

## Call for Expression of Interest

### TOR for Analysis of BFP and MDA Work plans 2020/2021

#### Background

ACODE with funding from DFID under the Governance, Accountability, Participation and Performance Program (GAPP) and the Hewlett Foundation is desirous of undertaking a study to analyse budget allocations of select sectors and Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the Budget Framework Paper (BFP 2020/21) and Work plans following the second budget call circular. The study builds on a previous study to analyse the proposed budget for FY 2019/20 with the aim of identifying budget lines for decentralised functions retained by central government Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs). The findings of the study showed that up-to UGX 1.066 trillion for funding decentralised services had been allocated to central government MDAs. The agriculture sector registered the highest amount of funds retained at UGX 281.4 Bn followed by education (UGX 257.2 Bn), health (UGX 217.8 Bn) to mention a few. It also identified UGX 530.2 Bn allocated to MDAs that could be rationalised to free additional resources for local governments.

The share of the national budget allocated to local governments has been reducing from 23% to about 12% (FY 2019/20) and is projected to fall further to 10% for FY 2020/21. This has overtime served to weaken decentralisation. Moreover there is anecdotal evidence that centralised delivery of devolved services is bedevilled by three related challenges namely, poor management, poor accountability and sustainability.

The BFP is an important milestone in the annual budget calendar. It is the Government's overall strategy document for the budget, and provides the link between the Government's overall policies (identified in the National Development Plan) and the annual budget. It presents detailed sector plans along side expenditure targets for the financial year by vote, vote function and key outputs. This presents an opportunity to examine capture of funds for services devolved to local governments by central governments MDAs earlier in the budget cycle. In this regard, ACODE is seeking to enlist services of consultants (Lead Consultant and Associate Consultant) to undertake the study.

#### Objectives

The overall objective of the study is to examine the BFP for purposes of identifying budget lines for devolved services under central government MDAs in the BFP FY 2020/21. The findings from the study will be used and advocate for increased financing for local governments in the budget for FY 2020/21.

#### Scope

The study will focus on the sectors with decentralised functions as stipulated in the third schedule of the Local Government Act. It will therefore focus on sectors such as Agriculture; Health; Education; Water and Sanitation and Environment and Natural Resources and Roads focusing on components implemented by local governments.

The consultants will mainly review relevant government documents including but not limited to:

- a) The National Budget Framework Paper for FY 2020/21

- b) Sector Budget Framework Papers for FY 2020/21
- c) MDA workplans FY 2020/21
- d) Budget call circulars
- e) Any other relevant budget document and data

### **Expected outputs**

The consultants are expected to produce a number of deliverables in course of the study including;

- Submission of inception report including study tools
- Submission of draft report
- Submission of final report

### **Reporting**

The consultants will directly report to the Director of Research, ACODE and will work closely with the Project Manager CBEG at ACODE in execution of this task.

### **Duration**

The assignment will be completed within one month. Interested persons should send in their expression of interest by 5: 00pm Monday, February 24, 2020

The EOI should be addressed to the **Executive Director, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE)**. These should be submitted by email on [acode@acode-u.org](mailto:acode@acode-u.org) or delivered to Plot 97-98 Kanjokya Street, Kampala – Uganda by **Close of Business (5pm) on 24th February, 2020**. Applications submitted after the deadline shall not be accepted.