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Call for Expression of Interest to Develop CSOs Position Paper and Alternative VNR Report for the 2024 National VNR Process for Zimbabwe

Deadline – 16 February 2024

Introduction and Background

The National Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (NANGO) is the coordinating body of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) operating in Zimbabwe. It is a non-partisan, non-profit making, and non-denominational organisation mandated to coordinate and represent the NGO sector in Zimbabwe. Through its mission, NANGO commits itself to lead NGOs, strengthen, represent, and coordinate their work by creating space, and promoting networking, dialogue, and engagement to enable the fulfilment of members' visions and missions. NANGO seeks to achieve its mission by fulfilling its vision of having a proactive community of NGOs responsive and committed to the sustainable development needs of all people in Zimbabwe and the full realisation of human rights, democracy, good governance, and poverty alleviation.

NANGO, in partnership with Forus supported by the European Union (EU), is implementing an initiative to strengthen Civil Society's engagement and influence in Zimbabwe's Voluntary National Review (VNR) Process. The project seeks to promote inclusion and effective participation of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in the VNR process to ensure all voices, especially from the marginalised groups are heard. Broadly, the projects seek to strengthen CSO participation in the 2024 VNR process and contribute towards a more inclusive and participatory approach to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) implementation in Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe is one of the 42 countries that volunteered to present their National VNR reports at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) to be held from 8 to 17 July 2024. Through this initiative, NANGO seeks to engage a consultant to develop a CSO Position Paper to input into the national VNR report and, develop a CSOs Alternative VNR Spotlight Report. These deliverables will be used to engage key stakeholders during the planned stakeholder engagement meetings. The main objective of this assignment is for the consultant to provide technical assistance in the development of the

position paper for the national VNR report and the development of a CSOs Alternative VNR Spotlight report. The deliverables will be products of wider CSOs sector consultations and desk review processes on SDG implementation, identify challenges and opportunities to accelerate SDG implementation in Zimbabwe. The assignment is expected to cover a wide range of parameters such as CSOs knowledge of SDGs implementation in Zimbabwe and how CSOs can contribute to the attainment of the SDGs.

Background and Rationale

Zimbabwe recognises the importance of the SDGs and has so far submitted two VNR reports in 2017 and 2021 respectively. However, there is a need for a more inclusive and participatory process to ensure all voices, especially marginalised groups, are heard. While the previous VNR processes for Zimbabwe, included some stakeholder consultations, there were concerns about the depth and inclusivity of engagement with non-state actors and communities. On the other hand, CSOs had missed opportunities for spotlighting local perspectives in the previous VNR processes. Critiques of the previous reports have identified a lack of bottom-up data and insights from communities and grassroots organisations leading to an incomplete picture of progress and challenges. It is, therefore, key to advocate for a robust VNR process with active CSO participation to hold the government accountable for its SDG commitments. To redress these identified gaps, this project will help in building CSOs' knowledge, skills, and resources to effectively engage in the VNR process, facilitate inclusive consultations, provide evidence-based inputs, recommendations, and alternative narratives; and raise public awareness about the SDGs and the VNR process.

Purpose of the Consultancy

The consultant will provide technical assistance in the development of a Position Paper for the National VNR Report and develop a CSOs Alternative VNR Spotlight Report. The report will gather the inputs and perspectives of CSOs on SDGs implementation and these will be shared with key stakeholders.

Methodology

The consultant must adopt robust and credible methodologies, combining qualitative and quantitative approaches. The project team will work with the consultant to develop data collection tool(s). The analysis should be conducted in a way that the findings are relevant, easily accessible, widely usable, and can be regularly updated.

Scope of the Study

The scope of the assignment should have national coverage.

Practical Details

The consultant is likely to commence by the 26th of February 2024.

Consultant Profile

The consultant should have the following qualifications and experience:

- At least a Master's Degree in Development Studies, Public Policy Analysis, Economics, or any other relevant field.
- Minimum of five years of working experience in the NGO sector of Zimbabwe and/or international development with previous experience in conducting assignment(s) of similar focus and scope.
- Excellent research, analytical, and writing skills.
- Ability to work independently and deliver on time.
- Written and spoken fluency in English is required.
- Excellent presentation, interpersonal, and facilitation skills preferred.

How to Apply

Interested Consultants are invited to submit the following:

1. Submit a technical and financial proposal (4 pages maximum). This should outline your motivation, proposed approach, the steps you will take to complete the assignment, and details regarding your availability.
2. A CV (max 3 pages) of the consultant.
3. A capacity statement that outlines the consultant's qualifications and experience.
4. At least three contactable referees preferably from reputable institutions involved in SDGs implementation.

*The deadline for submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI) is **Friday 16 February 2024**. EOIs should be sent via email to ngorecruitmentzw@gmail.com copy admin@nangozim.org with **“EOI for the Zimbabwe VNR Report”** in the subject line. EOIs received after the deadline will be automatically disqualified.*