



Call for Expression of Interest to Undertake a Study to Assess the Efficacy of the Covid-19 Macroeconomic Policy Response in Uganda

Background

The measures introduced worldwide to slow down the spread of COVID-19 have a significant socio-economic impact on all countries. In low- and middle-income countries this impact is compounded by the limited financial, monetary and social instruments and the associated resilience at a state and societal level. Low- and middle-income countries have adopted measures similar to those adopted by developed countries to counter the pandemic, without the requisite evidence base. LMICs need to engage on three central issues: (1) how to improve the efficacy of various fiscal and monetary interventions in a way that reflects their specific developmental context, (2) what viable (as opposed to available) financing options exist, with specific emphasis on vulnerable groups, and (3) how to align the COVID-19 stimulus with broader technological and social system transformation to support more climate-resilient and sustainable economies. Environmental considerations may be marginalised by policymakers, focusing on the seemingly more urgent social and economic concerns.

The project's overall goal is to inform macroeconomic policy development in response to the COVID-19 pandemic by LMICs and development partners that result in more inclusive, climate-resilient, effective, and gender responsive measures through evidence-based research. This would help to mitigate COVID-19's social and economic impact, promote recovery from the pandemic in the short-term and position LMICs in the longer-term for a more climate-resilient, sustainable and stable future. Further the research aims to have a deep understanding of the country's macroeconomic policy framework and the institutions involved (political analysis) in the macroeconomic policy response to COVID-19.

Overall and Specific Objective

The overall objective of the assignment is to examine the efficacy, inclusiveness and viability of the various fiscal and monetary policy interventions to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Uganda.

The specific objectives will include:

1. To assess the efficacy of fiscal and monetary policy responses to COVID-19 within Uganda's development context.
2. To examine the inclusiveness of the fiscal and monetary policy responses to COVID-19 in Uganda.
3. To assess the viability of the various fiscal and monetary policy responses to COVID-19 in Uganda's development context.
4. To conduct a political economy analysis of key institutions involved in implementing the fiscal and monetary policy responses to COVID-19 in Uganda.

Description of the assignment

ACODE is desirous of enlisting the services of consultants to assess the efficacy of COVID-19 macroeconomic policy responses in Uganda.

Scope of work

- Data collection
- Analysis of data
- Report writing

Expected Competencies

ACODE is seeking to contract a consultant to undertake the study. The following competences are expected of the consultant;

A degree in economics, development studies, public policy and other relevant fields

Research experience

Excellent writing and organizational skills

Submission of Expression of Interest ACODE invites interested applicants to express their interest to undertake this work by sending an email following the format attached with the subject line 'EOI for Covid-19 Macroeconomic Policy Response' and CV attached to the Executive Director, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) on acode@acode-u.org, copy Manager CBEG on g.bogere@acode-u.org or

delivered to Plot 97- 98 Kanjokya Street, Kampala – Uganda by Close of Business (5pm) on Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Applications submitted after the deadline shall not be accepted. Please note that due to the expected volume of applications, only successful applicants will be responded to.

Expression of Interest Email format

Subject: As indicated in call for Expression of Interest

Dear Sir,

This is in response to call published on the ACODE Website, inviting expression of interest for [.....]. I/We hereby submit our expression of interest. My/Our projected fees for the assignment is UGX [.....]. I/We have attached my/or CV(s) indicating relevant experience related to the assignment as indicated in the call for Expression of Interest. I/We understand that the CV(s) will be used to evaluate my/our suitability for the assignment.

Yours,

Name:

Telephone:

Name of firm (where applicable):

Designation: