



**TERMS OF REFERENCE  
RESEARCH CONSULTANCY  
Documenting Digital Rights in the Philippines**

**A. PROJECT BACKGROUND**

Digital rights, from the perspective of civil and political rights, have been deteriorated in the past six years following the red-tagging campaign, crackdown of critics and opposition using online weapons, the rise of cyberattacks against independent media, and the adoption of the Anti-Terrorism Law, among others. Following the situation, DigitalReach is looking for a short-term consultant to document the development of digital rights in the Philippines. The consultant is expected to document the situations of digital rights during the six-years term of Rodrigo Duterte and how the legacy is going to continue following the 2022 Philippine Presidential Election. The information will be used to assist DigitalReach's work to observe the upcoming election. It will also be added to the organization's database on digital rights in the Philippines in order to support other activities.

**B. WORK DESCRIPTION**

The consultant will work on the following tasks;

- Collect information on situations related to digital rights in the Philippines during the presidency of Rodrigo Duterte from 2016 until present.
- Highlight key policies, initiatives, tactics that are related to digital rights as well as identify how they are a threat to human rights and democracy in the Philippines.
- Provide information of Duterte's legacy regarding how these threats are likely to continue given the candidates for president in the upcoming 2022 election.
- Identify key statistics that show threats against digital rights during the presidency of Rodrigo Duterte.

**C. QUALIFICATIONS**

- Is a Philippine national
- Have at least a bachelor degree in political science or related fields
- Have proven research and written communication skills in English
- Demonstrable knowledge of the Philippine politics and its structure
- Demonstrable knowledge of human rights in the Philippines on topics such as freedom of expression and access to information, the right to privacy, and digital security

**D. KEY DELIVERABLES**

<b>Details</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
A compilation of materials on the development of digital rights since Rodrigo Duterte became a president in 2016. The materials should be able to identify key issues and highlighted events related to threats against freedom of expression, the right to privacy, and digital security.	The initial compilations shall be submitted by Week 4. These materials shall be continually updated while monitoring the situation until the end of the contract period, with the final compilation to be submitted at the end of the contract.
A compilation of materials that illustrate the working profiles of the candidates for president in the upcoming 2022 election to observe how Duterte’s legacy is likely to continue.	The initial compilations shall be submitted by Week 6. These materials shall be continually updated while monitoring the situation until the end of the contract period, with the final compilation to be submitted at the end of the contract.
A compilation of key statistics that illustrate threats against digital rights in the Philippines following the presidency of Rodrigo Duterte.	The initial compilations shall be submitted by Week 8. These materials shall be continually updated while monitoring the situation until the end of the contract period, with the final compilation to be submitted at the end of the contract.

**E. CONTRACT DETAILS**

The consultant will work for 3 months from 1 November 2021 – 31 January 2022, during which s/he is expected to complete the tasks described above, based on a work plan agreed upon with DigitalReach. The consultant will work under the direct supervision of the Executive Director. The work is not full time, although the consultant is expected to diligently respond to communications and provide updates related to the consultancy. The compensation is USD 1,000 for completing the tasks, to be paid twice on Week 6, and the end of the contract.

**F. HOW TO APPLY**

Please submit the following application documents to [digitalreach@digitalreach.asia](mailto:digitalreach@digitalreach.asia) by October 24, 2021. The shortlisted candidate will be notified by October 26, 2021.

- A 1-page cover letter detailing why you are interested in this consultancy, and how you will be able to contribute to the consultancy given your experience.
- Your curriculum vitae
- Names and contacts of two references.