

Call for applications: Short-term consultancy

Mr. Olivier De Schutter is the [United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights](#). Special Rapporteurs report to the Human Rights Council and to the UN General Assembly and are part of what is known as the [Special Procedures](#) of the Human Rights Council. The Special Rapporteur is seeking a consultant to support his team working on a project aimed at providing a **worldwide overview of the phenomenon of non-take-up of rights**.

Non-take-up is a widespread, pervasive reality that afflicts many social protection systems around the world, yet its exact workings remain hidden by the high degree of context-dependency, among other factors. This large-scale research project aims at remedying this research gap by clarifying the reasons behind the phenomenon in selected countries. The project will provide a worldwide overview of non-take-up by drawing from the experiences of a variety of groups, including national social security administrations, local offices of international organizations, civil society organizations working with people in poverty, and researchers working in the field. Expected outcomes of this project include a final report, selected case studies, and an interactive web map showcasing the results from the research.

Consultancy description

Reporting directly to the Special Rapporteur's Advisor on this project and to the Head of Research and Advocacy, the Consultant will provide research support to this large-scale research project aimed at clarifying the reasons behind non-take-up. Responsibilities will include:

- Assisting with background research, including conducting literature reviews of existing quantitative and qualitative research on non-take-up, carrying out desk research on social protection programs in selected countries, and planning and conducting exploratory interviews with representatives of key stakeholder groups;
- Assisting with the design, testing, and implementation of a questionnaire;
- Assisting with qualitative and quantitative analysis and write-up of results and recommendations;
- Collaborating with the Special Rapporteur's team to disseminate the results of the research;
- Other tasks related to this project as appropriate.

Qualifications and experience

We are seeking a creative individual with a strong work and research ethic and an openness to receiving and providing constructive criticism. The ideal candidate will be comfortable working independently but also proactively reaching out to others, both within the team and

to experts and stakeholders. The role will involve a combination of periods of independent research and writing, with periods of intense outreach to stakeholders across a variety of time zones and cultural contexts. The ideal candidate will therefore be comfortable both with working independently and communicating in a cross-culturally aware manner. Specifically, the ideal candidate will bring with them the following skills and qualifications:

1. Master's degree in social policy, international development, or related discipline (essential), or Ph.D. in the same areas;
2. Research experience in designing and implementing large-scale projects including quantitative and qualitative methods, and a good understanding of project management principles in the context of research processes (essential);
3. Excellent writing and analytical skills in English (essential);
4. An ability to translate complex concepts related to social policy into clear, simple language (essential);
5. Excellent cross-cultural communication skills (essential);
6. Experience with qualitative research design and analysis tools (SurveyMonkey/Qualtrics, Atlas.ti) (essential);
7. Experience with quantitative research analysis tools (Excel, SPSS) (preferred);
8. Knowledge of the politics of social protection and the role of human rights in this context (desirable);
9. French reading, writing, and speaking abilities preferred, other languages are an asset.

What we offer:

- Full-time consultancy for the period between 1 July – 1 December 2021 (5 months).
- The chance to work on a highly stimulating and potentially impactful project on the non-take-up of rights with the team of the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights. More information about the role of the Special Rapporteur can be found at www.srpoverity.org.
- Competitive remuneration: 15,000-30,000€, based on relevant experience.
- This is a remote work opportunity.

Applications and deadline

Applications should include a one-page letter of motivation specifying your role in previous research projects and a curriculum vitae. These should be sent before 6 June 2021 to Paula Fernández-Wulff (jobs@srpoverity.org).