

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANTS FOR PRODUCTION OF EARLY WARNING AND EARLY RESPONSE (EWER) MAPPING REPORT IN PLATEAU, TARABA & ZAMFARA STATES

Introduction

Northern Nigeria has been riddled with armed conflicts in the last 20 years. These conflicts are underpinned by a complex and interlocking set of social and political factors including large-scale under-development, high poverty, youth unemployment, religious fundamentalism, conflict entrepreneurship, climate change, porous borders, the increased availability of small arms and light weaponry, and economic-induced conflicts. Collectively, frequent conflicts have amounted to large-scale destruction of human lives and the displacement of large populations across the region as unarmed civilians are caught in the crossfires. Government efforts at various levels, ranging from creation of legal and policy frameworks to programs on-the-ground have been inadequate to protect civilians.

Background

Our proposed intervention will be implemented in the following states Zamfara, Plateau, Kaduna and Taraba in Nigeria and aims to concretely advance a vision of ending the cycle of violence conflicts in Northern Nigeria through the empowerment of community members, with special emphasis on women, to serve as peace-builders trained in early detection and early response to conflicts while fostering their full participation as citizens in a more equitable economy and more tolerant religious and cultural landscape. Our approach will strengthen and build on civil-security partnerships to leverage the under-tapped capacity of local communities to address violent attacks by fostering mutual understanding and collaborative change. Given the inadequacy of existing early warning structures and the slow response by state security actors, mobilizing individual and collective civilian engagement is the best strategy for turning the tide on violent conflicts in Northern Nigeria.

Broad objective:

The project goal is to prevent and mitigate violence against civilians in at-risk areas of northern Nigeria by strengthening and expanding EWER capabilities including through access to near real-time alerts of village burning incidents. The project will engage civil society to serve as peacebuilders/conflict mitigators trained in early detection, warning, and response to conflicts. Central to the project is the mobilization and training of local Nigerian constituencies, with an emphasis on women, to engage in and strengthen existing EWERs systems from the ground up.

Location: The location covered by the project includes: Kaduna, Plateau, Taraba and Zamfara states respectively.

The Aim of this Consultancy:

The overall objective of this engagement is for the consultants to identify and map EWER Stakeholders with deep knowledge of safety and security issues in Plateau, Taraba and Zamfara states that will inform implementation of project activities in the focal communities and states.

Purpose of the Engagement:

The purpose of this engagement is for the consultants to Map Early Warning & Early Response Stakeholders to support EWER implementation in the focal communities and states and perform the following roles and responsibilities:

Roles/Responsibilities:

- Work closely with CLEEN Foundation to map EWER stakeholders with deep local knowledge of safety and security issues in Plateau, Taraba and Zamfara States and inform implementation of project activities in the focal communities in Kaduna state
- Work with CLEEN Foundation and state partners to identify Community Safety Partners, which may be local organizations or recognized leaders, from focal communities at the project locations and existing EWER networks who will advise on the interoperability and coordination of the project;
- Develop a comprehensive report on EWER Mapping Assessment conducted in Plateau, Taraba and Zamfara States.
- Participate at the EWER Stakeholders Forum in the focal states (Plateau, Taraba and Zamfara states) and present the EWER mapping report at the EWER Stakeholders Forum.

Expected Deliverables:

- Develop comprehensive reports on EWER mapping assessment conducted in Plateau, Taraba and Zamfara States;
- Submit reports of the EWER Stakeholders Mapping conducted in Plateau, Taraba and Zamfara States (Ms Word and Power-Point versions). The reports are expected on or before one week to the EWER Stakeholders Forum in Plateau, Taraba and Zamfara States;
- Three detailed reports are expected from the three consultants from the focal communities and states (two focal communities per LGA, four communities in each state, twelve communities from the three states).

Duration of Assignment: 8 weeks

Required Expertise

The Applicant must possess the following:

- Be Executive Directors of an NGOs
- A minimum of Masters Degree in Social/Humanitarian/Political Sciences/Development Studies
- Relevant experience in security sector reform programming not more than less than 3 years.
- Be conversant with prevailing context of safety and security issues in affected communities within the states.
- Strong analytical and reporting writing skills
- Ability to understand the local language of the areas covered

Application Duration: Thursday, 18th November - Thursday 2nd December, 2021

Supervision: The consultants engaged will work under direct supervision of the Research and Measurement & Evaluation Officers of CLEEN Foundation

How to Apply

Interested and qualified professionals should submit their proposals, detailing relevant experience and skills described above to 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 Safety and Security issues in the affected communities within the state not to exceed 1 page;
- Evidence of recent work done in this area of study.
- Evidence of at least one previous work done submitted.

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