



Consultancy 2019-08 – Local Advisor for Mali

About GCERF

The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) is a global fund working on the prevention of violent extremism, based in Geneva. GCERF is the first global effort to support local, community-level initiatives aimed at strengthening resilience against violent extremism (VE). As a public-private partnership operating at the nexus of security and development, GCERF works in partnership and consultation with governments, civil society, and the private sector in partner countries to support national strategies to address the local drivers of violent extremism.

GCERF is governed by a multi-stakeholder Governing Board with representatives of donor and partner countries, the private sector, foundations, research institutions, and civil society. GCERF has 24 employees who are currently all based in its offices in Geneva. GCERF is actively working with governments, civil society, and the private sector in Bangladesh, Kenya, Kosovo, Mali, Nigeria, The Philippines, and Tunisia.

Description of Services

The selected Consultant will be expected to provide the following services:

- To serve as an interlocutor between GCERF's Secretariat and key stakeholders in Mali.
- To support the establishment of GCERF's grant making and grant management efforts in Mali.
- To support capacity strengthening of GCERF's stakeholders in Mali.

Background

In its ever-shifting context, violent extremist groups in Mali have exploited a wide range of vulnerabilities to recruit and radicalise new members. Youth, the most significant demographic group, are the most vulnerable to recruitment into violent extremist groups. Baseline studies conducted by GCERF grantees revealed that unemployment, poverty, lack of access to basic social services, and the lack of economic opportunities have resulted in frustrations that contribute to feelings of exclusion and marginalisation – which can, in turn, be exploited by violent extremist recruiters.

Since 2016, GCERF has invested a total of USD 4,4 million in Mali (District and capital of Bamako, Kayes, Koulikoro, Mopti, Segou, and Timbuktu), funding 31 local organisations that launched 24 initiatives with 124 activities. The key objectives of GCERF's funded programmes in Mali are to: (1) Promote community engagement: GCERF grantees in Mali engage with community and religious leaders to build awareness of the importance of peaceful coexistence. (2) Raise awareness of violent extremism and effective responses: GCERF grantees engage youth in awareness initiatives, and organise radio campaigns, mentoring activities, and educational talks on citizenship. GCERF grantees also work with Quranic school teachers and students on the drivers, manifestations, and means of preventing violent extremism. (3) Provide positive alternatives: GCERF grantees work with

youth who have little or no income or are uneducated, to reduce the incentives to join violent extremist groups for material reasons. GCERF grantees also support the organisation of women's associations and facilitate access to trade finance.

Work to be performed and deliverables

Work to be performed

1. Attend and instigate (if required) coordination meetings organised by the national government, donor community, multi-lateral, and international partners regarding P/CVE.
2. Proactively share information (i.e. reports, maps, invitations to events and fora) with GCERF pertinent to GCERF's granting activities in Mali.
3. Network with relevant P/CVE stakeholders, identify synergies and report back to GCERF for consultation.
4. Proactively look for opportunities to collaborate with P/CVE stakeholders and report back to GCERF.
5. With support from GCERF's portfolio management unit, lead on-the-ground coordination of grant making and grant management processes to include the following:
 - a. Due Diligence of potential grantees;
 - b. Finalisation of grantee proposals (theory of change, results frameworks, workplans, budget, etc.);
 - c. Coordination of capacity strengthening for grantees, Country Support Mechanism, and civil society stakeholders;
 - d. Coordination of Community of Practice (COP) events.

Deliverables

The Local Advisor will be based in Bamako and travel regularly to the project sites where the civil society partners of GCERF are implementing projects, if security permits, to engage civil society and local government representatives and raise awareness about the work supported by GCERF. Key deliverables include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Produce a bi-weekly report updating GCERF about following:
 - a. A one-page context update and its relevance to the P/CVE landscape;
 - b. A one-page summary of each meeting attended with an outline of key points discussed, key stakeholders (P/CVE actors/organisations, donors, government authorities, and members of civil society) in attendance, and points for follow up discussion in other multi-lateral or bi-lateral settings;
 - c. A one-page summary of the donor landscape as relates to P/CVE;
 - d. A one-page summary of in-country travel with an outline of key takeaways.
- 2) Produce a final report at the end of the service agreement.

Characteristics of the Local Advisor

GCERF is seeking an individual (female or male) with advanced knowledge of P/CVE programming in Mali. The person can be a Malian national or a locally based international expatriate. GCERF will not relocate persons from abroad to Mali.

The Local Advisor should have the following skills and competencies:

- Proven experience in starting up new initiatives and programmes;
- At least 7 years of experience working with national and local governments agencies in development cooperation and policy in Mali;
- Deep understanding of P/CVE dynamics in Mali;
- Extensive experience in coaching and training;
- Extensive experience in networking;
- Ability and willingness to regularly travel within Mali;
- Fluent French and English skills (the official language of GCERF Secretariat is English), both written and verbal;
- Strong presentational and analytical skills;
- Digital native;
- Preferably, relevant language skills for working with authorities and communities in Mali;
- Preferably a degree in cultural or social anthropology, peace or conflict studies or any other relevant degree.

In collaboration with the GCERF Country Manager for Mali and the Head of the Portfolio Management Unit, a detailed work plan with clear deliverables will be discussed prior to signing the contract.

The fees charged should be reasonable, competitive to the extent possible.

Timeline and Scope

The Local Advisor is a fully funded consultancy position. The initial duration of consultancy will be 12 months and involves 100% level of effort.

Submission of proposals

Applicants must submit their proposal following the template below:

The proposal is made up of three different sections

1. Disclosure form
2. Profile of the applicant (CV with relevant experience, cover letter, references)
3. Financial proposal

Proposals should be sent latest by **19 August 2019** by mail or courier in a closed envelope to GCERF's offices clearly marked "Bid reference: 2019-08". The proposal may also be submitted by email in the form of "pdf files". The email should be addressed to bids@gcerf.org.

Period of validity of the proposal

The proposal must be valid for a period of 120 days following submission.

Selection of applicants

Applicants are requested to provide the most appropriate and most cost-effective solution to meet the requirements. The selection will be made based on a number of criteria that will be applied systematically to all proposal received:

- Responsiveness to request;
- Suitability of the applicants profile (previous experience and qualifications, required skills and competencies);
- Credibility of the applicant;
- Quality of the offer document; and
- Financial Offer.

Please keep the overall proposal within 4 pages. You may annex additional information as needed.

1. Disclosure form

I (name and title of the Applicant) confirm that I can perform the Consultancy work in Mali and hereby submit this proposal in response to GCERF's Request for Proposal 2019-08. I confirm that all statements and representations made in the proposal are true and correct.

Date submitted:

Submitted by: (Name of Applicant)

Signature

2. Profile of the Applicant

Please provide a CV and one-page cover letter highlighting how your skills and experience qualify you for the role of local advisor. Please briefly provide recent examples of similar projects has recently undertaken. Please provide references that GCERF may contact.

Please explain the legal status of the applicant.

Please explain your individual strengths and values and the suitability of your approach to the above mentioned project.

3. Financial Proposal

Please explain the basis of the proposed fees and any other charges to GCERF and their level. Please include the basis for invoicing and terms and conditions for payment.

Date: 19 August 2019