TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PROJECT TERMINAL EVALUATION OF A 2 YEARS Titled ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TORTURE AND RIGHTS ENHANCEMENT (ATRE) PROJECT IN KARAMOJA SUB-REGION

PROJECT BACKGROUND

When there is violent conflict, the vulnerable and most discriminated groups, who are women and children as well as the elderly, suffer most and remain with physical and psychological effects of torture. This project aims at providing holistic rehabilitation services to the torture survivors with specific emphasis on women, children and the elderly. In addition to rehabilitation, focus will also be laid on advocating for the prevention of torture in the sub-region and seeking for accountability to hold perpetrators to account for their actions, restore the survivors’ rights to remedy and reparations, and fight impunity.

The overall approach will be based on a combination of advocacy and survivor rehabilitation including psychological and medical assistance. The model in addressing torture effectively combines prevention and rehabilitation; they form a ‘package’ where the various interventions call for different targeted activities, professional expertise and personal qualities. From the perspective of the survivor and his/her family in their process of seeking justice and recovery these areas of intervention are inseparable.

This strategy is aimed at holistically rehabilitating both primary and secondary torture survivors and helping them access justice through the formal and informal mechanisms. The capacity of CSOs, local government officials, health practitioners, and the media and security agencies will be built to mitigate and advocate against torture. Citizens will be empowered to demand for accountability. The action will also empower the applicant and partner in the provision of relevant and sustainable services for the protection of women and children, such as holistic rehabilitation (medical, psychological, social, and legal services), and in working with local communities to advocate against torture, cruel and inhuman and degrading treatment.

RATIONALE

The independent terminal evaluation of ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TORTURE AND RIGHTS ENHANCEMENT (ATRE) PROJECT IN KARAMOJA SUB REGION is a mandatory step by European Union (EU) to assess overall project performance during implementation period, its results identify key lessons learned for ending program and for the future strategies. The evaluation constitutes an important contribution to the envision programme on ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TORTURE AND RIGHTS ENHANCEMENT IN the Karamoja Sub region and disseminating knowledge being implemented by ACTV and CARITAS Kotido in their organizational strategies.
The independent evaluation will build on other studies that the project has carried out during its implementation period.

**USERS OF THE EVALUATION**

The evaluation will serve ACTV programming and management and other stakeholders whose purposes are similar to Torture and Human Rights interventions. The independent evaluation will generate important findings, achievements, lessons, challenge and recommendations that will be of use to a variety of stakeholders. The main users of the evaluation include government counterparts at national and district level (Kotido, Kabong, Napaka, and Abim) and ACTV CARITAS, EU and civil society organizations at community level.

**OBJECTIVES**

The specific evaluation objectives are to:

- To independently verify (and supplement where necessary) record of achievement as reported through Activity reports, Annual Reports and defined in the projects log frame.
- To assess the extent to which the project performed well and was good value for money, which includes considering:
  1. How well the project met its objectives;
  2. How well the project applied value for money principles of effectiveness, economy, efficiency in relation to delivery of its outcome;
  3. What has happened because of EU funding that wouldn’t have otherwise happened; and
  4. Assess how ATRE has contributed to the achievement of national priorities as reflected in key national development goals, policies and other instruments.

- Draw lessons learnt – What lessons have been learnt so far which can be applied in the similar interventions on Human Rights Accountability focusing on torture, Youth and Gender.

- Appraise the project partnership approach (including management structures, communications and relationships) to community implementation and advocacy in relation to the project’s achievements.

**DELIVERABLES**

- An inception report demonstrating understanding of the assignment within one week from the start of the assignment.
An evaluation design methodology that satisfactorily demonstrate how the ATRE will be evaluated

A time table for the evaluation exercise.

Tools for the evaluation exercise.

Draft report that will be presented for validation to Project implementing staff and Management.

A well written designed and bound project evaluation report of not more than 45 pages on ATRE addressing the objectives of the assignment within 30 days of the assignment.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT
The successful consultant will work under the supervision of the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager with technical support from the project Coordinator ACTV and CARITAS KOTIDO Respectively.

• ACTV will support the process through provision of relevant information and linkages to project beneficiaries and stakeholders at district and community level.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

• Academic Qualifications
  a) A higher/Master’s Degree in Social work development studies or any related relevant field.

• Professional Qualifications
  a) An evaluation specialist with a minimum of seven years’ experience in Human Rights programme/project evaluation in an international development context.

  b) Experience of results-based monitoring and evaluation;
  c) Ability to design and plan the evaluation approaches and research methodologies, including quantitative and qualitative research methods. Where feasible and proportionate, the person or team should include skills and expertise required to design, plan and conduct impact evaluation, potentially using experimental or quasi-experimental techniques;

  d) Relevant knowledge and experience on subject matter such as education sector, gender issues, Youth programming, non-state actors and economic growth to ensure the evaluation design and
research methods are as relevant and meaningful as possible given the aims and objectives of the project and the context in which it is being delivered.

e) Design and manage data and information systems capable of handling large datasets for monitoring and evaluation purposes’). Knowledge about Karamoja region one must have appropriate country knowledge/experience including understanding of the context of the project impact areas.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ACTV requests Financial and Technical Proposals from qualified research agencies, project evaluators and individual consultants. The proposals should be sent by 31st January 2020 to:-

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