



Terms of Reference

Consultancy to conduct a Training for selected journalists on Budget Process in Juba, Central Equatoria State, Wau, Western Bahr El Ghazal State and Yambio, Western Equatoria State.

Introduction

The Institute of Social Policy and Research (ISPR) is a registered (RRC Registration Number 1122) non-governmental, not-for-profit public policy and research center that implement social, economic and governance policy research, conduct governance trainings and management consultancy for civil society groups, the public and private sectors. We bridge the policy research gaps in South Sudan and the region and offer expert analysis on public policies, legislation and capacity development mechanisms that assist to build strong institutions. We create the platform for the government, private sector, and the civil society to work together to fast-track policy development that responds to the needs of the South Sudanese people. ISPR is registered with the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, registration number 1122. Our vision is to become the leading center of excellence in research and policy analysis in the region. ISPR endeavors are customized to support the strengthening of governance institutions that work to deliver public services. Our work involves building capacities of national organizations, local governments and private sector in research and policy sectors.

ISPR as a lead organization in the consortium will be working with Okay Africa Foundation (OAF) and Community Empowerment for Rehabilitation and Development (CEFoRD); all Youth led Non-Governmental Organizations registered by Relief and Rehabilitation Commission.

Okay Africa Foundation (OAF) is a registered youth led Organization, founded in 2016 and focusses on Peace, Governance and Democracy, Health, Nutrition and WASH, Education, Agriculture, Food Security and Livelihood, Gender and Child Protection and Environmental Protection. OAF's Mission is, "Committed to attain Sustainable Socio-Economic Development through a Peaceful generation of Citizens, embracing Diversity, Improvement of Quality of Life, and Reducing Illiteracy" while the vision is, "To have an Informed, Peaceful, Self-Sustainable and Healthy Society".

Community Empowerment for Rehabilitation and Development (CEFoRD) CEFoRD is a non-governmental and non-profit making youth organization that was established as a drama group in 2005 with a group of 20 youths under the support of Yei Community Resource Centre till its transformation into a Civil Society Organization in 2008. The organization started with mainly conducting awareness through participatory methods such as Forum theatre plays, Music and dance, board games etc. Since then CEFoRD has transformed into a National CSO/NGO registered in the Republic of South Sudan.

Background

Project Title: Enhancing citizen participation for a transparent and accountable budget

Government institutions in South Sudan are saddled with problems including limited capacity, lack of oversight, and corruption. The pre and post-independence eras have witnessed development and approval of budgets by the government through the National Legislative Assembly but there has not been any citizen participation in directing government on key citizen

budget priorities in the quest of having an inclusive budget as stipulated in the law. There is a lack of clear Framework or Policy on how citizens can be engaged in budget formulation. There is no policy that ensures that there is awareness among citizens on how, where, what, and when government will spend budgeted funds. There is limited capacity of the various Committees in the National Legislative Assembly especially the Public Accounts Committee to ensure that each and every Ministry or Government Institution provides a comprehensive financial accountability to funds allocated to them in a particular Financial Year. For purposes of transparency and ownership of the budget by the citizens, it is vital to ensure that they participate in the formulation and monitoring of the funds through an independent and credible National Legislative Assembly.

This Financial Year (FY 2020/2021), the government increased its budget to 208 billion South Sudanese Pounds (SSP), an equivalent of (\$3 billion) from the previous year (FY 2018/2019-2020) budget ceiling of 48 billion SSP. The budget shall be financed by both Donors and the Government Specifically Oil Revenue by boosting oil production, with additional funding from the Non-oil Revenue Sector. Thus, to address some of these current challenges this project will take a two-fold approach to both strengthen the capacity of citizens to effectively engage in the national budget process, as well as strengthen the capacity of key government actors to create a pro-citizen national budget. This will be achieved through increasing awareness of citizens on the national budget process and then their participation and engagement in the national budget process. We will also aim to increase reporting by the media on budgeting process through our trainings and support. The intervention will work to also increase the awareness of key government actors on the budget process such as members of parliament and those working in the ministries of finance. Finally, the project will provide support to increase the government engagement with citizens on budget processes.

As indicated above, there is the gap on reporting on public finance management in South Sudan because of lack of knowledge on how such cases happen among journalists. In South Sudan also, Media houses or journalists have not received direct training on the budget process which could have increase their Investigative Journalism reporting abilities and the results of such contribute to enhancing citizen participation for a transparent and accountable budget, financial transparency and accountability.

in line with the above the Institute of Social Policy and Research (ISPR) together with its consortium partners seek a service of a investigative media trainer to conduct training for selected journalists (both female and male) on budget process with a strong lenses investigative reporting on budget process.

Objective

The work undertaken with this assignment seeks to create a compact capacitated group of female and male journalists at the local and national level with all the skills and attitudes required from them to cover and discover and investigative stories on budget processes and their reporting add value on citizen participation for a transparent and accountable budget, financial transparency and accountability.

The major points under this would be;

- Enhance the capacity of selected number of journalists on skills associated with the reporting on budget process at local and national level
- Enhance awareness of journalists on the ways to utilize investigative reporting/journalism for the advancement of the field in areas of transparent and accountable budget, financial transparency and accountability at local and national
- Fair and balanced media coverage by the journalists on how budget process linking to actual public service delivery and development in South Sudan.

Scope of Work

The Trainer is going to implement the following tasks;

- Design, develop and prepare the contents of the training manual to integrate budget processes and their reporting adding value on citizen participation for a transparent and accountable budget, financial transparency, accountability and used for the investigative journalism training.
- Prepare an interactive/engaging training module with all the major contents included.
- Conduct the training after discussion with ISPR and consortium team on the materials, duration and timing.
- Develop a call for training for the journalists and share it ISPR and consortium to advertise and shortlists the applicants
- Co-identification of training participants in Juba, Wau and Yambio
- Prepare a follow up report on what stories/cases the trained journalists have discovered or reported on after the training.
- Recommend to ISPR and the consortium members a list of journalists who have successfully acquired knowledge and are ready to be supported to produce investigative news stories/article on finance management and budget process

Location, participants and training methods

In Juba the training will target 10 journalists both male and female, in Wau the training will be conducted to 6 journalists both male and female in Yambio the training will target 6 journalists both male and female. The duration of the training will be three (3) days each and the trainer will conduct the training virtually/online.

Qualifications/Requirements

- Strong ability and prior experience in conducting trainings on journalism, investigative on budget processes and their reporting add value on citizen participation for a transparent and accountable budget, financial transparency and accountability
- Experience in training on media, including print, broadcast and online.
- Familiar with South Sudan media landscape, including knowledge on the existing media houses and journalists associations and organizations.
- Strong facilitation skills and ability to lead a plenary
- Work experience on related journalism trainings & programs.
- Who has previously provided/experienced on virtual training and who meets the requirements needed.
- Who have a very good internet accesses.

Expected deliverables

The consultant is expected to submit the following deliverables

1. Submission of inception report which include methodology to be applied
2. Training module on Investigative Journalism focusing on budget process
3. Conduct 3 days training targeting 10 Journalists in Juba
4. Conduct 3 days training targeting 6 journalists in Wau
5. Conduct 3 days training targeting 6 journalists in Yambio
6. Final report on the training for the journalists conducted, including the evaluation of the trainings and directory of key contacts.

Payment modalities

The Consultant will have to provide the following documents before payment is effected and it should be noted that the payment will be 100% on completion of the work and all are done by cheque or bank transfer upon submission and approval of;

- Final Reports for the trainings
- The Contents of the report will be analyzed,

How to Apply:

CV, Technical and Financial proposal should be submitted to ISPR by email to info.ispr2017@gmail.com with a subject of the email “**Proposal for Journalism Trainer**” no later than the deadline stated below.

Please note that selection will be based on:

- Adherence to schedule and punctuality
- Creativity and cost

Deadline for submitting a proposal is on or before 22 July 2021.