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TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONDUCTING END OF PROJECT EVALUATION FOR THE STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY AND CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT IN ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT (SCEAP)

1.0 ABOUT ANTI-CORRUPTION COALITION UGANDA:

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 PROJECT BACKGROUND:

ACCU has been implementing the Strengthening Civil Society and Citizen Engagement in Accountability Project. The goal for the project is to contribute to improved transparency and accountability in Uganda through one outcome; strengthened civil society and citizen engagement with government on implementation of anti-corruption laws, policies and accountability recommendations. This project is implemented at national level and in three sub-regions and nine districts; Luuka, Iganga and Mayuge for Busoga sub-region; Terego, Yumbe and Madi-Okollo for West Nile sub-region and Masindi, Buliisa and Kikuube for Bunyoro sub-region. This project focuses on tackling corruption in critical service delivery sectors like health, education, justice, infrastructure, environment and agriculture, which directly affect ordinary Ugandans. The project supplements efforts by government accountability institutions in the fight against corruption.

¹These include: Teso Anti-Corruption Coalition (TAC), Anti-Corruption Coalition of Busoga (ACCOB), Kick Corruption out of Uganda (KICK-U), Rwenzori Anti-Corruption Coalition (RAC), Midwestern Anti-Corruption Coalition (MIRAC), The APAC Anti-Corruption Coalition (TAAC), MAYANK Anti-Corruption Coalition (MACCO) and Karamoja Anti-Corruption Coalition (KACC).

3.0 JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROJECT:

In its strategy to fight corruption, the Government of Uganda has established several anti-corruption institutions that include the Inspectorate of Government (IG), the Office of the Auditor General (OAG), the Office of Director of Public Prosecution (DPP), the Directorate for Ethics and Integrity (DEI), the Anti-Corruption Court, and the State House Anti-Corruption Unit. Several laws have also been made to facilitate the fight against corruption. Despite these initiatives, corruption remains one of the major development challenges in Uganda.

Uganda ranked 142 out of 180 countries in the 2022 Transparency International Corruption Perception Index, while another study the Inspectorate of Government in 2021, revealed that UGX 9.14 trillion of the state budget is lost every year to corruption. Endemic corruption in Uganda perhaps remains the biggest barrier to effective service delivery. This is in part due to poor implementation of anti-corruption laws and accountability recommendations, gaps within anti-corruption laws, some internal weaknesses in anti-corruption institutions, limited access to information and limited citizen capacity and engagement on accountability.

Based on the background above, ACCU has been implementing the Strengthening Civil Society and Citizen Engagement in Accountability Project with a focus on tackling corruption in critical service delivery sectors like health, education, justice, infrastructure, environment and agriculture, which directly affect ordinary Ugandans and would like to procure services of a consultancy firm/consultant to conduct an end of project evaluation to assess whether the project has achieved its intended objectives visa-vis what was planned. This assignment will also assess: the relevance and effectiveness of strategies, approaches and interventions of project/programme delivery; identify any challenges and opportunities that could have affected or facilitated achievement of project objectives and; make recommendations for improvement of future projects.

4.0 General Objective of the Consultancy:

The general objective of the consultancy is to conduct an end of project evaluation of the SCEAP project.

5.0 Specific Objectives:

- To assess whether the project has achieved its intended objectives vis-a-vis what was planned.
- To assess the relevance and effectiveness of strategies, approaches and interventions of project/programme delivery.
- To assess the factors that enabled or hindered achievement of project objectives and make recommendations for improvement of future projects.

6.0 Nature of the Assignment:

- The end line evaluation seeks to determine quantitatively and qualitatively the project achievements in relation to the main elements of the project (strengthened civil society and citizen engagement with government on implementation of anti-corruption laws, policies and accountability recommendations) among the target beneficiaries.

- The evaluation will determine the relevance and effectiveness of strategies, approaches and interventions of project/programme delivery.
- The evaluation will determine the factors that enabled or hindered achievement of project objectives and determine if the assumptions and risks stated at the beginning of the project were still true.
- The evaluation findings will be used by the consultant to make recommendations to improve ACCU's programming and implementation.

7.0 Methodology:

The Consultant/consultancy firm is expected to develop a clear methodology to be presented to ACCU detailing how the evaluation will be accomplished with design, methods of data collection, data analysis and report writing. The end of project evaluation is proposed to use both qualitative and quantitative methods. The target area for the end of project evaluation is national level and nine districts in three sub-regions namely; Luuka, Iganga and Mayuge in Busoga sub-region; Terego, Yumbe and Madi-Okollo in West Nile sub-region and Masindi, Buliisa and Kikuube in Bunyoro sub-region.

The end of project evaluation will be based on the project results framework/theory of change and the underlying assumptions and risks. Possible key respondents or data sources will be determined initially by the consultant and project team, however, the detailed data source and methods, and full questionnaires will be developed by the consultant with guidance from ACCU.

8.0 Expected Outputs:

Prospective consultancy firm/consultant is expected to provide;

- Technical and financial proposals clearly detailing their understanding of the terms of reference and resources required by 28th November, 2023. The technical proposal should also include a clear methodology to be used for the assignment; relevant experience and CVs of lead applicants/applicant.
- A first draft of the evaluation report.
- Final report (in soft and hard copies) produced by 19th January 2024.

9.0 Timeframe for the evaluation:

No.	Activity	Timeframe	Responsible Party
1.	Publication of the terms of reference	15 th November 2023	ACCU
2.	Delivery of Expression of Interest/Technical and Financial Proposals	29 th November 2023	Consultants
3.	Signing of contract	5 th December 2023	Consultant & ACCU
4.	Submission of Inception Report by successful applicant	8 th December 2023	Consultant

5.	Delivery of the first draft of the evaluation report	12 th January 2024	ACCU & Consultant
7.	Submission of final evaluation report	19 th January 2024	Consultant

10.0 Responsibility of ACCU:

ACCU will provide the following:

- Liaison with the consultant.
- Introductory letters to the stakeholders to be contacted and interviewed for this evaluation.
- Communication to the respective stakeholders.
- Provide professional fees and other resources required for this assignment.

11.0 Relevant Skills and Experience:

The lead consultants/consultant is expected to possess:

- Post graduate training in Social Sciences, Sociology, Economics, Development Studies, M&E, Project Planning and Management or any other related fields.
- At-least 5 years' experience in conducting similar studies (evidence of experience including referees should be included in the technical proposal).
- Excellent knowledge of Uganda's anti-corruption legal framework.
- Experience in conducting M&E studies is required.
- Knowledge of policy analysis is required.
- Excellent knowledge and skills in document and data analysis.
- Strong research skills including analytical and report writing skills.

12.0 Duration of consultancy:

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

13.0 Submission of proposals:

Interested individuals or firms should submit their Technical and Financial Proposals to the Executive Director, Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda on info@accu.or.ug or amarlon@accu.or.ug not later than 29th November 2023, at 05:00pm.