



Investing in People for Social & Economic Justice

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PRODUCING A RESEARCH PAPER

The Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development is seeking for qualified research consultant(s) to produce a **Research Paper on Mining and Community Development Challenges: Prospects for Community Development**

Introduction

The Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (ZIMCODD) seeks to conduct a research to generate knowledge on the multifaceted and multi-layered mining and community development challenges in Zimbabwe. The knowledge generated will be used to inform citizen agency and empowerment around the demand for public accountability, equality and equitable sustainable development in resource-rich communities. The generated knowledge will further influence policy reforms towards reducing extractive-induced inequalities in Zimbabwe. The thrust of the research therefore is to identify challenges and prospects for community development in four (4) mining communities and to come up with actionable recommendations to ensure sustainability and equity in mineral resource extraction.

Background and Context

Despite being endowed with over 60 different types of mineral resources, Zimbabwe's level of social and economic development is not commensurate to its resource richness. With over 40 minerals having been historically exploited, Zimbabwe has remained afflicted by deep-rooted poverty, inequality and deprivation particularly in host mining communities where citizens are not deriving meaningful benefit from resources being extracted but rather ecological debt, inequalities and abject poverty or what has been coined the "natural resource curse". Three major challenges facing the extractives sector are Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs), extractive induced public debt and extractive induced inequalities. Zimbabwe's desperate move to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has resulted in the sector benefiting external stakeholders such as multinational companies at the expense of the government and general citizenry.

The situation has been exacerbated by opaque public finance management system, poor natural resource governance as characterized by lack of transparency and accountability, secrecy in debt contraction, lack of citizen participation and grand systemic corruption. In what has been termed mega-deals in the extractive sector, the mining contracts are signed in favour of the investor while developmental aspirations of citizens and host mining communities are sacrificed and/or thwarted. Further, the Minister of Finance and Economic Development is on record acknowledging the rise in mineral revenue leakages which has

robbed the country of the much-needed foreign currency earnings.¹ The human cost of the 12 Billion Mining Industry Vision by 2023 must be kept in perspective as many Zimbabwean communities continue to suffer from internal displacements, environmental degradations, land-grabbing, loss of livelihoods and countless human rights abuses in the context of mining investment. Against this background, ZIMCODD seeks to conduct a research on mining and community development challenges in order to increase capacities of host mining communities to challenge unsustainable debt and existing inequalities in resource-rich communities. The research also seeks to influence policy framework towards plugging out mineral revenue leakages and achieve equality in mineral resource proceeds.

1. Aim

The purpose of the research paper is to generate knowledge which inform citizen agency in demanding for public accountability, equality and equitable sustainable development in resource-rich communities. The research paper will further influence policy reforms towards reducing extractive-induced inequalities in Zimbabwe.

2. Objectives

The research paper is premised on the following objectives:

- To generate knowledge on the community development challenges and prospects in mining communities in Zimbabwe;
- To dissect the multi-layered social, economic and environmental inequalities suffered by host mining communities; and
- To proffer actionable policy recommendations on the implications of extractive-induced unsustainable debt, Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) and inequalities to achieve sustainable community development.
- To explore the prospects for community development in mining host communities.

3. Scope and focus of the Assignment

- The scope and focus of the assignment are to provide technical expertise and scientific research support to enable ZIMCODD to produce a credible and evidence-backed research paper based on lived experiences of citizens in 4 selected resource-rich communities in Zimbabwe.

4. Deliverables

- A credible research paper whose findings will be used to inform policy reform on public debt, extractives and inequality in Zimbabwe.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

- The Consultant shall carry out qualitative and quantitative analysis of community development challenges and prospects in four (4) selected mining communities which are Penhalonga and Marange (Manicaland province), Mhondongori and Shurugwi (Midlands province) and produce a research paper. The selected mining communities will be used as case studies of mining community development challenges.

¹Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (2020), The 2021 National Budget Statement
http://www.zimtreasury.gov.zw/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=category&id=54&Itemid=787

6. To Apply

Interested applicants with demonstrable experience, education and expertise in research on Natural Resource Governance, Public Finance Management, Domestic Resource Mobilisation, Socio-Economic Analysis and Public Policy Analysis should respond to the call for expression of interest no later than 28 August 2021 by email to ZIMCODD.

Applications should include:

- Expression of Interest (EOI) demonstrating the aspiring consultant's understanding of the assignment, proposed methodological approach, proposed budget (3 pages maximum);
- Detailed CVs of the aspiring consultant and the research team demonstrating their work profile and past experience in similar assignments;
- Three (3) contactable professional references;
- Completed ZIMCODD Bio Data Form.

The consultant/team will be selected through a competitive process based upon thorough and fair scrutiny of the proposals of the competing interested parties.

7. Time Frame

The timeline for the assignment is 21 days from the date of awarding of contract.

8. Terms of Payment

Payments will be done according to agreed terms and budget with the successful applicants. Applicants to attach a detailed budget indicating all related costs in the expression of interest.

9. Key Contacts and Reporting

The consultant will work with the ZIMCODD Programmes Manager for this assignment.

Send your Expression of Interest and supporting documents to: zimcodd@zimcodd.co.zw by COB Friday, 27 August 2021.