorial Region, Assam. The NERSWN and NEDAN Foundation are two responsive grassroots organization working in partnership with MALALA FUND and is currently implementing a project "Girls in School! **Secure Education for Girls Affected by Floods and Conflict**" (SEGAFIC) in 128 villages in Kokrajhar and Dhubri districts of Assam.

The project is implemented to increase girls enrolment, retention and completion of secondary education and thus empower them to become aware and alert women thereby enhancing their life skills, resilience and confidence to lead a productive life of dignity in the disaster affected areas of Dhubri and Kokrajhar districts, where floods and conflicts are a regular phenomenon, though recently conflict, Bodoland Territorial Council, have ceased to the minimum after signing of the BTR Accord on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January, 2020. Nevertheless, as school education is at a dismal state due to the long-term effects of disasters, and the recent Covid-19 pandemic, it needs to be a priority for each and every individual and communities that every child get their rights as outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of a child and also to attain the SDGs.

For last three decades, Kokrajhar has been regularly affected by mass displacement of children and families due to ethnic conflicts. Children along with their families had to flee and lived in congested relief camps, due to which children abandoned their education to engage in hazardous earning activities or have been missing and exploited for sexual or labour work. In order to reduce the number of children whose education is disrupted or at risk of education disruption, and especially girls as they are the most affected lot due to disaster, the project has adopted an integrated approach that targets the gaps at Education, Child Protection and other rights and entitlements through involvement of School teachers, School Management Committees (SMCs), Child Protection Committees (CPCs), children and adolescent clubs, health workers and peer leaders along with respective government departments. These groups will act as catalyst in community promoting education, child protection and other rights and entitlement of children. The targeted educational institutions and families will be better equipped to cater to the needs of the children and girl child who are out of school or who are at risk of educational disruption.



**The specific objectives:**

- To raise awareness amongst audience on importance of girls' education through their reports/publication/media activities.
- To engage Media professionals for advocating Girls Education initiatives to increase girls' enrolment, retention and completion of secondary school education and attain SDG goals.

**Time period:** September 2021 to March 2022:

**Required documents:**

- I. CV with two photographs and a forwarding letter explaining previous experience
- II. Time Commitment (The fellow will give appropriate time in studying, travelling and doing research as needed during the period of fellowship to write/produce materials)
- III. A forwarding letter from the employer/Editor giving commitment to publish/broadcast the materials (write up/TV program) produce by the fellow under the fellowship program.
- IV. The applicant must submit a proposal along with a work plan describing the concept and issues related to large number of dropout girls from schools, ideas of the work and understanding the issue of girls dropping out of school before reaching the secondary level. It must also include how he is planning to express the issue in their materials.

**V. Eligibility:**

- He must hold a graduate degree.
- Must have 5 years work experience with a reputed media house and should have a zeal to work on issues related on education and especially girls' education.
- Age: Below 50 years.
- Should have prior experience of covering child rights issues from difficult circumstances.
- Must have at least two publications on important child rights issues in reputed print/electronic media.

**Fellowship Award: Up to INR 150,000/- (Rupees One Lac Fifty Thousand Only) inclusive of all costs.**

**How to Apply**

Interested journalists may submit their applications along with a brief proposal to NERSWN-NEDAN Foundation, Kokrajhar **latest by 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2021** at [nerswn@gmail.com](mailto:nerswn@gmail.com) or [nedanfound@gmail.com](mailto:nedanfound@gmail.com)