

## **Call for the Expression of Interest from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)**

### **Citizens for Good Governance: Strengthening Citizens' Engagement for Inclusive and Accountable Local Governance**

#### **Background**

Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) is an independent, non-partisan and a not-for-profit civil society organization working on issues of peace and development in Pakistan. It was established in September 2003 by a group of concerned citizens who realized that there was a need to approach the issues of peace and development in an integrated manner. CPDI is a first initiative of its kind in Pakistan. It seeks to inform and influence public policies and civil society initiatives through research-based advocacy and capacity building 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, transparency and access to information, budget watch, Legislative Watch and Development and freedom of media and expression.

The CPDI is currently implementing a project "Citizens for Good Governance" in the selected districts of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The objective of the project is to strengthen the ability of CSOs, media groups and citizens for promoting efficient, transparent, responsive and accountable local governments in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The specific objectives of the project are:

1. To strengthen public demand for efficient, transparent, inclusive, responsive and accountable LGs through evidence-based debates, dialogues, discussions and public awareness initiatives.
2. To enable CSOs and citizens for effectively engaging relevant government institutions and establishing partnerships for efficient, transparent, inclusive, responsive and accountable LGs; and
3. To build capacity of journalists, media groups and social media activists for accessing information, analyzing data and producing investigative reports with focus on promoting efficient, transparent, inclusive, responsive and accountable LGs.

Under this Project, CPDI invites eligible civil society organizations to submit their expression of interest and capacity statement for work aimed at strengthening the ability of CSOs, media groups and citizens for promoting efficient, transparent, responsive and accountable local governments in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

#### **Purpose of the assignment:**

The main purpose of the assignment is to strengthen the capacity of community members and other relevant stakeholders to promote inclusive, efficient, transparent, and accountable local governments in the Punjab and KP provinces.

## Project Tasks for CSOs

The selected CSOs will be expected to perform or assist CPDI and its partners in performing certain tasks in their respective tehsils and districts. The tasks to be performed will include:

1. Promotion of dialogue among key stakeholders on promoting inclusive, efficient, transparent, and accountable local government. The themes for the dialogues will be gender and social inclusion, importance of civic engagement, satisfaction level of people with public services and public participation in budget formulation process.
2. Facilitation of Dialogues with Focus on Out of School Youth with focus on challenges faced by communities e.g. lack of access to information, poor public services, exclusive governance, non-responsive LGs, human rights violations
3. Organization of sessions on right to information and lodge RTI requests at the target area.
4. Facilitation of Research Based Youth Initiatives in Universities with focus on good governance and active citizenship for meaningful debates.
5. Support appropriate advocacy initiatives in the Promotion of Participatory Public Expenditure Management.
6. Organization of Media Campaigns/Virtual Events in target districts and the respective province.
7. Participation in the capacity building workshops on legislative system and effective engagement with the government.
8. Organization of interactive sessions with CSOs, journalists and bloggers to discuss synergies at the district level.
9. Any others, as required.

For successful implementation of these activities, CPDI requires dynamic CSOs with strong mobilization and coordination capabilities, who can play an active role at the district level. Preference will be given to the CSOs having relevant experience. Each selected civil society organization will be expected to recruit one full time staff member for the smooth implementation of project activities in the target district. The CSO's focal person should be a team player and who can work in tandem with the project team.

### Eligibility Requirement and the Selection Criteria for the CSOs:

Only those CSOs are eligible to apply, which meet the following requirements:

- It is a not-for-profit organization;
- It is registered with the relevant government agency in Pakistan;
- It has the functional Bank account;
- It is registered with the relevant tax authorities and has the NTN Number;
- It is not in default or guilty of involvement in any unlawful activity under the laws in Pakistan.

The eligible applying organizations will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Strong presence and mobilization capacity in the district in which the applying organization wishes to work under this project;
- Presence of office at the district HQ;
- Adequate financial management capacity;
- Project management capacity;
- Past experience of working for or with local governments;
- Past experience of working on human rights and with vulnerable groups, especially with focus on local governance.

**Target Districts:**

One CSO can apply for only one of the target districts, which include the following:

1. Faisalabad
2. Chakwal

**Grant Size:**

Total grant size can be up to Rs. 1 million.

**Duration:**

Expected duration of the project can be up to 10 months.

**Please provide the organizational information on the following form .**

**Annex I: Organizational Information form**

<b>Name of Organization</b>	
<b>Date of Registration</b>	
<b>Registration Number</b>	
<b>Office Address</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Name of authorized representative</b>	

<b>Designation</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Organization Profile (Please attach profile)</b>	
<b>Organization Working Experience (Number of years)</b>	
<b>NTN # with Status (as active tax payer)</b>	
<b>Registration Certificate (Please attach copy)</b>	
<b>Bank Account Details</b>	
<b>Accounts maintenance certificate (Please attach)</b>	
<b>Latest Audit Report (Please attach copy of the Audit report, if available)</b>	
<b>Detail/Name of Project implemented by the CSO in the last 3 years with short descriptions.</b>	
<b>Please mention relevant working experience in the sectors below (Maximum 200 words):</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Government</li> <li>2. Governance</li> <li>3. Advocacy</li> <li>4. Budgeting</li> <li>5. Right to Information</li> <li>6. Youth Engagement</li> <li>7. Human /Minority Rights</li> </ol>	

I undertake that the organization I am representing is a non-partisan, not for profit Civil Society Organization (CSO) without any political affiliation.

Name of the Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**All the required documents and information on the above form should be attached with the expression of interest. The CSOs will be disqualified in case of any missing information and misstatement. Please submit all the required documents by November 18, 2023 at the email address [procurement@cpdi-pakistan.org](mailto:procurement@cpdi-pakistan.org) and dispatch hard copies of the documents to CPDI Islamabad Office in House No 13, Street 788, G-13/4 Islamabad | Pakistan through courier service.**