

OPPORTUNITY ALERT!

Fight Inequality- Zimbabwe calls for Expression of Interest to film a documentary on Social Service Inequality in Zimbabwe.



Assignment Title: Documentary on water inequalities in Zimbabwe

Duration of Assignment: 21 Working Days

Effective Start Date: 6 November 2024

Location: Harare & Chitungwiza

Reporting to: The National Coordinator

Introduction

Fight Inequality Zimbabwe (FIA-Zim) intends to undertake a documentary that explores the linkages between the complex interplay of debt, inequality and essential services in Zimbabwe with a particular focus on Harare and Chitungwiza's water situation. The documentary will analyze how the Zimbabwean debt crisis has exacerbated existing inequalities and perpetuated a cycle of poverty and debt among vulnerable populations.

Background

Zimbabwe, once known as the "breadbasket of Africa," has faced a tumultuous economic landscape over the past few decades. Central to this crisis is the mounting national debt which has exacerbated inequalities across various sectors, notably in the provision of clean, safe and drinking water. This documentary explores how the debt crisis has deepened the divide between the rich and the poor, focusing on access to one of life's most essential resources: clean water. Zimbabwe's economic troubles began in the late 1990s with internal politics and policies deemed 'controversial' leading to strained relationships with the broader international community and a significant decline in key economic sectors such as agriculture, mining, manufacturing and tourism. Hyperinflation followed suit, peaking in 2008 while severely undermining public services including water supply systems. The government's inability to manage debt has led to severe cutbacks in essential services, disproportionately affecting the poorest communities. These poor communities in areas such as Chitungwiza, Glen View and Budiriro have been badly hit by government and local authorities' inability to provide clean water and remain hotspots for water borne diseases such as cholera and dysentery. This is in stark contrast to the situation in affluent neighborhoods who are least affected as they have the resources and ability to invest in other sources of clean portable water such as boreholes.

Objectives:

The documentary will:

- Highlight how the Zimbabwean debt crises has exacerbated existing inequalities and perpetuated a cycle of poverty and debt.
- Analyze the policies and practices of organizations like the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank that often play a role in debt crises.
- Inspire viewers to advocate for policies that promote economic justice and reduce inequality.
- Uncover gaps in national policy & make a case for recommendations and resolution.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Consultant:

The consultant shall:

- Craft a compelling film narrative that weaves together interviews, visuals, and narration.
- Organize travel and accommodation for the film crew.
- Capture high-quality footage of interviews, visuals and any necessary footage for the documentary.
- Conduct post production editing.
- Provide a detailed work plan and budget for the assignment. (FIA -Zim reserves the right to check for reasonability, allocability and allowability of these costs).

Key Deliverables:

A documentary that highlights key issues on water inequality in Zimbabwe amidst the national debt crisis. The documentary should be subtitled in English for inclusivity.

Duration of the Assignment:

The assignment is expected to run for 21 working days from the date of awarding of contract.

Payment:

Payment terms will be disclosed and agreed upon with the successful applicant.

Roles of the Organisation:

The organisation shall:

- Provide access to relevant information necessary for execution of the tasks under this assignment and all the necessary support that may be required by the consultant during the assignment.
- Review and sign off on key deliverables.
- Facilitate payment of the consultant upon satisfactory completion of assignment.

Reporting:

For this assignment, the consultant will work closely with the National Coordinator.

Required Skills and Experience

The ideal Consultant should be a Journalist/ Documentary Filmmaker with proven filming experience (share links to previous work done).

How to apply:

If interested in the above-mentioned opportunity, please submit your Expression of Interest to fightinequalityzim@gmail.com by 31 October 2024. The EOI should include a costed budget, Curriculum Vitae of team members demonstrating qualification and links to proof of relevant work. All applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed. **Please indicate “Inequality Documentary” in the subject line.**

