

World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)

Terms of Reference for an Independent Evaluation Consultancy for the EU-Funded Project: *‘Toward Implementation and Accountability (2014-2017)’*

I. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROJECT BACKGROUND

A. The OMCT

The World Organization Against Torture (Organisation Mondiale Contre la Torture – OMCT) was founded in 1985. Based in Geneva, but working through its large and active SOS-Torture Network working in more than 90 countries, it is among the largest civil society coalition fighting against torture and all other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the world. The mission of the OMCT is to contribute to the eradication of torture, summary executions, disappearances, arbitrary detention and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and to provide protection to victims and potential victims through a global network of civil society organisations working in partnership and solidarity.

B. The Project

As an investment in the OMCT’s role as the CSO coordinator for the United Nations Committee Against Torture (hereinafter CAT), in 2014 the European Union, through the European Instrument for Human Rights and Democracy (EIDHR), supported the OMCT’s project ‘Toward Implementation and Accountability’ with a three-year grant. The overall objective of the action was « to contribute to the prevention and eradication of torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment through bringing the obligations under the UN Convention against Torture (hereinafter the Convention) to the country level, building accountability and increasing victims’ access to remedies and reparation, including rehabilitation ». The project was planned and implemented through activities and outputs that strengthen CSOs’ engagement with the CAT and simultaneously supporting their actions towards domestic implementation of the Convention, in particular in six focus countries: Bangladesh, Pakistan, Ivory Coast, Togo, Mexico and Colombia.

Further information about the OMCT and its activities with the UN Committee Against Torture can be found on the [website](#), as well as the OMCT’s CAT [Blog](#), or through our social media outlets on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

C. Project External Evaluation

A provision was made in the original project for an external evaluation to be conducted by an independent evaluator at the end of the project. The total available amount of the provision for this evaluation is capped at **EUR 17,200**. The evaluation will be carried out in the light of the objectives and the results of the project and will be based on the logical framework of the Project. The various actors in the programme will help evaluate the usefulness and impact of the project, notably: the partner organisations, members organisations in the SOS-Torture Network, the CAT members, participants in capacity building activities and victims of torture assisted.

II. SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The OMCT now seeks to enlist the services of a consultant(s) to undertake an evaluation of the OMCT’s EU-funded project in working with and supporting the global anti-torture movement. The consultant will evaluate the success and operations of the EIDHR project, which commenced in

February 2014 and ended in August 2017. The evaluation would seek to identify lessons learnt from the OMCT and its country-partners experiences during the past three and a half years, as well as opportunities for the OMCT in this area of its work going forward. The evaluation has four key overarching objectives, namely:

1. Identify and assess the Project's achievements in relation to the Results targeted in the original project proposal, and analyse any constraints and obstacles which affected the projects' ability to achieve the expected results during for the period 2014-2017.
2. Identify and assess the cooperation with the OMCT's on-the-ground partners in the project's six target countries, in line with the objectives of the project and the criteria published in the initial call for proposals.
3. Assess if the project initiatives have contributed to the strengthening of the work of the Committee Against Torture in the countries whose periodic State reports were examined during the project period and has led to more effective CSO participation during its sessions.
4. Make recommendations for the future of OMCT Programming based on lessons learnt in the EU-funded project.

III. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

The evaluation envisages a process of desk review of documents and plans, as well as interviews with the staff responsible for the project, members of the OMCT's Executive Council, OMCT partners/co-applicants in the target countries of the project, beneficiaries of the activities undertaken during the project, and relevant OMCT Network Members worked with or supported through the project. Upon selection and acceptance of the original summary bids being requested by this TOR, the Consultant(s) will be expected to expand and finalize a comprehensive evaluation method based on the Project's Logical framework and implementation plan for consideration by the OMCT.

In order to fully achieve the overarching objectives highlighted above, the Consultant will review, assess and evaluate the following interlinked areas of the Project:

- Review the **relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability** of the OMCT's global work with the CAT during the project.
 - Evaluation of the results of the core activities of the Project: NGO coordination around the CAT State Reviews, joint alternative reports to the CAT, OMCT's preparatory and follow-up advocacy missions, etc.;
- Review the **relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability** of the OMCT and Partner's Country Projects* in the six target countries – including implementation of and expenditure on planned strategies and activities, coordination and communication with the OMCT, and impact of those strategies and activities towards the country's compliance with the Convention.
 - Review the partners' activities and results given their particular country context;
 - Analyse the responsiveness, engagement, and administration of the OMCT in enabling the implementation of the project;
 - Review the partners' capacity and ability to sustain and follow-through on progress achieved during the scope of the project.
- Review the **relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability** of the OMCT and Project partners' provision of assistance to victims of torture and ill treatment, and support to victims-oriented services:
 - Legal assistance;
 - Psycho-social and other forms of assistance.

