

## CONSULTANCY: RESEARCHER - DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND SEXUAL RIGHTS AND HEALTH IN EGYPT

**Title:** Researcher

**Location:** Egypt (Remote)

**Duration:** 12 months

**Contract type:** Consultancy contract (20 - 25 hours/week)

**Remuneration:** 500 USD Monthly (or what is equivalent in EGP)

**Start date:** July 1st, 2024.

**Deadline to apply:** June 15th, 2024.

**Department:** Research, archive, and documentation

Cairo 52 Research Institute is currently organizing a new research project that examines the nexus of digital technologies, sexual rights, and health in Egypt. The institute is actively searching for a feminist researcher who possesses a proactive approach, a discerning mindset, and exceptional attention to detail to join the research team by July 1st.

### About Cairo 52 Research Institute

Cairo 52 is a research Institute that aims to restore the balance to the scale of justice by reproducing simplified legal materials and connecting those materials to the concept of fundamental human rights, as stated in national and international laws and as it is protected in MENA's countries' Constitutions. The Institute will enable people to know their full legal rights, as stated in MENA's countries' Constitutions and international law, without misleading or failing to fully outline the facts to persons if they appear before the law enforcers. The organization promotes, defends, and advocates for sexual and bodily freedoms, defined as the rights of sexual and gender minorities, sex workers, people living with HIV (PLHIV), and others. The Institute has three active unit: Legal, Media and Research

### About The Research

Funded by The Association for Progressive Communication (APC), Cairo 52 is currently undertaking a new research project that aims to explore the complex interconnections between digital technologies, sexual rights, and health, with a specific emphasis on Egypt as its geopolitical backdrop.

### Research Background:

Digital technologies have dual effects. On the one hand, their exponential development, including advancements in AI research and technologies, the expanded accessibility of the internet, and the widespread adoption of online services and social platforms, have presented potential opportunities for both social and economic development.<sup>1</sup> On the other hand, digital technologies have facilitated and reinforced forms of structural and gendered violence, known as tech-facilitated violence, that extend beyond the digital realm, thereby jeopardizing individuals' safety, security, and well-being in unprecedented ways.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Nasrawi S. Combating Cyber Violence Against Women and Girls: An Overview of the Legislative and Policy Reforms in the Arab Region\*. In: Bailey J, Flynn A, Henry N, editors. The Emerald International Handbook of Technology-Facilitated Violence and Abuse [Internet]

<sup>2</sup> Antonio A, Tuffley D. The Gender Digital Divide in Developing Countries. Future Internet. 2014

In this research project, our objective is to offer a comprehensive and politically informed understanding of the structural factors that facilitate gender-based violence facilitated by technology, as well as the gravity of its consequences, particularly in relation to the sexual rights and health of victims/survivors. Additionally, we aim to explore the various forms of resistance that have emerged in response to this type of violence. Ultimately, we seek to provide policy recommendations that will contribute to addressing this phenomenon within the context of Egypt. Furthermore, we employ participatory and intersectional feminist methods to document the lived experiences of women and LGBTQ+ victims/survivors of technology-facilitated gender-based violence in Egypt. Through this approach, we aim to address a specific set of research questions.

To achieve these goals, we are seeking a dedicated feminist researcher who possesses a strong passion for participatory research processes to join our year-long project. The selected individual will be responsible for the following tasks:

### **Role and responsibilities:**

1. Conduct a comprehensive review of existing pertinent literature on the research topic in Arabic-speaking countries, with a specific emphasis on Egypt.
2. Contribute to the development of a semi-structured conversation/question guide for the process of collecting data.
3. Contribute to the establishment of partnerships with key organizations to provide support during the data collection process.
4. Co-lead individual conversations with research participants and other stakeholders.
5. Co-facilitate group conversations with research participants as part of the data collection process and monitor and collect relevant data from other important sources, including digital media platforms.
6. Document, process, and validate the collected data as part of the data quality assurance process, and maintain meticulously organized data and documentation.
7. Co-lead the data analysis and final report writing.
8. Co-author articles to be published that document and reflect on the research process.
9. Contribute to the dissemination of the final research results during a jointly organized webinar.
10. Perform any additional duties as necessary.

### **Competencies:**

1. Educational background in gender studies, sociology, development studies, public health, or any other related field.
2. A minimum of 3-5 years of demonstrated experience in conducting research on sexual health and rights, gender-based violence, and/or digital rights. Experience in advocacy is advantageous.
3. Familiarity and practical experience with qualitative and quantitative research methods, surveys, and text/content analysis is relevant.
4. Comprehensive knowledge and practical experience in employing participatory and feminist intersectional approaches to research, feminist reflexivity, safety and care measures, and data quality assurance.
5. Proficient in facilitation, analysis, and writing skills (in Arabic and English), with demonstrated experience in conducting group discussions and writing/co-authoring scholarly articles, opinion pieces, policy briefs, etc.
6. Effective verbal communication skills. Ability to give and receive feedback with an open and receptive mindset. Possess a curious and critical mindset, and work in a structured manner.

7. Capable of establishing and maintaining strong professional relationships. Having a robust network with civil society organizations, feminist groups, etc. is preferable.
8. Exhibit a strong sense of responsibility to work independently and collaboratively as part of a team. Able to work within tight deadlines and pay meticulous attention to details.
9. Proficiency in software skills is an advantage, including experience with qualitative software such as Nvivo, and data visualization software like Power BI.
10. Demonstrated commitment to the values and principles of Cairo52.

If you envision yourself in the role and are interested in becoming a member of a small, dynamic, passionate, and dedicated research team, please submit your CV (maximum 2 pages) and a motivational letter that includes the following:

1. Demonstrable examples of how you meet the requirements of the role.
2. What you would bring to this project.
3. Why you are specifically interested in working on this topic.

Additionally, please provide a relevant brief writing sample (maximum 3000 words) in either Arabic or English, and include the contact information of one reference. All materials should be submitted by June 15th to [info@cairo52.com](mailto:info@cairo52.com) and [amansour@cairo52.com](mailto:amansour@cairo52.com). Please use "[Last Name-Research consultant -APC- Application]" as the subject line.

If you have any questions, please contact the research lead via email at [amansour@cairo52.com](mailto:amansour@cairo52.com).

At Cairo 52, diversity is a fundamental aspect of the Institute's mission and principles. We are dedicated to ensuring equal employment opportunities for all individuals, irrespective of their background identity. Cairo 52 adheres to a non-discriminatory policy that encompasses disability, age, gender identity and expression, national origin, race and ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and criminal record. We strongly encourage individuals from diverse backgrounds to submit their applications.