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TERMS OF REFERENCE

MAPPING OF EXISTING CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSO) INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) AND DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

1.0 Introduction:

Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU) was formed in January 1999 and formally registered as an NGO under the NGO Statute in 2004. ACCU brings together like-minded entities and individual actors whose pre-occupation is publicizing, exposing and advocating for curbing corruption in Uganda. ACCU with support from different Development Partners has been implementing interventions since 1999, with the aim of creating an accountable and corruption free society. At the national level, ACCU works with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) engaged in the accountability sector. At the local level, ACCU works with and through Regional Anti-Corruption Coalitions (RACCs) that are spread out in the various parts of the country and of recent grass root member organisations¹. This approach ensures that the citizens' voices are reflected into the national agenda.

2.0 Strengthening Partnership for Anti-Corruption, Responsiveness and Citizen Engagement” (SPARC):

ACCU is implementing a 3 years project titled “Strengthening Partnership for Anti-Corruption, Responsiveness and Citizen Engagement” (SPARC) with an overall objective of having “well-coordinated civil society influencing state actors’ responsiveness, transparency and accountability demands by the citizens”. The project seeks to address the weak functioning of the accountability chain institutions which has led to poor and incoherent detection, investigation, prosecution and resolution of corruption in Uganda. This will be addressed through strengthening co-ordination of CSO and actors, strengthening local to national linkage, increasing citizen engagement and empowerment and advocating for increased state responsiveness to citizen voices in the accountability process. The project contributes to DGF high level outcome 3

¹These include: Teso Anti-Corruption Coalition (TAC), Eastern Uganda Anti-Corruption Coalition (EUACC), Anti-Corruption Coalition of Busoga (ACCOB), Kick Corruption out of Kigezi (KICK), Rwenzori Anti Corruption Coalition (RAC), Midwestern Anti-Corruption Coalition (MIRAC), The Apac Anti-Corruption Coalition (TAAC), Mayank Anti-Corruption Coalition (MACCO), Northern Uganda Anti-Corruption Coalition (NUAC) and Karamoja Anti-Corruption Coalition (KACC).

i.e. Improved citizens' inclusion and engagement in decision making processes through Sphere 2 (Citizen empowerment, engagement and accountability) and more specifically contributes to Area of Intervention (Aoi 2.1 - Strengthening citizen's engagement for government accountability).

3.0 Background to the Consultancy:

Corruption in Uganda is widespread and the perception is that it's getting worse (Sharpe, 2018). Uganda continues to be rocked by grand-corruption scandals involving the loss of staggering amounts of public funds. The Global Financial Integrity (2017) report notes that Uganda annually loses approximately USD 1 billion to corruption. Between 2006 and 2015, Uganda lost USD 10.7 billion to tax evasion from imports and exports alone. The Black Monday Movement, a coalition of anti-corruption civil society organizations, estimates that between the years 2000 and 2015, the government of Uganda lost more than Shs. 24 trillion to corruption; enough to finance the country's 2015/2016 budget (Action Aid Uganda, 2015).

The Transparency International Corruption Perception Index (CPI) has continually ranked Uganda in the last tier comprising the most corrupt countries i.e. at 142/165 (2014), 139/155 (2015), 151/177 (2016), 151/175 (2017) and 149/181 in 2018 indicating a relatively stagnate position in fighting corruption. The National Governance Baseline Survey (NGBS) by Uganda Bureau of Statistics (2015) also indicated that 83% of respondents believed that corruption is entrenched in the society and is a very serious problem. According to Inspectorate of Government (IG) Annual report (2017), current practices of corruption in public sector take the following forms of : syndicate corruption, theft, absenteeism, nepotism, shoddy work, bribery, management by crisis. The same IG report notes that corrupt tendencies have changed from need for survival to greed and mass accumulation of wealth.

