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Providing Expertise for Internal Investigations for Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA)

An internal investigation of allegations of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) will always be sensitive. It needs to be done in a professional and discreet manner, by an experienced independent expert who can be deployed rapidly when needed. Justice Rapid Response (JRR) is able to provide such experts, who also understand the requirements of confidentiality associated with such missions. JRR would be pleased to assist organizations who require additional capacity for internal investigations on SEA.

JRR is a mechanism that was established by States from the Global North and South to improve the ability of the international community to end impunity for international crimes and serious human rights violations. JRR provides a flexible, rapid and cost effective means to access relevant, highly specialized expertise in order to assist with fact-finding, inquiries and investigations.

To do this, JRR has created a geographically and gender balanced roster of more than 600 experts. The Roster contains experts from 50 professional categories covering a wide range of human rights, justice and related fields. Of particular relevance to addressing SEA, the Roster experts include SGBV investigators (33), criminal investigators (143) and internal investigators (8), child rights experts (29), clinical forensic science experts (35), and witness and victim support experts (23). These professionals are also able to mentor staff at humanitarian organizations to increase their capacity to deal adequately with allegations of SEA. Since its founding in 2009, JRR has deployed its experts on more than 100 missions.

JRR is a discreet, confidential and professional service provider whose role it is to ensure that relevant expertise can be matched with the needs of a requesting entity. JRR can deploy experts from a well-trained group of professionals who meet the cultural and linguistic needs of the situation. JRR's methodology has enabled it to build up experience in providing professionals in a number of internal SEA investigations where they have successfully conducted investigations, confidentially reported on their findings to the organization concerned, and provided recommendations on best policies and practice to prevent and address SEA .

Each request received is assessed to ensure that it fulfils JRR's criteria, namely 1) Conformity with international law 2) Absence of political motivations which could undermine the investigation, 3) Possibility to provide expertise in a safe and secure way - both for experts and the entities they will encounter- and 4) The need for a rapid response.

With regards to funding, where the requesting entity is not able to pay for the costs of the mission itself, JRR is available for a joint approach to donors potentially interested in funding such an investigation.

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