

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO CONDUCT A BASELINE ASSESSMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE IN NIGERIA

INTRODUCTION

The CLEEN Foundation, and Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA) with support from the World Organisation against Torture (OMCT) embarked on series of sensitization and advocacy forums with the Federal Government of Nigeria towards the development and submission of a compliance state report on the implementation of convention against torture provisions in which Nigeria is a Signatory to. Nigeria had been a signatory to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (UNCAT) since 28 July 1998 and ratified the convention on 28 July 2001, in less than three years of becoming a signatory to the instrument. Furthermore, the country has ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) on 27 July 2009. The ratification of the CAT had created legal and political obligations on the Republic of Nigeria to comply with and implement the provisions of the Convention at the domestic level, However, the Nigeria state has failed to submit any report before the Committee Against Torture (CAT) either under the CAT or OPCAT since her ratification in 2001.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The ratification of the convention against torture in the year 2001 by the Federal Government of Nigeria was aimed to end the ugly experiences associated with military rule in Nigeria and birth a reform in security forces treatment of the citizens. However, successive Nigeria Governments have failed to submit her report on compliance to CAT provisions which may not be unrelated with the persistence of torture, extra judicial killings and inhuman treatment in Nigeria. In view of the absence of Nigeria's report, CLEEN Foundation will lead the development of an alternative report in partnership with PRAWA (hereafter named the consortium) that will be submitted and presented at the 72nd session of CAT. This process will also involve consultation with other relevant stakeholders.

It is worthy to recall that Nigeria in 2017 took the important step of enshrining its obligations under the UN Convention into Nigerian law by enacting the Anti-Torture Act in 2017. This act provides a platform to apply the prohibition on torture or inhuman or degrading treatment as laid down in Section 34(1)(a) of the 1999 Constitution and makes comprehensive provisions for penalizing the acts of torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, and prescribes penalties for the commission of such acts. Regrettably, the objective of the Nigeria Anti-Torture Act has not being fully achieved as torture, ills and degrading treatment remains a grave human rights challenge in Nigeria. There has been an increase in the number of reported cases of gross human rights abuses and impunity by law enforcement officials in Nigeria. Such violations include indiscriminate arrests, illegal detention, infliction of physical, emotional and psychological injuries. There is a growing rate of extrajudicial killings and execution of Nigerians while in custody, illegal detention centers, and disappearances of individuals by state actors

PURPOSE OF CONSULTANCY

The primary objective of this consultancy is to produce a baseline study and research on the implementation on the convention of torture in Nigeria.

REQUIREMENTS:

The Applicant must possess the following:

- A minimum of first degree in Law, Social/Humanitarian/Political Sciences/Development Studies. Advanced Degree in the following disciplines will be preferable.
- Relevant experience in Criminal Justice, public safety and security, policing, peacebuilding, conflict resolution programming not more than less than 5 years.
- Be conversant with prevailing context of torture by security actors in Nigeria.
- Advanced Degrees in Law, Social/Humanitarian/Political Sciences/Development Studies will be preferable.
- Strong analytical and report writing skills.

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Identify list of issues on the implementation of the convention on torture.
- Analyze data on country compliance with the convention against torture.
- Access indicators regarding litigations by citizens on the implementation on the convention against torture in Nigeria.
- Access indicators on the implementation on the convention on torture at a regional (Africa) level.
- Provide information on media dissemination on anti-torture initiatives in Nigeria.
- Access how victims of torture/CIDT and/or their families received direct legal/medical/social assistance from Civil society organizations and world organization against Torture.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES:

- Develop comprehensive report on baseline desk research on the implementation on the convention on torture conducted in Nigeria.
- Submit report of the baseline desk research to CLEEN Foundation and PRAWA.

TIMEFRAME:

Application will be treated on a rolling basis

HOW TO APPLY

Interested and qualified individuals should submit their proposals, detailing relevant experience and skills described above to **procurement@cleen.org** which must include the following:

- A Cover Letter detailing skills and experience fitting the requirements described above.
- Information on past related work is desirable.
- CV with relevant experience (maximum of 3 pages) including two referees conversant with their work.

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