



Civil Society for Poverty Reduction

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO UNDERTAKE A SHADOW MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE 7TH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Background

The Civil Society for Poverty Reduction (CSPR) is a civil society network of 72 members that has been building the voice for poor people in the fight against poverty. It was established in 2000, primarily, to ensure that civil society effectively and meaningfully participates in the design, formulation and implementation monitoring of the National Development Plans to ensure government provides a means by which Zambians can effectively strategize on reducing the escalating levels of poverty.

CSPR working with the Civil Society community in Zambia and with support from GIZ and IM Swedish is currently monitoring and raising awareness on the 7th National Development Plan (7NDP).

Anchored on the Vision 2030, the 7NDP guides Zambia's development strides between 2017 and 2021 that are aimed at making Zambia a prosperous middle-income country by 2030. With five main development pillars, namely economic diversification and job creation; reducing poverty and vulnerability; reducing developmental inequalities; enhancing human development; and creating a conducive governance environment for a diversified economy, the plan seeks to attain four development outcomes. These include diversification and inclusive sustained growth and job creation, eradication of hunger and poverty, improved human capital and improved governance for the delivery of the SDG agenda.

Rationale

The 7NDP (2017 – 2021) has reached the half term of its implementation period. The Government of Zambia will be conducting a Mid-Term Review of the 7NDP in the last half of 2019 to ascertain the level of implementation, establish challenges and come up with solutions to ensure the remaining planned interventions are implemented effectively and efficiently. Although Civil Society is represented on the government led Technical Reference Group, CSOs will also embark on an alternative review process with a view to assess the implementation of the 7NDP from a Civil Society perspective.

The plan recognises the need for all stakeholders to play their roles if the development priorities set are to be realised. To this end, CSPR has been working with other CSOs to ensure that the preparation, implementation and monitoring of National Development Plans (NDP) is done in an inclusive and participatory approach.

Civil society's role is critical especially in influencing the planning and budgeting decisions on the 7NDP in the second half of implementation. Evidence generation and sustained advocacy towards the full implementation of the remaining part of the plan must also be embedded in all the CSOs strategies. While the role of civil society has been outlined in the 7NDP coordination framework, CSOs' efforts have been hindered by their limited presence in the actual collection and documentation of information on the 7NDP. The extent to which government uptakes evidence from civil society to inform planning and budgeting on annual basis remains low. The current methodology of producing the Annual Progress Reports (APR) on the 7NDP by government lacks wide stakeholder involvement at data collection, drafting and validation stage. There is also a generally low appreciation and consideration of civil society review and assessment processes especially in measuring performance of social sectors and governance programmes at different levels of implementation.



Government and its Cooperating partners also expect Civil Society Organisations to make evidence-based submissions to the ongoing 7NDP Mid Term Review Process. Thus, there is need for CSOs to undertake their own review to better understand the plan's performance as well as strengthen their perspective. This Shadow Mid-Term Review aims to generate evidence for the preparation of the CSOs Perspective on the Mid-Term Performance of the 7th National Development Plan (2020-2021).

Scope of Work

CSPR therefore seeks the services of a professional Consultant to undertake a review of the Implementation of major programmes under each Pillar of the 7th National Development Plan from 2017 up to 2019.

Specifically, the Consultant is expected to:

- Review the Annual and Quarterly Reports of the 7th National Development Plan from both the Ministry of National Development Planning and the Line Ministries.
- Assess the extent to which the National Budgets and MTEF allocations have been aligned to the 7th National Development Plan
- Jointly develop and provide evidence-based policy alternatives which will either scale up top performing programmes or address the challenges affecting under-performing programmes in the 7NDP.
- Conduct Interviews where necessary with key informants and validate the Draft Reports.

Key Deliverables

Final Report dubbed 'CSOs 7NDP Mid-Term Barometer'

CSPR therefore invites eligible Consultant (s) to submit their Expression of Interest for this prospective undertaking. The Eoi should include Cover Letter, Background, Proposed Methodology, Financial proposal, Work-plan as well as the Lead Consultant (s) CV(s) and any other relevant supporting documents.

Eligibility

Eligible Consultant(s) should meet the following requirements:

- At least a Masters of Art in Economics, Development studies or any other social science;
 - A traceable experience record of having carried out work/consultancy of a similar scope and nature;
 - Must have published work of academic content or any developmental literature or has verifiable publishing or editorial skills;
 - Proven experience with National Development Planning, Public Budgeting and Financing and Policy Formulation Processes.
 - Ability to devote full time towards meeting assignment deadlines, **MAINLY OF PRODUCING THE WORKING DRAFT REPORT WITHIN THE STIPULATED PERIOD.**
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Submission

All electronic applications must be emailed to cspr@csprzambia.org; copied to: ilungajuliet@gmail.com and should be captioned with the Subject: "7th National Development Plan CSOs Mid-Term Review"
Physical submissions for the Consultancy must be marked with the foregoing subject and should be addressed to:

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**SUBMISSIONS MUST REACH CSPR NO LATER THAN 12th DECEMBER, 2019 AT 13:00HRS CAT.
SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED WITHIN 5 WEEK DAYS.**

