

UNICEF – BaKTI Partnership
Technical Assistance for Program
Strengthening Child Protection System in South Sulawesi

Back Ground

Based on the Country Program Action Plan between the Government of Indonesia and UNICEF, UNICEF agrees to co-operate with BaKTI, jointly with UNICEF Makassar office, provide support to the provincial government in identifying and addressing deficits in knowledge, training or capacity towards improving key challenges to policy implementation at the district and sub-district levels and showcasing smart practices and lessons learned.

South Sulawesi, as one of the provinces in Indonesia, faces major challenges in terms of child protection. Various data shows that children in this province are very vulnerable to violence, abuse and exploitation, which threatens their well-being. In 2024, 981 children were recorded as victims of violence, with details of 389 boys and 689 girls. The types of violence that occurred most frequently were sexual violence (459 cases), physical violence (359 cases), and psychological violence (244 cases). In addition, the child marriage rate in 2024 reached 8.06%, while South Sulawesi was ranked 4th highest in terms of child labour in 2021, with a percentage reaching 3.72%. These figures show that the problem of child protection in South Sulawesi is very urgent and requires serious attention.

As a response to this issue, Law no. 35 of 2014 concerning Child Protection provides a strong legal basis for protecting children's rights from violence and exploitation. This law emphasizes the importance of fulfilling children's rights and protection against all forms of violence. Apart from that, Law no. 6 of 2014 concerning Villages provides an opportunity for village governments to play an active role in improving child protection through policies and budgeting based on the needs of local communities. In this case, villages are given the authority to allocate funds for child protection and build community-based protection mechanisms that are connected to child protection systems at the district and provincial levels.

The problem of child protection is increasingly complex due to various factors, such as poverty, low parental education, and limited access to child protection services, especially in remote areas. Although efforts have been made to overcome this problem, the quality of child protection services in South Sulawesi still needs to be improved. Several districts have established Regional Technical Implementation Units for the Protection of Women and Children (UPTDPPA) and Family Learning Centers (PUSPAGA), but services in remote areas are still very limited. Program evaluations show that coordination between agencies involved in child protection remains weak, and ineffective reporting mechanisms hamper child protection efforts.

In 2021, UNICEF launched the Safe and Child-Friendly Environments (SAFE4C) program in collaboration with Yayasan BaKTI to improve community-based child protection services. The program focuses on important issues such as online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA), mental health support services, and child protection in emergencies. This program

had been implemented in several villages/sub-districts in South Sulawesi, but still requires strengthening in terms of coordination between institutions and service quality.

Yayasan BaKTI has an important role in strengthening the child protection system in South Sulawesi and has become partners of UNICEF on child protection issues since 2014. As an institution that focuses on knowledge exchange in Eastern Indonesia, Yayasan BaKTI has an extensive network and the ability to connect various stakeholders, including government, community institutions and service providers. With a knowledge-based approach and information sharing platforms such as BaKTI News, Batukarinfo, and other knowledge exchange forums, Yayasan BaKTI can help introduce good practices in child protection and encourage for replications and adoptions, as well as strengthen coordination among the institutions involved.

Through this platform, Yayasan BaKTI not only distributes information, but also acts as a facilitator in increasing the capacity of regional stakeholders. The training and mentoring provided by Yayasan BaKTI will help local governments, community-based institutions and service providers to better understand the importance of strengthening child protection and more effective policy implementation. The community-based approach implemented by Yayasan BaKTI is very important to create a coordinated, responsive and sustainable child protection system, especially in remote areas that have limited access to child protection services.

Yayasan BaKTI also plays an important role in promoting awareness about child protection issues. Campaigns on children's mental health, prevention of online child sexual exploitation (OCSEA), and child protection in emergencies, will empower the community and parents to be more actively involved in child protection. This campaign aims to not only educate the public, but also change social norms that support or prevent violence against children.

With this effort, it is hoped that a more integrated and responsive child protection system can be developed and sustained in South Sulawesi, by ensuring that all children, especially those in remote and underserved areas, can be protected from violence, exploitation and sexual abuses. By strengthening the capacity of stakeholders at the community level, Yayasan BaKTI with the support of UNICEF Indonesia is building a safe, friendly and inclusive environment for children in South Sulawesi, as well as ensuring the sustainability of the child protection programs that have been implemented.

This ToR is developed for the position of Technical Assistance for Program who will support the implementation of Strengthening Child Protection System in South Sulawesi.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Preparing, facilitating, and implementing activities under the agreed work plan between UNICEF and BaKTI with government counterparts and related stakeholders on Strengthening Child Protection System in South Sulawesi and making sure the targeted output and outcome are delivered;

- Providing input and advice to make sure the targeted output and outcome of activities under the program is delivered;
- Writing the activities report;
- Developing and maintaining a good relationship with government and related stakeholders and counterparts of UNICEF and BaKTI;
- Developing and maintaining a productive relationship within BaKTI and UNICEF team;
- Performing any other duties requested by UNICEF and BaKTI

Requirements

- Bachelor or Master Degree in social development, policy, social science and/or relevant sectors.
- At least seven (7) years of progressively responsible experience in areas of Child Protection.
- Sound knowledge of the Indonesian institutional system, and experience in working on decentralization is preferable.
- Previous experience working in eastern Indonesia and with international development partners is an asset.
- Strong experience in facilitation activities, writing and reporting.
- Strong leadership and ability to work productively in a multi-cultural environment.
- Very good communication skills in Bahasa Indonesia and English, oral and written.

Location

The position is based in Makassar, Indonesia.

Duration and Reporting

The assignment will be started in May 2025 until 31st December 2025 with the total number of days is 120 days.