



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

External Project Evaluation

Introduction

Katiba Institute (KI) is a research and litigation not-for-profit organization that was established in 2011 to promote implementation of Kenya's Constitution and assist in developing a culture of constitutionalism. The principal objective of KI is to achieve social transformation through the Constitution. KI works on different areas of the Constitution, specifically rule of law, leadership and integrity, devolution, fundamental rights and freedoms and environmental justice, natural resources governance and climate change justice. The main strategies employed by KI to realize its objective include public interest litigation, research and publication, education and capacity enhancement, advocacy, legislative review, technical support, partnerships and community outreach, access to information and constitutional education. KI also works to foster the spirit of constitutionalism in the East African region by promoting exchange of academic discourse on constitutional issues and by working with like-minded organizations to secure greater freedoms in the East African region.

Background & Context

Katiba Institute (KI) has been implementing a project titled, '*Strengthening the work of Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) and enhancing their protection,*' with support from the Royal Norwegian Embassy. The project which began in 2019, is expected to run until 2023. It seeks to achieve three objectives, which are: (i) The public and public officers in the target areas promoting and protecting human rights and Human Rights Defenders; (ii) The media promoting awareness of human rights and the protection of HRDs; and (iii) Targeted HRDs empowered and able to self-represent or seek representation through administrative and/or judicial redress mechanisms.

Over the past 5 years, closure of civic space has drastically increased, with governments keen on dictating governance and accountability narratives within their boundaries. Kenya has not been an exception. This has led to an increase in unlawful arrests of persons considered HRDs, particularly those seeking accountability from governments and challenging actions that are unconstitutional. The result has been increased targeting of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and HRDs by the government to intimidate them. Majority of those targeted by the enforcement agencies are HRDs, resulting in extra judicial killings, enforced disappearances, increased cases of sexual and gender-based violence, prohibited protests and demonstrations, curtailed freedom of expression and breach of privacy through cybercrime laws.

Purpose of the Evaluation

The purpose of this call is to conduct an external evaluation of the project to measure the progress made towards achievement of the outcomes and objectives and the extent to which the goal has been achieved, and to do an assessment of the financial management of the project, including anti-corruption measures. The findings of the evaluation will provide recommendations from the implementation which will guide Katiba Institute in its reflections and plans to sustain the impact and scale up the project to other areas. In addition, the evaluation will be used by Katiba Institute, the target beneficiaries and partners for evidence-based decision making.

Scope of Work and Period

This evaluation will cover the implementation period of 3 years within the target areas of Kalokol in Turkana, Amu in Lamu and Kawangware in Nairobi County.

Key Evaluation Questions

This evaluation seeks to answer the following questions:

1. Identify results achieved by the project and assess the extent to which they contributed to the intended objectives.
2. To what extent did the project solve the identified problems?
3. What is the difference between the time the project was designed and now?
4. To what extent were the strategies used in the project effective?
5. What are the major factors influencing the achievement or failure of the objectives?
6. Could the resources allocated to the project been utilized better to achieve the goal?
7. Were the objectives achieved on time?
8. To what extent are the project results likely to continue after the project?
9. What is the most significant and visible changes in the lives of the target group?
10. Did the project establish systems in place to ensure its continuity?
11. To what extent are the positive changes of the project likely to continue?
12. Is the financial management of the satisfactory? This will include an assessment of anti-corruption and internal control mechanisms.

Methodology

The evaluation shall require an analysis at different levels: leadership of the project, human rights defenders' networks and local government leaders in the target areas.

The evaluation should be participatory, where both qualitative and quantitative approaches will be employed, and information drawn from both primary and secondary sources of data (written sources, selected financial documentation, interviews and observations from visits to the areas) The consultant is expected to use among others the most significant change method, focused group discussions and key informant interviews. The evaluation shall also review the baseline survey report, annual progress reports and other relevant project documents

Timeframe and Deliverables

The evaluation should be carried out for 30 days from 26th September 2022 to 27th October 2022. In addition to the above, the following will be expected from the consultant:

1. Inception report
2. Workplan
3. Tools for data collection
4. Presentation of the draft report with the preliminary findings
5. Final report

Evaluation team

The evaluation team leader is expected to have the following as the minimum qualifications:

1. Master's degree in statistics or related field
2. Background in human rights work
3. Skills and experience in project planning and management, monitoring, evaluation, analysis and report writing
4. At least 5 years' experience on evaluating similar projects

This call is open to individual (s) and or firms.

Other team members of the evaluation team should have a minimum of advanced diploma in fields related to this assignment

In case of conflict of interest, the consultant is expected to notify Katiba Institute prior to selection.

Management of the evaluation process

The obligations of the two parties in the execution of this assignment are:

Obligations of the consultant

1. Develop and submit an inception report and workplan
2. Review all relevant materials as relates to this assignment
3. Provide a list of materials the consultant will need to carry out the assignment
4. Engage with the project stakeholders as and when needed to accomplish the assignment
5. Develop and submit both the draft and final reports of the evaluation

Obligations of Katiba Institute

1. Provide all logistical support needed to carry out the assignment
2. Provide all the relevant documents concerning the project, including but not limited to the annual reports, baseline survey reports and any other relevant documents needed for the assignment
3. Contact and mobilize all participants needed to support the execution of the assignment

The consultant will report to the program manager who is the overall person responsible for the project.

How to Apply

The applicant should submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) with the subject, "End term Evaluation of HRDs Project" to the email address careers@katibainstitute.org and addressed to the **Executive Director, Katiba Institute**, accompanied by copies of all the required documents

The application should include:

1. Organisational profile and CVs of the respective consultants (for consultancy firms), and CV(s) of consultants (for individual consultants or a team of consultants), including their roles in the assignment and contacts of three professional referees.
2. Two (2) samples of similar work done in the last five years
3. A technical proposal setting out an interpretation of the objectives of the assignment, with a clear work plan, proposed methodology,
4. A financial proposal and;
5. Statement of availability for the assignment

Applications should be received by **23rd September 2022**. KI will contact shortlisted candidates.