



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CONSULTANT TO UNDERTAKE A MAPPING EXERCISE ON LEGAL AND PROTECTION SERVICES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN AFRICA

I. Background of the I4C Africa Hub

Innovation for Change (I4C) Africa Hub's vision is to protect, respect, strengthen, expand, and recover civil society space. Launched in 2017, the Africa Hub – based in Nairobi, Kenya – has been working to strengthen the capacity of civil society through promoting home-grown African solutions, and as a result of being part of a global network, offered network members access to the latest thinking, resources, and collaborations. It has become a vital new physical and online space for regional ideas and social innovations, powered by its dynamic, growing community of civic space advocates, including CSOs, technologists, and cross-sectoral partners.

II. Purpose of the Assignment:

Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) play an integral role in society by actively speaking the truth to the power and building bridges between vulnerable populations who cannot access and enjoy fundamental human rights as pledged by the state. Additionally, HRDs are always facing shrinking space while discharging their duties and are confronted with attempts to limit their capacity to defend and promote human rights. Just as the community they represent, HRDs deserve protection and access to legal services.

Even though the African continent has made huge strides economically, politically and socially, HRDs continue to work under challenging terrain and find themselves exposed to intimidation and violence. Some of the threats include physical, political, judicial harassment, torture, administrative and criminal charges. HRDs include Civil Society Organisation activists, legal activists, social workers, media activists, volunteers, paralegals and community leaders.

I4C Africa Hub is working to provide tools and strategies to increase the capacity of HRDs to effectively respond to these regressive trends. While Innovation for Change Africa (I4C) Africa Hub does not directly provide protection and legal services, I4C Africa Hub seeks to assist and equip HRDs with information on how they can access protection and legal services.

I4C Africa Hub is seeking for a consultant to undertake a mapping exercise whose outcome will facilitate the establishment of a legal and protection referral system for Africa Hub network members. In fulfilment of the assignment, the consultant will be expected to: 1) conduct desk research/a regional mapping exercise as well as a capacity assessment of the climate for legal support, resources and the different avenues available for protection service providers/PSPs to thrive on the continent so as to assess whether civil society organizations/CSOs and human rights defenders/HRDs can gain access to these levels of support in the region; 2) develop a database of possible protection service providers/PSPs to partner with, and 3) make recommendations to an already existing referral system for I4C Africa Hub network members.

III. Objectives

The objectives of the assignment are as follows;

- A. To identify organizations or individuals who provide legal, referral, and protection services (offline or online).



- B. To identify a legal framework for promoting and protecting HRDs
- C. Provide recommendations on ideal best practices and suggest a suitable model that will ensure the protection and support of HRDs.

IV. Deliverables

- 1. Inception report outlining the consultants' understanding of the work, proposed methodology and detailed work schedule.
- 2. First draft report for review and input by I4C AH team
- 3. Final detailed report including recommendations
- 4. A database of possible protection service providers/PSPs to partner with

V. Output and Timeframe

Deliverables	Working days	Indicative Deadline
Review and revision of the inception report	3	4 th February 2021
Submit the first draft of the final report.	14	17 th February 2021
Review of the report by I4C-Hub Secretariat.	4	21 st February 2021
Submit the final report and database.	4	25 th February 2021

VI. Duration of the Consultancy

This consultancy will be undertaken within **25 days, not exceeding 25th February 2021**. The Consultant will provide a detailed work plan for the whole consultancy period within the first 3 days of signing the contract. We expect that this work will be carried out primarily through desk research and stakeholder interviews.

VII. Application Process

Innovation for Change Africa Hub invites eligible “Consultants”/individuals to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned services. Interested parties should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short listing criteria are: (i) Specific relevant work experience in law, human rights, international development (ii) Specific experience on at least 3 similar assignments in the last 5 years, (iii) At least five years of professional work experience in law and human rights (iv) Demonstrated capacity based on previous related work in the form of published materials, tools, and reports (v) Demonstrated availability of qualified personnel (for a firm), facilities, and tools to carry out the research; (vi) Demonstrated experience in use of different research methods such specialized expertise in qualitative methods to be employed in this research, such as: In-depth interviews, Focus group discussions and Market surveys (vii) Demonstrated familiarity with the national legal and policy framework related to NGO, national policies

Others

- Summarized CV (s) of not more 4 pages outlining relevant expertise in relation to the requirements of this assignment.

Individuals/organisations who meet the above criteria should submit their technical proposal including financial proposal to africa@innovationforchange.net **COB on 21st January 2021**.