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Technological Advance to Bolster Freedom of Expression in Iraq (TABEIR) Project

Call for proposals- Final Evaluation, Iraq

Background

The Iraq Foundation (IF) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and a registered CSO in Iraq. Established in 1991, its mission is to promote democracy, human rights, and civil society in Iraq. IF is an Iraqi-founded and Iraqi-led organization that is also independent, non-partisan, and espouses the principle of pluralism. IF is uniquely positioned as a hybrid organization based in Washington, D.C., where the main office monitors activities on daily basis. It also has offices in Baghdad and Basra from which it implements projects in all Iraqi provinces through networks of local NGO partners, academic institutions, and professional bodies. Staff travel regularly throughout Iraq to oversee projects and train, monitor, and evaluate participants. IF seeks to promote democracy and protect FOE by empowering civic actors to become agents for change. To fulfill this mission, Iraq Foundation works with NGOs, civic leaders, and academics as well as a number of Iraqi institutions. Through the TABEIR project, in particular, IF is targeting Freedom of Expression in Iraq and aiming to protect and expand it by:

- (1) Enabling expansion and enhancement Iraqi activists' use of communication technologies,
- (2) Helping to form coalitions of Iraqi activists that pool information and build on synergies,
- (3) Encouraging increased creative activism on FOE issues, and
- (4) Encouraging stepped-up, coordinated advocacy and awareness-raising to bring about change

TABEIR project, an initiative funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), started on October 2013 and is scheduled for completion by November 1st 2014. Please find the attached TABEIR project Timeline for full details on project activities.

Please also visit <http://www.iraqfoundation.org/projects/tabeir-project/> & www.tabeiriraq.org for detailed Information about TABEIR project [activities](#).

Purpose of Assignment:



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To provide an external evaluation of the Iraq Foundation's TABEIR project in order to assess the results it achieved compared to its objectives in accordance with the project proposal and results framework. The consultant should outline the degree to which IF has achieved the intended results in terms of outputs as well as outcomes. The evaluation should also include challenges facing IF based on lessons learned. One important aspect of the evaluation is assessing whether the project has managed to reach its target group and if its method is relevant to the Iraqi context. Based on the results of the findings, the consultant should give recommendations for how to improve future programs.

Contact Information

All proposals must be submitted by **September 1st, 2015** to:

Basma Fakri at fakri.b@iraqfoundation.org and

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Questions should be addressed to humam@iraqfoundation.org.

Description of assignment:

Key tasks:

1. Make an assessment of the relevance of the project in the Iraqi context
2. Make an assessment of IF M&E capacity and structure. How does IF follow up their projects and do they have efficient methods to monitor their projects?
3. Present an analysis of IF's coordination with similar NGOs in Iraq
4. Make an assessment of local partners' capacity in Iraq and their perception of the cooperation with Iraq Foundation
5. Summarize the most important results achieved during the project period.



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6. What has worked well, what are the main challenges to the program, and how can IF deal with these challenges in the future? What (if any) unforeseen and unanticipated results/experiences were there?
7. How much/well did the Iraq Foundation address gender equality and youth? What has been achieved in this regard during the project period?
8. Develop a baseline assessment to measure whether and how the program activities are making a difference by comparing the data in the baseline assessment against the data in the final evaluation.
9. Develop tools such as surveys, focus groups, interviews, etc. to measure the outputs and outcomes of the project.
10. Conduct field visits aiming at monitoring and evaluating the project. The consultant must visit and evaluate IF offices in Basra and Baghdad, as well as at least 3 other provinces where IF is implementing their project.

Expected Outputs

1. Produce field evaluation reports
2. A drafted final report submitted to IF. SIDA and IF will have two weeks to make comments on the final report based on the TOR.
3. Based on SIDA and IF's comments, a final evaluation report produced and submitted to Iraq Foundation

Duration of the Consultancy: 3 Months (October-December, 2015)

The evaluation will be conducted in three months starting from the 1st of October and advancing in accordance with the following milestones:

- Week 1: Sign the contract and hold kickoff meeting with project staff



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- Week 2: Design survey tools
- Week 3-5: Desk review
- Week 6-7: Conduct field visits and produce field evaluation reports.
- Week 8-9: Send the draft final report for review and approval by Iraq Foundation and SIDA
- Week 10-11: SIDA and IF provide comments on the final report based on the TOR
- Week 11-12: Final report that incorporates all comments will be submitted to IF

Cost Breakdown

To be added by the consultant

Nature of Assignment:

End of project evaluation

Key partners in the project

- National network of 10 NGO defenders of FOE located in Erbil, Kirkuk, Diyala, Two in Baghdad, Babil, Kut, Kerbala, Maysan and Basrah.
- International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) - Washington D.C.
- 2,025 FOE defenders located in the 9 provinces mentioned above.

Qualification of the consultant

The selected evaluator should possess the following qualifications:

1. Have extensive experience in conducting evaluations in Iraq.



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2. Academic degrees in relevant field such as; Political Science, Sociology, Development Studies, Human Rights and/or other relevant areas.
3. Knowledgeable in research methods, particularly on mixed-methods and participatory research
4. Skilled in quantitative and qualitative data analysis
5. Experience evaluating international development projects and familiarity with SIDA's development policies (or those of other likeminded donors).
6. Have excellent Arabic & English writing and speaking ability
7. Professional experience in the area of democracy and human rights, preferably experience of evaluations of FOE projects.
8. Minimum 6 years of experience evaluating international development cooperation
9. Able to communicate complex research, statistics, and data analysis issues orally and in writing in a clear, concise and well organized manner

Application Materials

Iraq Foundation seeks proposals from individuals or organizations interested in conducting this evaluation. Applicants should submit a proposal in English that includes:

1. Detailed description of the evaluator's qualifications;
2. Description and justification of proposed evaluation methodology including an evaluation strategy and description of tools and techniques that will be used to collect and analyze information;
3. Draft work plan;
4. Project budget.