

Call for Researcher and a Co-researcher: Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRHR) Rights of Lesbian, Bisexual, Pansexual & Asexual women, and Transgender, Intersex and Non-binary persons of the queer population.

We are inviting applications for a researcher and a co-researcher. Both are expected to explore and interrogate the intersecting forms of discrimination faced by Lesbian, Bisexual, Pansexual & Asexual women, and Transgender, Intersex and Non-binary persons of the queer population as they seek health services, and exercise SRHR rights. The research will be participatory, and narratives and knowledge generated from the community.

The timeline of the research is June - October 2020.

Description of the work:

The researcher is expected to undertake a participatory research that explores and interrogates the lived experiences of Lesbian, Bisexual, Pansexual & Asexual women, and Transgender, Intersex and Non-binary persons of the queer population as they seek health services, and exercise SRHR rights. We expect the research to be participatory, and contribute to generating body of queer rights knowledge valuable to assert rights for queers rights movement, and SRHR women's movement.

Target groups:

Lesbian women

Bisexual women, Pansexual women and Women with fluid sexuality

Asexual women

Transgender individuals: Transmen and Transwomen separately

Third gender communities: Hijra, Metti, Kothi, etc communities

Intersex individuals: Who identify across diverse gender spectrum

Non-binary individuals: Across diverse spectrum of non-binary identities [Assigned Male at birth and Assigned Female at birth

The research has to respond to the following questions:

- How does social injustices and intersecting forms of discrimination impact access to services of the respective group? Who amongst the targeted group are left out?
- What are the available SRHR services, and who has access to it?
- What are the existing legal mechanisms, and policies such as a) Constitution of Nepal 2015, b) Right to Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health Act 2075, c) Right to Privacy Act 2018 that promote and protect SRHR rights of the respective group?
- How do the mainstream women's rights organisations collaborate and network with queer rights groups and organisation? What constitutes collaborations and what are the limitations?
- How does the service providers and community respond to the SRHR services, rights and choice of the respective group?

- How do different intersections of caste, class, language, geography, ethnicity, education level, etc. impact in access to SRHR services?
- The researchers are expected to apply and adopt feminist and queer participatory method, and maintain privacy, respect consent and choice of the individuals.

Criteria of a Researcher / Co-researcher

- We encourage people who are sensitive, and knowledgeable about SRHR, queer women, women's rights organisation, and willing to work closely in collaboration with activists.
- Based in Kathmandu, and willing to travel to field location;
- Fluent in Nepali, English (especially written) and preferably local language (an addition) - Previous research and writing experiences on issues of Sexual and Reproductive Health, women's rights, public health, Laws and Policies and Queer rights

What to send?

- CV
- At least two samples of previous research you've done.
- Please also write a cover letter stating your interest in this research, and your understanding / principles about gender and sexuality.
- Proposed methodology and timeline.

Please submit to loom@loomnepal.org

The submission deadline is 10 April 2020