

# A Call for Proposals – Resilience in Children Exposed to Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation

## *The Bamboo Project Phase 2*

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### 1. Background

[The Bamboo Project](#) was planned as a two phase research and action initiative:

- Phase 1 focused on exploring children’s realities; what was it, in their own words, that helped them to avoid or recover from **sexual abuse and sexual exploitation**. This phase was completed in 2014 and the 3 country reports (Bulgaria, Ethiopia and Nepal) and synthesis document are on the Oak website.
- The current phase, Phase 2, will offer the opportunity to pilot changes in practice and to assess if those changes, based on the initial research findings, lead to better outcomes for children in 2015-2017.

In Phase 2, Oak Foundation will commission **an organisation with significant international field experience and a track record and competence in facilitating learning (see core competencies section below)** which will lead the next phase of piloting, learning and dissemination.

This is a call for proposals in the form of short concept papers from organisations that have those key competencies.

The attached document, “the Move to Implementation” will provide background information which must be taken into account when designing your concept.

## 2. The Role

- i. To develop an Advisory Group that can offer connections to phase 1 research, links to relevant academic work and key practitioner groups
- ii. To appoint a coordinator solely dedicated to this phase 2 project
- iii. To undertake or support the preliminary development work with the Advisory Group and Oak Foundation<sup>1</sup>
  - a) refine the details of practice implications (that are actionable, monitorable, and applicable in different contexts),
  - b) determine relative merits of diversity or similarity of settings and programmes,
  - c) agree outline process of M&E
- iv. To identify and fund practice partners through a competitive call and to oversee the implementation of work, ensuring it retains its integrity in relation to the original research findings
- v. To frame and support shared training for the pilots
- vi. To support the development of a common framework for monitoring and evaluation
- vii. To facilitate cross project data collection and analysis, with implementing partners and advisors; with feedback to and reflections from children and communities
- viii. To develop and implement a communications strategy with partners

The flow chart in annex gives an overview of how the process could evolve.

## 3. Core competencies required

- An appreciation of resilience-informed, assets- or strengths-based approaches;
- Experience of working in difficult and diverse settings;
- Qualitative research with children and communities;
- Partnership working for example with service providers, communities, academics.
- Commitment to learning; and
- Credibility and convening power with other organisations.

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<sup>1</sup> Since Oak Foundation team in the Child Abuse Programme led the first phase of the Bamboo project, there is an interest to be directly associated with the host organization that wins the current bid. Oak is currently funding work to implement the Bamboo findings, though in a very limited way. Partners in general expect to be involved in phase 2 of the Bamboo Project. It is essential therefore that we connect work developed under this bid with our partners and with other relevant activities associated with Oak.

#### 4. Concept design

Applicants from **organisations with international field experience and a track record in learning** are invited to submit concept papers (maximum 6 pages) and send them to Mikaila Leonardi, Programme Assistant, Child Abuse Programme (Mikaila.Leonardi@oakfnd.ch) by **3 April 2015**.

An amount of up to USD 500'000 over 2-3 years will be allocated by Oak Foundation for phase 2 of Bamboo.

Please develop a concept describing your organisation and your plan to take this work forward including:

- Please say why your organisation is best placed to lead Phase 2
- How you consider the concept of resilience and its relevance for work with children exposed to sexual abuse and sexual exploitation and the contribution made by the Bamboo research
- Present your ideas clearly about how to operationalise the learning from Phase 1 of the Bamboo Project contained in the attached paper The Move to Implementation and in the synthesis report on the Oak website
- Clearly outline the proposed scope of the project, taking into account what is outlined above, including initial proposals for *countries* and *contexts* for piloting and indicate the basis upon which you are proposing these; the plan for M&E, etc.
- A clear set of deliverables
- A draft timetable for implementation
- The challenges you foresee in implementing this Phase 2
- personnel requirements and levels of expertise
- governance

#### Budget and Resources

- A budget, including potential co-funding and any resources your agency will apply to this project. Please note that Oak Foundation is a co-funding organization and welcomes co-funding from other sources for this project.

#### 5. Selection Process

Oak Foundation will appoint a selection committee comprised of three experts to review the concepts in April. The committee will select 3 agencies and will, if needed, seek further discussion with candidates prior to an invitation to make a final application in April.

Costs incurred for the development of concepts or full applications are not subject to reimbursement by Oak Foundation.

# Annex

