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ADVOCATES COALITION FOR DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (ACODE)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS SCORECARD INITIATIVE (LGCSCI)

Call for Applications to Implement Civic Engagement Action Plans in Nwoya, Masindi, Apac and Arua Districts

Background

ACODE has been implementing the Local Government Councils Scorecard Initiative (LGCSCI) since 2009. LGCSCI is an evidence based social accountability initiative that seeks to deepen local governance by strengthening political accountability of both male and female elected local government leaders. The initiative also aims at strengthening citizens' demand for excellence in the provision of service delivery by their local governments. The scorecard is currently implemented in 35 districts in Uganda. The interventions under the scorecard focus on special interest groups such as women, men, youth as well as People with Disability (PWD) representatives at local government level. Through research and analysis, an assessment about the performance of the local government leaders is published on an annual basis. The assessment compares the performance of both female and male district leaders and presents the reasons for the variations. Through outreach and capacity building, the findings from the annual assessments are disseminated to both the political leaders and the citizens at the district level. The dissemination forums provide an opportunity for the female and male leaders to identify their weak points and improve their performance in the subsequent assessments.

Through Civic Engagement Action Plans (CEAPs), which are organized at the sub county level, citizens are empowered with options on how they can work with their elected leaders to ensure that the most critical service delivery demands are funded and implemented. Through the CEAPs, citizens are able to compare the performance of both their female and male district councillors. Within the framework of the CEAPs, ACODE works with women and youth groups to focus on gender specific issues for improved service delivery. ACODE also supports the female councillors to ensure that the gender specific issues presented by the communities are discussed and followed through in the district councils. Evidence from the annual assessments and feedback from citizens is used to advocate for legal and policy reforms from parliament and the relevant government ministries at the national level.

With support from USAID and UKaid, ACODE has been implementing the scorecard initiative in four districts of Arua, Nwoya, Masindi and Apac, under the GAPP Program. As part of our outreach and capacity building program, ACODE will continue to implement the Civic Engagement Meetings in the districts of Arua, Nwoya, Masindi and Apac to specifically amplify citizen voices in the demand for accountability and better service delivery. These meetings will be conducted with a view of generating action plans upon which the duty bearers at the local government level will be required to act upon to improve the quality of service delivery. ACODE seeks to hire facilitators to implement the Civic Engagement Meetings and generate the Civic Engagement Action Plans thereafter in 4 named districts of Arua, Nwoya, Masindi and Apac. The implementation of this activity will commence in October 2018, for a period of two months. For each district, three facilitators will be recruited and will undergo a three-day training before implementation.

Qualifications

- The minimum qualifications for the assignment will be a Bachelor's degree in Humanities
- At least 3 years' experience in community development work and local governance
- Working with local Civil Society Organization based in the district of interest with knowledge on the operations of Local Governments

Other considerations

- Applicants should be resident in the districts of their interest (Arua, Nwoya, Masindi and Apac)
- Have a good command of the local language

Expected Deliverables

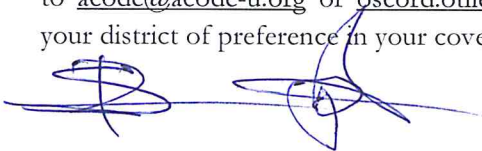
- Conduct at least 2 Community Engagement Meetings (CEMS) in each Sub-county
- Generate Community Meeting Reports (notes) for each meeting conducted
- Facilitate the CEMs and develop CEAPs and ensure that these are submitted to relevant authorities at the District
- Compile attendance sheets from each meeting
- Monitor the progress on CEAPs and generate monitoring Reports
- Compile at least three (3) case stories
- Submit valid accountabilities for the funds disbursed

Remuneration

An appropriate package shall be given to each facilitator upon successful evaluation of application and signing of the contracts.

Deadline for application

Interested Candidates should send in their applications together with their CVs and academic documents to acode@acode-u.org or oscord.otile@acode-u.org by Wednesday 10, October 2018. Please indicate your district of preference in your cover letter. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.



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