* Ideally, the Consultant(s) should seek to include a visit to one of the protect partners in a focus country mentioned above. As the EU ROM Review visited our projects in Mexico and Ivory Coast, a visit to Bangladesh or Togo would be suggested.

- Review the **relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact** and **sustainability** of the OMCT and Project partners' communications strategies and visibility actions implemented during the project.
- Relevance of the project's results to the goals of the original EIDHR Call for Proposals.

IV. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Consultant(s) is expected to deliver to OMCT a comprehensive written report of maximum 25 pages excluding annexes which meets the following specifications:

- Highlighting **gaps, challenges** and **opportunities** and clearly indicating **lessons** for OMCT to achieve the overall objectives of its work mobilising CSOs Toward Implementation of the UN Convention Against Torture and Accountability;
- Highlighting **gaps, challenges** and **opportunities** and clearly indicating **lessons** OMCT could learn from its experiences in the past 3 and a half years of implementing this project in the six target countries
- Highlighting **gaps, challenges** and **opportunities** and clearly indicating **lessons** for OMCT in relation to OMCT and Project partners' provision of assistance to victims of torture and ill treatment;
- Clearly indicating **gaps, challenges** and **opportunities in all areas mentioned** that OMCT should consider implementing in its strategies, cooperation with partners, and broader public advocacy and mobilisation.

The lessons drawn from the successes and failures should be presented as **recommendations** to be used and applied in both ongoing and future programmes. To this end the Consultant is expected to:

1. Present clear, concise and practical recommendations on the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability of the global and country-specific strategies, activities, and cooperation with partners implemented and engaged in during the course of this project;
2. Present clear, concise, and practical recommendations on the victims assistance aspects of the Project.
3. Present clear, concise and implementable recommendations for improvement of visibility, public and mainstream media awareness of this area of human rights work.

DURATION AND LOCATION

The tasks under this evaluation are to be undertaken for an estimated period of 30 working days, and must be completed by the 20th of November 2017. A report of the evaluation will be presented to the Secretary General of the OMCT and the OMCT Executive Council's Bureau. The location of the evaluation will be Geneva, Switzerland, and must include consultations conducted in-country with at least one OMCT Project Partner – ideally in Bangladesh and/or Togo, countries where similar evaluation consultations were not undertaken during the EU's ROM Review (to be discussed in detail with the Consultant(s) after selection).

A breakdown of the expected activities is provided below.

- Inception report[†] for the Evaluation.
- Discussion of the inception report with OMCT and incorporation of comments
- Desk review of previous proposals and reports

[†] See: https://www.unodc.org/documents/evaluation/Guidelines/UNODC-IEU_Inception_Report_Guidelines.pdf

- Possible travel to one of the Focus Countries
- Stakeholder engagement (both physical and virtual via Skype and online)
- Analysis of data collected
- Report compilation
- Present and discuss the draft report with OMCT
- First draft feedback (may include engaging key stakeholders)
- Incorporating comments and final report compilation.

REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

A consultant with the following skills and competencies are encouraged to express their interest:

- Post Graduate Degree in a relevant discipline (e.g. Social Science, Law, Politics, Economics and Human Rights);
- At least 10 years of experience and additional training in project evaluation, including in the field of human rights, and including those of a multi-regional or international nature;
- Specialisation and additional training in human rights and experience of working with victims of human rights violations;
- Competence in organisational development;
- Demonstrable experience in evaluating programmes and projects across countries and also those of a regional nature;
- Knowledge of the socio-economic and political dynamics as well as the social justice issues in at least one of the three regions of the Project (Africa, Asia, or Latin America);
- Demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the architecture of human rights organizations in the region.
- Fluency in English and French is a must and additional Spanish language capability is an added advantage.

ELEGIBILITY, APPLICATIONS AND CONSIDERATION

- Applicants can be organisations or individual consultants, but whichever they are, they must be in possession of a valid permit to work in Switzerland prior to applying to be eligible for consideration.
- Applications **will be accepted up to the 10th of October 2017**, only via email, to Carin Benninger-Budel, Director of the OMCT CAT Programme, at: cbb@omct.org. Thank you for understanding that we cannot answer phone enquiries.
- In order for your application to be considered, please send an email indicating "**EVALUATION CONSULTANCY**" in the subject heading, with the following attachments, in PDF:
 - a Letter of Interest summarizing the Bid and the possible start date;
 - a Bid for Contract, detailing the proposed methodology, time frame, and fee (max. 3 pages);
 - for individuals: a CV/resume of maximum 2 pages;
 - for firms: a list of relevant evaluations completed during the past three years.
- Due to the volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted.