

Terms of Reference

FOR CONDUCTING A PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT AND CAPACITY ASSESSMENT OF NATIONAL WASH, CLIMATE AND GENDER, ADVOCACY COALITIONS TO INFORM WATERAID EAST AFRICA REGION STRATEGY

1. Background

Civil Society Organizations within East Africa¹ have played a major role in the WASH sector through direct involvement in the water supply and sanitation, water resources management, campaigns for national legislation, public awareness, increases in budgetary allocations and empowerment of individuals and communities. Coordination of efforts were further increased with the establishment of networks and coalitions focused on advocacy for WASH and WASH programming. These WASH coalitions have become partners of choice for many international development agencies like WaterAid, seeking to maximize the reach and impacts of their programmes.

With the current COVID 19 outbreak, CSOs have worked on the frontline to tackle the entrenched inequalities around access to WASH that have been exposed by the pandemic. They have responded nimbly and effectively, providing either essential services when there were gaps in WASH service provision, promoting hygiene behavior change using creative methods and working in diverse languages, documenting and advocating for policy change, and often filling the void when states were slow to respond. CSOs have further played a key role in ensuring no one is left behind as we strive to achieve SDG 6, and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, civil society has demonstrated resilience, creativity and adaptability.

WaterAid East Africa Regional Team (WA EART) have been working with national WASH Coalitions in five countries (Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Kenya) with a purpose of achieving its regional strategy ambition of “a region that is well governed, sustainable and contributing to everyone, everywhere having clean water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030”. The Regional strategy, among others, has a focus on civil society strengthening as one of its priorities. This priority aims at contributing to a strong and vibrant civil society, while also empowering CSOs to influence policies, budgetary allocations and decision-making processes toward an inclusive sustainable WASH within the region.

In addition, WaterAid East Africa has also been working with PACJA (PANAFRICAN Climate Justice Alliance) a consortium of more than 1000 organisations from 48 African countries working to introduce and lobby for an inclusive approach to address climate and environmental challenges in promoting WASH as a critical line of defence against climate change impacts on poor communities and partners such as FEMNET that promotes

¹. According to WaterAid East Africa Regional Office, East Africa country programs comprise of Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Tanzania. Thus, throughout this entire concept note, East Civil Society WASH Networks include the Ethiopia WASH Forum and Kenya Water and Sanitation Network (KEWASNET) in Nairobi-Kenya. WaterAid also has a strong partnership with KEWASNET.

women's development in Africa and helps non-government organizations share information and approaches on women's development, equality and other human rights.

WaterAid has also formalized its partnership with the East African Community (EAC), which is a regional intergovernmental organisation of 6 Partner States. WaterAid will continue to partner with EAC to support the implementation EAC border work and plans related to MoU of collaboration, which include the East Africa Water Policy and the establishment of the Center of Excellence.

WaterAid East Africa Region has also signed an MoU with Viamo, a global social enterprise improving lives via mobile. Viamo connects individuals and organizations and aims to increase people access to information. Viamo provides different services: interactive targeted and measurable mobile engagement campaign and surveys; full-featured mobile engagement solutions to serve complex programming on IVR, SMS, Apps, Web etc.; in country design and implementation support; strategic connections to telecom to offer special services and guarantee the lowest price with the highest reliability.

As the Regional Strategy progresses into its third year of implementation, WA EART is desirous to conduct an assessment on the potential partnership with the national WASH coalitions, regional networks and alliances, as well as intergovernmental organizations.

This assessment will also help WaterAid understand the different potential partnership opportunities in the region, looking at different existing and potential partners that can be part of the partnership with WA EAR Team in the new strategic period and also include a partner assessment, which will analyze where partners are, in terms of their growth and sustainability trajectory.

2. The objectives of this consultancy are:

Objective 1: To review the capacity and the Organizational Development and Institutional Development (OD – IDOD) of existing and potential partners and their growth and sustainability plan and potential contribution to WA strategic objectives.

Objective 2: To analyze the growth and sustainability plans for existing and potential partners

Objective 3: To analyze the potential contributions of partners to WA EAR Strategic Objectives and the wider development in the region

Objective 4: To generate learning areas and make recommendations that will inform EA Regional Strategy in terms of partnership process, partners selection, thematic focus and engagement strategy

3. Outputs/Tasks

- Partners Assessment Checklist (OD – IDOD assessment) of selected at least 20 partners in the Region and across Africa
- Identify possible collaboration and joint advocacy areas

- Generate and share useful and relevant knowledge on the state of civil society and Pan African Alliances in the East African region and beyond and their role in the WASH sector. Collect and document evidence of actions of the different actors in WASH programming. Analyze the results of actions taken to strengthen civil society

4.Deliverables

As part of this consultancy, the following deliverables will be specifically required from the consultant:

- (a) Following the initial desk review, submit a preliminary Report that covers the following:
 - Initial findings from desk review
 - Detailed assessment Methodology and Tools
 - Key Informant Interview Checklist
 - Partners Assessment Checklist (OD – IDOD assessment)
- (b) A final written Partnership Assessment Report with:
 - Findings and lessons learned from desk review and interview assessments,
 - Recommendations for each specific partner addressing the issues from the assessment.
 - Recommendations for future strategy, programming and policy
- (c) Power point presentation of the assessment findings to the taskforce team and key staff: key findings and recommendations.
- (d) Annexes to assessment report including data collection and the methodology and tools (semi-structured interviews, questionnaires, group discussions, as well as lists of respondents with their contact information, description of cases, lists of information materials used etc.
- (e) As possible, share photos from assessment activities and interesting beneficiary quotes
- (f) Develop a partnership assessment brief of note more than 4 pages maximum

Necessary background Information:

- The following documents and materials will be made available to the consultant:
- Regional Strategy
- Country Strategy documents

5.Duration and Timing

Proposal submission deadline **8th of February ,2022**

The assignment is expected to commence February 14, 2022 and end March 15, 2022.

6.Eligibility/Qualification of Consultants

The bidding consultant(s) or firm should have the requisite knowledge, skills and competences to conduct the assignment. The consultant should demonstrate previous experience and expertise in conducting CSOs impact assessments, OD-IDOD assessment and have solid experience of developing CSO assessment methodology frameworks and tools. Specifically, the consultant is expected to have the following:

Essential Skills and Competences:

- Demonstrable experience of conducting OD-IDOD and impact assessments of CSOs.
- Strong analytical, writing and presentation skills (at least 2 reports/publications)
- Understanding of the environment in which civil society organization operate such as existing situation, challenges and trends prevalent in East Africa
- Good understanding of the WASH sector

7.Expected Results:

- Inform WA EART future strategy, programming and policy
- Improve our partnerships with WASH national coalitions
- Increase our understanding on the state of civil society and other multilateral organizations and their role in the WASH sector.
- Building back through partners to realize SDG6

8.Ethics, Safeguarding and Data Protection

The Consultant shall respect the ethics and keep confidential all matters relating to this Terms of Reference while conducting the assignment, including management of either commercially and/or organizationally sensitive information and/or data.

The consultant will comply with all applicable global and national laws on processing data, and protection of persons involved in the study. The consultant will not disclose personal data and keep them confidential throughout the study and will not by any means misuse the data.

Please send your financial and Technical proposal at EArecruitments@wateraid.org on and before February 08,2022