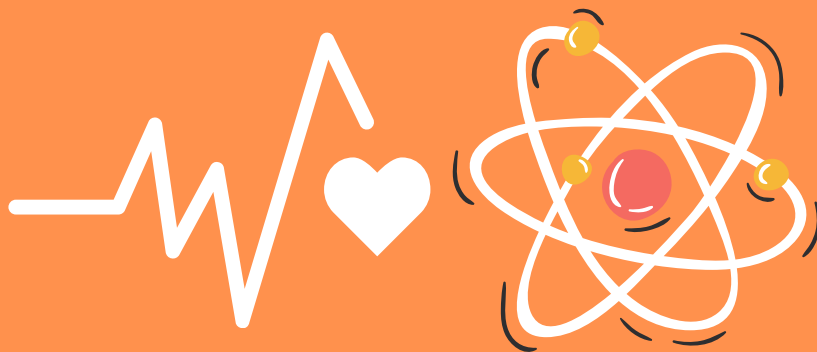




**Call for Expression of Interest (EOI)
Analysis of the 2023 OAG Audit
Reports (Implications for Health &
Education)**



1.0 Introduction

The Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (ZIMCODD) is currently analyzing the 2023 Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) audit reports – Local Authorities (LAs), State-Owned Enterprises and Parastatals (SOEPs), and Appropriation and Fund accounts. ZIMCODD is therefore seeking the consultancy services of an experienced researcher to lead its internal team of researchers to analyse the 2023 OAG Report findings on Public Finance Management (PFM) challenges in the health and education sectors. The findings of this analysis are expected to inform the programming interventions of a Public Finance Management strengthening project in the Health and Education sectors that ZIMCODD is currently implementing.

2.0 Consultancy Background

ZIMCODD is currently implementing a project that aims to strengthen systems and processes, including institutions and people's participation, in public financial management-Strengthening Institutions and People Participation in PFM (SIPPP). Central to the SIPPP project is tracking the addressing of findings and implementation of recommendations of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) audit reports. The OAG reports provide an independent and objective assessment of the financial management and performance of all government ministries, departments, and agencies (MDAs), local authorities (LAs), and state-owned enterprises and parastatals (SOEPs). The latest 2023 OAG audit reports revealed that many Local Authorities, SOEPs, and Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) grapple with various irregularities and gaps related to governance, revenue collection and debt recovery, asset and investment management, procurement of goods and services, employment, and service delivery. Against this backdrop, ZIMCODD is keen to understand the key PFM issues, particularly recurrent and emerging problems, gaps in institutions, systems and practices, the underlying reasons for these challenges and gaps, opportunities, entry points and strategies to address identified challenges and gaps, promising practices, in the health and education sectors flagged out in the 2023 OAG report and previous reports.

3.0 Research Objectives

The specific objectives of the analysis is to identify the following key PFM issues in the health and education sectors highlighted in both the 2023 report and preceding reports:

Institutional, systems and procedural weaknesses, problems and gaps.

Underlying causes of these weaknesses, problems and gaps.

Opportunities, entry points and strategies to address identified challenges and gaps.

Promising practices and developments.

Priority issues of focus to improve PFM in both the education and health sectors.

Key institutions, actors and agencies that can be harnessed to effectively address PFM. challenges and gaps in the health and education sectors.

4.0 Expected Deliverables

A detailed analytical report (maximum 20 pages) explicitly highlighting findings on all the above highlighted issues.

2A power point presentation (no more than 10 slides) summarising the analysis report's findings

5.0 Timeline

This is a 10-day LOE desktop research assignment that is expected to be completed within a maximum period of two weeks.

6.0. Applicant Qualifications

Must be a holder of at least a Master's Degree in Development Studies, Economics, Public Policy and Administration or any other related disciplines.

At least 10 years' experience in the field of expertise.

Evidence of prior related work conducted is a must.

7.0. Application Procedures

Submit an Expression of Interest with concept note and budget to ZIMCODD on **zimcodd@zimcodd.co.zw** and copy **recruitmentzim2000@gmail.com** by COB Wednesday 28 August 2024.

Applicants must attach Curriculum Vitae detailing evidence of similar referenced work undertaken in the past.

