



CALL FOR PROPOSALS & TERMS OF REFERENCE

Political Economy Analysis

Expressions of interest must be submitted to recruitment@democracyworks.org.za by CoB 13th of December 2017.

1. Background

Democracy Works Foundation (DWF) is currently implementing a 3-year project aimed at strengthening the democratic structures and institutions of political parties in Botswana, Lesotho, and Malawi to better respond to and represent the needs of their constituents, particularly in the areas of water and energy resource management.

The main objectives of the program are to:

- (1) develop a sustainable approach to building the capacity of internal party structures emphasizing democracy, transparency, accountability, and inclusiveness;
- (2) inculcate a political culture and behavior within parties that supports meaningful participation of women, youth, and marginalized individuals in identifying party policy and leadership structures;
- (3) strengthen participatory policy and platform development that accurately reflects citizen-identified needs to explicitly include access to clean water and energy management of these resources;
- (4) establish a regional network of political parties to share and support best practices, lessons learned and knowledge on strengthening democratic party structures.

2. Purpose of the Assignment

DWF seeks to engage a Consultant to undertake a Political Economic Analyses (PEAs) in Lesotho, Botswana and Malawi with a specific focus on the natural resource management, water and energy. The analysis will focus on how power and resources are distributed and contested in the different targeted contexts. Furthermore, it will focus on deriving further information on underlying interests, incentives and institutions that enable or frustrate change

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The PEAs will inform project staff how to best engage on these issues with targeted political parties and guide how policy dialogue is approached. The PEA's will also be used to inform capacity development strategies for political parties and other stakeholders.

3. Guiding Questions

1. What is the public & private ownership/participation structure broadly and in the targeted sectors?
2. Are there major rent-seeking or capture opportunities in the sector?
3. How are responsibilities distributed between the sub-national levels and is this distribution clear? Does it generate significant distortions?
4. How is the sector regulated and what are the institutional structures?
5. Are institutional structures working 'well enough' in terms of capabilities and governance or are there serious deficiencies and are these being targeted by reform efforts?
6. Are there significant petty corruption and/or grand corruption in the sector? If so, why does corruption persist and what are the main impacts?
7. Are benefiting groups politically salient/powerful?
8. What are the legacies of the sector?
9. What reforms have been attempted/ undertaken in the past?
10. Who is interested in or actively seeking improvements or more large-scale change in the sector? What is the relative importance of these groups, and are there windows of opportunity?

4. Methodology

- The consultant through collaboration with the project team from Democracy Works Foundation will prepare adequate tools for the analysis taking into consideration guidelines from the project team and the specific context and objectives of the project.
- Prepare for and conduct a political economy analysis.
- Prepare draft report for submission to the DWF Country Directors for review and approval.
- Upon receipt of feedback, prepare and submit to final reports with final invoice.

5. Deliverables

- Study methodology and data collection tools

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- A desk-based literature review of existing material.
- Country level Reports outlining analysis and recommendations



6. Specific Inputs to be provided by Democracy Works Foundation

The consultant will work closely with Democracy Works Foundation Country Directors in each of the targeted countries to collect both primary and secondary research. The Consultant will develop a data collection methodology and tools, and support the Country Directors in collecting the data.

7. Person Specification

Education:

- Minimum Master's degree in Economics, Sociology, Public Policy, Political Analysis, Political Science, International Affairs, Development Studies, Investigative Journalism or Law.

Experience:

- Minimum 7 years of proving relevant work experience, with a minimum of 5 years of experience in carrying out political economy analyses or similar types of analyses for national governments and /or bilateral and multilateral donors.
- Extensive experience applying qualitative and quantitative methods of social research.
- Expertise in designing, facilitating and managing participatory processes.
- Experience with the drafting of user-friendly knowledge products such as books, articles, research papers, toolkits, guides, methodologies, analytical documents, policy papers and notes, project and program documents, baseline studies, desk reviews, comparative studies, etc. is an asset.
- Experience with working in crisis-affected/fragile contexts is an asset.
- Experience with capacity development theory and practical application is an asset.
- Knowledge of analytical tools employed in crisis-affected/fragile contexts is an asset.

Languages:

- Fluency in spoken and written English is a must.

8. Contract Period

January – February 2018

9. Expression of Interest (EOI)

If you wish to apply, please submit the following;

- your current CV;

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- a supporting statement outlining how you meet the requirements for the role;
- a brief methodology;
- the number of days you think this will require, plus your daily rate;
- and availability.