



## The Asia Foundation

### Outstanding Performance Award 2019

### Mental Health and Psychosocial Support ( MHPSS)

#### The Call:

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The Asia Foundation is happy to announce a call for an Outstanding Performance Award. The call will be managed by the Foundation's Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste office. The objectives of the call include:

- To enhance MHPSS providers' commitment and dedication to the sector.
- To learn and exchange best practices in MHPSS between counterpart organizations in the region.
- To build relationships between the MHPSS programs across TAF Timor-Leste and TAF Sri Lanka and build a regional platform to discuss MHPSS practice and protocols in Asia.

#### Who Can Apply:

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- A minimum Bachelor's degree qualification with a professional qualification in counselling and/or psychology from a recognized body.
- A Counselling Assistant (CA) or Counselling Officer (CO) at the Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Social Empowerment, or the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development with at least **eight** years experience or cadre from the Family Rehabilitation Centre with at least **four** years of work experience.
- Language skills: basic competency in English.
- Significant experience in implementing psychosocial community based interventions or engagement in therapeutic interventions (counselling) that can be shared with institutions in the host country.
- Future mindedness of the candidate with goals, aspirations to improve MHPSS work within the candidate's Ministry/ District or Division.

#### What needs to be submitted:

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All completed applications to be submitted on or before **28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. A complete application should include the following:

1. Completed Application Form ( Provided by TAF )
2. Letter of Appointment to the Ministry/ institution ( certified copy)
3. Degree/professional qualification certificates ( certified copies)
4. Copy of face page of passport
5. Letter of recommendation from the Ministry/Institution

Only short listed candidates will be called for a selection interview. The selection panel will consist of independent resource persons and will grade each shortlisted applicant for selection.

Completed Applications to be submitted by the applicants to their respective Ministry /Institution follows:

Ministry applicants:

<b>Ministry of Social Welfare and Primary Industries</b>	<b>Ministry of Women and Child Affairs</b>
Mr. Pathpakumara Director Counselling Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage Sethsiripaya Batharamulla	Ms. Himadari Dept Director Womens Bureau Ministry of Women and Child Affairs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage Sethsiripaya Batharamulla

Applicants from FRC:

<b>The Family Rehabilitation Centre</b>
Mr. Lahiru Perera Executive Director No 296/14, Park Road Colombo -05

**The Award and expectations from the awardee:**

The Asia Foundation will provide the selected candidate with an all-expenses paid trip (including travel, accommodation and meals), for an exposure visit to Timor-Leste for a maximum duration of two weeks, in **August 2019**. The exposure visit will be to TAF Timor-Leste and institutions that engage in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support work in Timor-Leste.

It is expected that the selected candidate will submit a detailed report to the Foundation (which the Foundation will circulate to the host country ( institutions) and the Ministry) on the experience gained and action plan for improving MHPSS in Sri Lanka. The report should include the following components:

1. A brief overview of the institutions visited ( 2 pages).
2. Reflections of best MHPSS practices observed through the exposure visit and development of a best practices/ survivor protocol document ( 10-20 pages).
3. Contributions to the development of a blog article post the visit to be published for the Foundations blog site *In Asia*. (<https://asiafoundation.org/in-asia/>)(1 ½ pages)
4. Reflections for improving dialogue between the MHPSS sectors of Timor-Leste and Sri Lanka. ( 2 pages)
5. Action points for follow up, post the exposure visit (within 6 months of return )that will strengthen MHPSS in the candidates Ministry/ District or Division. The document should be in a form of a concept note, including an objective, and expected out comes. ( 5 pages)