

Services of RTI Advisor to Support Activities under the Citizens for Good Governance Project

Project:	Citizens for Good Governance: Strengthening Citizen's Engagement for inclusive and Accountable Local Governance
Last date to apply:	15-11-2022
Submission to:	hr@cpdi-pakistan.org along with proposal, CV and Cover Letter

About CPDI:

Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) is an independent, non- partisan and a not-for-profit civil society organization, working on the issues of peace and development since 2003. It is registered under Section 42 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (XLVII of 1984). It was established by a group of concerned citizens who realized that there was a need to approach the issue of peace and development in an integrated manner. CPDI seeks to inform and influence public policies and civil society initiatives through research-based advocacy and capacity building in order to promote citizenship, build peace and achieve inclusive and sustainable development. Areas of special sectoral focus include promotion of peace and tolerance; rule of law; local governance; transparency and access to information; budget watch; media development; electoral reforms; legislative strengthening and democratic development.

Background:

The assignment is under Citizens for Good Governance project, which is being jointly implemented by CPDI and Individualland in KP and Punjab province. This project is led by the CPDI, whereas the partners include the Individualland (IL). Both CPDI and IL are leading civil society organizations with distinguished track record of working for good governance and democratic development with special focus on local governance, right to information, media development, elections and legislative development. Our new Citizens for Good Governance project aims to strengthen the ability of civil society organizations, journalists, social media activists and citizens for promoting efficient, transparent, responsive and accountable local governments in Pakistan. The project will promote exercise of citizens' RTI under the KP RTI Act 2013, the Punjab Transparency and RTI Act 2013 and the Federal Right of Access to Information Act 2017, which remain under-utilized due to lack of public awareness or skills for appropriate framing of questions. Under this project, CSOs will be engaged with LG councilors, educational institutions, information commissioners and government officers for well-coordinated public awareness sessions, capacity building trainings and stakeholder dialogues.

Key Activities/ Deliverables:

Key activities and deliverables that the consultant will work for including the following:

1. To review project plans, methodologies and activities from the perspective of promoting transparency and right to information and make appropriate recommendations to the project team;
2. To offer technical support to key stakeholders including CSOs, LG councilors, educational institutions, information commissions and government officers for effective implementation of right to information laws.
3. To develop or contribute to development of training manuals on RTI;

4. To make technical inputs in sessions with university/college students on RTI;
5. To contribute to CSOs capacity development programs in order to enable them to lead RTI awareness and advocacy campaigns in their respective districts/ regions;
6. To develop or contribute to development of awareness/ advocacy materials including leaflets, brochures, social media posts and others, as appropriate;
7. To provide technical support for RTI requests aimed at exposing inefficiencies/ discrimination, enhancing transparency, promoting accountability and generating evidence regarding human rights situation;
8. To engage with concerned authorities including the information commissions, LGs and LG departments for promoting more inclusive, transparent and accountable local governance;
9. To facilitate early disposal of complaints filed by citizens or CSOs from the project districts; and
10. Any other relevant tasks.

Institutional arrangement:

The assignment will be led/ managed by the CPDI Project Manager. However, the consultant will be required to incorporate feedback from other colleagues and project partners. All payments will be made in PKR, and will only be released upon satisfactory closure of the assignment and approval from the Project Manager.

Key Qualifications:

The consultant is expected to have the following skills and key qualifications:

- Master's degree in journalism, project management, sociology, economics, development or any other field related to the assignment;
- Sound track record (minimum 12 years) of working for right to information, human rights, local governance or democracy;
- Demonstrated capacity to conduct research and capacity building workshops, with special focus on RTI and local governments;
- Understanding of challenges faced by vulnerable groups such as persons with disabilities, transgender persons and religious minorities;
- Good communication and writing skills in English and other local languages;
- Ability to work in coordination with project teams in Punjab and KP.

Deliverables and Payments:

The consultant will be paid against actual days of performance on the basis of the agreed daily rate. For this purpose, the tasks will be agreed upon in advance with the project manager within the framework of key activities/ deliverables mentioned above. For each task, the Project Manager will intimate the advisor for the required reports for the payment purposes against actual days of work.

Duration / Time frame:

80 days are allocated for the assignment till December 31st, 2023 starting from November 18, 2022.

Reporting:

The Advisor will report to the Project Manager in CPDI.

Interested individuals should submit their resume along with the cover letter to (hr@cpdi-pakistan.org). The last date of submission is November 15, 2022.