

<u>CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY TO UNDERTAKE A</u> <u>STUDY ON THE ROLE PLAYED BY FAITH BASED INSTITUTIONS IN</u> <u>CONTRIBUTING TO ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR WOMEN IN NAIROBI COUNTY</u>

1.0 About the Federation of Women Lawyers-Kenya (FIDA-Kenya)

The Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya (FIDA-Kenya) is a non-profit, non-partisan, and nongovernmental membership organization committed to creating a society free of all forms of discrimination against women. FIDA-Kenya promotes access to justice through legal aid services, education and awareness creation, public interest litigation, mediation, psychosocial counseling, and legal and policy advocacy programs aimed at ensuring gender sensitivity and responsiveness.

2.0 Background Information

FIDA-Kenya is implementing the HATUA project, funded by the EU and UNDP under the Programme for Legal Empowerment and Aid Delivery in Kenya (PLEAD). The project aims to address barriers to access to justice for marginalized and poor women in Nairobi County's Kibera, Makadara, and Mathare Sub-counties. Aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 16, the project focuses on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, providing access to justice, and building effective institutions.

3.0 Problem Statement

While 86% of women know where to access justice, with 72% trusting faith-based institutions, (This is an accordance with the UN Women research) there are allegations of rights abuses within these institutions, particularly in regions like Shakahola, Kisumu, Meru, and Nairobi. FIDA-Kenya is conducting an in-depth study to examine the extent to which faith-based institutions provide access to justice services, the challenges faced by women seeking services from these institutions, their capacity and limitations, and prevalent violations.

4.0 Objectives

The objective of the research is to:

- Investigate the role of faith-based institutions in contributing to access to justice for women in Nairobi County and to provide recommendations.
- Investigate the violations women face in Institutions including Government and Non-Government Institutions while seeking Justice.

4.1 Specific objectives include:

- Determining the extent of access to justice services provided by faith-based institutions.
- Exploring women's experiences and vulnerabilities while seeking services in these institutions.
- Assessing the capacity and limitations of these institutions in providing services.
- Generating recommendations to enhance the quality of legal aid and psychosocial services offered by faith-based organizations.

5.0 Deliverables and Output

The consultant is expected to deliver:

- Inception report detailing methodology, work plan, and budget.
- Approval of all data collection tools and work plan before data collection.
- First draft narrative report for feedback.
- Submission of materials, data collected/analyzed, and other documents.
- Summary PowerPoint presentation of findings and recommendations.
- Final narrative report detailing methodology, findings, lessons learned, and recommendations.

6.0 Indicative Time frame

The assignment will take 30 days from contract signing to submission of the final study report to FIDA-Kenya.

7.0 Reporting and Communication

The consultant will closely collaborate with FIDA-Kenya's Deputy Executive Officer/Head of Programmes, Monitoring and Evaluation Officers, and the Programme Officer in charge of the Amkeni-Wakenya grant.

8.0 Expected Qualifications of the Consultant(s)

- Bachelor's degree in Law, social science, Business Administration, Finance, Economics, Gender/research, or gender studies.
- Master's degree in relevant fields will be an added advantage.
- Minimum of 10 years' research experience related to the consultancy assignment.
- Evidence of undertaking research of similar magnitude in the last five years.
- Excellent analytical and report writing skills.

9.0 EOI Submission Requirements

The technical proposal should include an interpretation of the objectives of the consultancy, a detailed methodology, and an elaborate work plan, organization/individual capacity statement, experience and activities related to this assignment, CVs of the consulting team, and their roles

in the assignment's achievement; names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional referees.

The financial proposal should include a detailed budget proposal, a detailed profile of the firm, including contact and physical address, telephone numbers, and a copy of the registration certificate, VAT, and PIN where applicable

10.0 How to Apply

Interested applicants are invited to submit their expression of interest documents (in PDF), clearly marked "Expression of Interest- Survey on Faith Based Organizations" on or before 5.00pm on Friday 19th April, 2024 to:

The Executive Director,

Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA-Kenya), Amboseli Road, Off Gitanga Road, Lavington. P.O. Box 46324–00100, NAIROBI or Email to procurement@fidakenya.org.

Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.