

## **Call for Expression of Interest**

### **Network on Security Sector Reform in Nigeria (NetSSRIN) for the Civil Military Relations Project in Nigeria**

The CLEEN Foundation (formerly known as Centre for Law Enforcement Education) is a non-governmental organization established in January 1998 with the mission of promoting public safety, security, and accessible justice through empirical research, legislative advocacy, demonstration programs and publications, in partnership with government and civil society.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Civil Society Organisations as member of the aforementioned network under the Civil Military Relations Project of CLEEN Foundation.

**Location: All Geopolitical Zones.**

**Duration of membership: April 2019 - April, 2020 (Continuity is subject to performance and continuous funding for this project).**

#### **Background:**

The Civil Military Relations Project aims to improve the military and broader security forces' respect for human rights, ability to provide security, and public accountability in Nigeria. Since the commencement of the CLEEN Foundation's civil-military relations work in 2015, the military has implemented several reforms to improve its interactions with the public, and its ability to fulfil its public mandate. These reforms are best exemplified by the Federal Ministry of Defence's establishment of a Civil Military Relations Desk, and the Army's establishment of a Human Rights Desk, operationalized at the divisional level in each division across the country, and recently the Nigerian Army Call Center that also receives complaints against Army personnel. Despite these reforms, the military's respect and adherence to human rights norms remains limited.

CLEEN will continue to apply its civil-military relations roadmap, developed in earlier phases of the CMR project, as it provides a tool and convening platform for security forces, oversight mechanisms, and civil society to discuss security sector reform, and chart avenues for lasting solutions to the identified challenges to positive civil military relations in Nigeria. While CLEEN successfully initiated a dialogue between civil society and the military through previous iterations of this project, it will now focus on fostering responsible and more systematic conversations on military reform to promote accountability, security, and human rights in Nigeria.

In view of the above, CLEEN will lead the "Network on Security Sector Reform in Nigeria" (NetSSRIN), a consortium of 12 civil society organizations drawn from the six geo-political zones to work with the National Human Rights Commission, the military and key government agencies to achieve the project objectives.

**Broad Project objective:**

To strengthen dialogue and respect for human rights between the Military and Civil Populace and provide communities with opportunities to assess the efficacy of security force complaints redress mechanisms.

**Requirements:**

The Applicant must possess the following:

- Be Executive Directors of applying NGOs/CSOs
- Minimum of BSc./BA/B.Ed, preferably Advanced degree in Social/Humanitarian/Political Sciences/Development Studies
- Relevant experience in security sector reform programming particularly tracking human rights abuses committed against citizens by security agencies.
- Be conversant with prevailing context of Military operations and their relationship with civilians in their state/region.
- Strong analytical and reporting writing skills
- Ability to understand the local language of the area covered

**Roles/Responsibilities:**

- Participate in the key project activities of the project when needed.
- Effectively contribute to achieving the project objectives.
- Submit expected deliverables as NetSSRIN member
- Participate on the quarterly advocacy visits to the military, especially the Army to enhance security sector reform.

**Application Closing Date**

24<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019

**How to Apply:**

Interested and qualified individuals should submit their Applications, detailing relevant experience and skills described above to [procurement@cleen.org](mailto:procurement@cleen.org) which must include the following:

- A Cover Letter detailing requirements, skills and experience as described above, information on past related work is desirable.
- CVs with relevant experience (maximum of 3 pages) including two referees conversant with their work.
- A short context of civil military relations in the geopolitical zone/Status of human rights violations by the Military not to exceed 1 page.