To strengthen good governance and ensure transparency and accountability in the public sector, the government has, along the way enacted key laws to address corruption including; Constitution of Uganda, 1995; the Anti-Corruption Act 2012 (as amended), the Public Finance Management Act 2013 (as amended); Budget Act 2001; The Local Governments Act 1997 (as amended); Leadership Code Act 2002 (as amended); Inspectorate of Government Act 2002; The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act 2003; Access to Information Act 2005; Public Service Standing Orders; The Audit Act 2008; Whistle Blowers Protection Act 2012 and the Anti- Money Laundering Act, 2015. Government further went ahead and established key anti-corruption and accountability institutions like; The Inspectorate of Government, Office of the Auditor General, Directorate of Ethics and Integrity, Anti-Corruption Court, Parliament and District Public Accounts Committees, Finance Intelligence Authority and recently formed State House Anti-Corruption Unit. Other anti-corruption initiatives have included; Introduction of Integrated Finance Management System by Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED), decentralisation of the pension system by the Ministry of Public Service and formation of the Africa Parliamentarian Network Against Corruption. Despite these interventions, reports and perceptions from citizens are that corruption is spiralling.

4.0 Rationale:

In 2016, with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and together with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), ACCU piloted an online portal named Uganda System for Electronic Open Data Records (USER). The aim of the system is to facilitate real-time disclosure of construction information to citizens for purposes of promoting transparency and increasing citizen scrutiny of construction projects in Kampala. Other CSOs operate similar or related ICT and data management systems in Uganda. ACCU is therefore desirous of contracting a Consultant to map out all civil society ICT and data management systems. The rationale is to identify areas of convergence and complementarity between USER and other CSO ICT and data management systems. It is envisaged that this process will facilitate the re-design of USER to widen its scope and reach with regard to public information disclosure.

5.0 General Objective of the Consultancy:

The general objective is to map existing CSO ICT and data management systems to facilitate the re-designing of the USER system.

5.1 Specific Deliverables of the Assignment:

- a) To ascertain the existing ICT and data management systems and platforms operated by the different NGOs in Uganda.
- b) To obtain the system design layouts of the different system operated by CSOs in Uganda.
- c) To ascertain how the public interacts with the mapped systems.
- d) To ascertain the service sectors that the systems contribute to.
- e) To identify and recommend areas of complementarity, interoperability and convergence between ACCU's USER system and other existing CSO ICT and data management platforms.

6.0 Nature of the Assignment:

- a) Working closely with Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda, the consultant is expected to map out all CSO ICT and data management systems as per the specification prescribed above.

7.0 Methodology:

- The Consultant is expected to develop a clear methodology detailing how this assignment will be accomplished. This should include the methods, processes and systems to be used for this assignment.
- This assignment will include visiting and interacting with CSOs operating ICT and data management systems.

8.0 Expected Outputs:

The Consultant is expected to provide;

- Technical and financial proposals clearly detailing their understanding of the terms of reference. The technical proposal should also include a clear methodology to be used for this assignment, and a financial proposal detailing the required resources for this study. The Technical and financial proposals should be submitted to ACCU by 28th June 2019.
- A first draft of the mapping report by 20th July 2019.
- Final mapping report (in soft and hard copies) by 31st July 2019.

9.0 Timeframe for the Assignment:

No.	Activity	Timeframe	Responsible Party
1.	Publication of the terms of reference	17 th June 2019	ACCU
2.	Delivery of Expression of Interest/Technical and Financial Proposals including the Methodology.	28 th June 2019	Consultants
3.	Signing of contract	2 nd July 2019	ACCU & Consultant
4.	Submission of Inception Report	4 th July 2019	Consultant
5.	Delivery of the first draft of the Mapping report	20 th July 2019	ACCU & Consultant
6.	Submission of the final mapping report	31 st July 2019.	Consultant

10.0 Relevant Skills and Experience:

The Consultant is expected to possess:

- A Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Technology, Information Systems or any other related ICT qualification.
- Post-graduate training in any of the aforementioned fields is an added advantage.
- Proof of atleast 5 years' experience of doing similar or related work (evidence of experience including referees should be included in the technical proposal).

11.0 Supervision of the Consultancy:

The Consultant will be supervised by the Program Manager at Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda.

12.0 Tax Obligations:

- A withholding tax of 6% from the contractual sum will be deducted and remitted to Uganda Revenue Authority by ACCU.

13.0 Payment terms:

- 30% payment at signing of contract.
- 70% payment at delivery of final mapping report.

14.0 Duration of consultancy:

The consultancy will run for a maximum period of two (2) month from the date of signing the contract.

15.0 Submission of proposals:

Interested individuals or organisations should submit their Technical and Financial Proposals to the Executive Director, Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda on info@accu.or.ug or kagabac@accu.or.ug not later than 28th June 2019.