

Consultancy to Review Outstanding Gaps in the Public Finance Management Laws

Scope of Work

We are looking for a consultant to review the legal framework governing the public finance management (PFM) in Zimbabwe with a view to identifying outstanding gaps or reforms. The review will be guided by the advocacy work that our Consortium has been doing around PFM legislative reforms in the past four years.

Background

One of the objectives of our Consortium is the strengthening of laws governing the public finance management in the country to ensure that public resources are utilized efficiently and prudently for the benefit of the generality of citizens. In this regard, we have assisted policy-makers through seminars to review the following pieces of legislation;

- Public Finance Management (PFM) Regulations of 2019 (S.I. 135 / 2019)
- Public Finance Amendment Bill
- Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act

As indicated above, our consortium intends to conduct a gap analysis of the PFM legal framework vis-à-vis the advocacy and capacity building work we have been doing in the last four years. The review will also assess progress towards aligning **key PFM legislation** (not just the ones mentioned above but also other PFM related legislation e.g. Audit Office Act, Public Debt Management Act *etc*) to the 2013 Constitution as well as the SADC PF Model Law on Public Finance Management.

This process will result in the production of a consolidated status report highlighting reforms that have been done and outstanding gaps. This status report will serve as a baseline reference for policy-makers beyond the end of the current project (June 2023) that the consortium is implementing.

Tasks Assigned to the Consultant

The Consultant will be required to review PFM reforms that the consortium has been advocating and produce a status report highlighting key advocacy milestones on PFM reforms and outstanding legislative and/or policy gaps.

Deliverables

The consultant will undertake the following deliverables:

- Submission of a brief conceptual research methodology (Max 2 pages)
- Submission and presentation of Draft Report to consortium members
- Submission of Final Status Report

Timeframes

The consultancy deliverables are expected to meet the following deadlines:

- Brief conceptual research methodology – 13 February 2023
- Submission of Draft Report and presentation of preliminary findings thereof 28 February 2023
- Submission of Final Report 10 March 2023

Qualifications

The consultant must have a minimum of a Master's Degree either in Public Finance, Economics, or law. In addition, the consultant should possess sound expertise and traceable experience in conducting such research work.

Level of Effort

A consultancy fee shall be disclosed to short-listed consultants. Interested experts are requested to submit their expression of interest including a brief conceptual research methodology and budget before end of business on 13 February 2023 to this email address: recruitments221@gmail.com