

Terms of Reference – Policy Expert (Evaluation & GBV)

Djuntu pa igualdadi! Uma resposta participative à violência baseada no género em Cabo Verde

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1. Purpose

The European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) is recruiting a Policy Expert for the EU-funded project “Djuntu pa igualdadi! Uma resposta participative à violência baseada no género em Cabo Verde”. A central component of the project is a participatory evaluation of Cabo Verde’s “Special Law on Gender Based Violence” (Law 84/VII/11).

The Policy Expert will conduct a virtual training session (in Portuguese) on citizen participatory audits / social audits and related methods to a group of representatives of Cabo Verdean civil society representatives. He/she will further review the design of the above-mentioned participatory evaluation (in English).

These tasks shall be carried out from late August to mid-September 2020. The prospective date for the training session is Monday, 7 September 2020.

2. Background information about the project

The project aims to contribute to a favourable legal, institutional and social environment in Cabo Verde, in which public authorities respect and promote women's rights, particularly those of GBV victims, in order to increase their participation in public life and ensure their socio-economic inclusion. It follows two parallel pathways that will lead to an improved performance of the institutional framework and national mechanisms for female empowerment, GBV prevention, and victim support:

- a) Increased public support, both at the social and political levels, to address gaps in the implementation of jointly detected public policies related to female empowerment, GBV prevention, and victim support.
- b) Improved effectiveness of institutional actors in terms of inter-institutional coordination and support to GBV victims.

The stakeholders to be involved in the project are: civil society (civil society organisations, community-based organisations, trade unions and interest groups, including victim groups), government institutions and departments (in the areas of justice, health, security, education, social protection, family and gender equality), parliamentarians & policy makers, the private sector, media organisations and academics.

The project is implemented by a Consortium of four organisations: EPD, the Associação Caboverdiana de Luta Contra Violência Baseada no Género (ACLCVBG), the Netherlands

Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) and the World Leadership Alliance – Club de Madrid (WLA-CdM).

3. Objectives and expected results:

The Policy Expert will have the following tasks:

Conduct a virtual training session on citizen participatory audits / social audits and related methods with representatives of Cabo Verdean civil society representatives: The training session will be held in the Portuguese language via videoconferencing software (e.g. Zoom). The training session should last for 2 hours (including small breaks). It should give a brief introduction to the concept of citizen participatory audits / social audits and then give an in-depth presentation of different data collection methods that are frequently used in such audits (at the grassroots level, and giving agency to activists as well as GBV victims).

Review the policy evaluation inception report: The policy evaluation inception report, previously drafted and containing key elements of the evaluation design, such as the objective, criteria, questions is to be reviewed. The report is of approximately 10 pages and written in the English language. Comments and advice on the appropriate usage of data collection methods corresponding to the concept of participatory evaluations and citizen participatory audits / social audits are expected (in written form).

Follow-up call with the project team: A follow-up call with the project team is to be organised in which recommendations by the Policy Expert is to be discussed. This will also be a space for further questions to the Policy Expert by the project team. Discussions may be held in both Portuguese and English.

4. Scope of service delivery:

The assignment will be delivered over from late August to mid-September 2020. The prospective date for the training session is Monday, 7 September 2020.

5. Qualifications:

- Previous experience with evaluation, particularly with participatory approaches and data collection methods required;
- Previous experience with citizen participatory audits / social audits required.
- Previous experience in the GBV prevention programmes highly desired.
- Excellent knowledge of Portuguese and English required.

6. Application procedure

Interested candidates should send a brief description of their interest, a financial offer, accompanied by an updated CV to leonhemkemeyer@epd.eu by **Thursday, 20 August, COB.**