CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO DOCUMENT LEGAL EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY (LESA) METHODOLOGY FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY IN KOBOKO AND MARACHA DISTRICTS.

1.0. INTRODUCTION:

The Center for Health, Human Rights, and Development (CEHURD) with funding from the European Union through the Office of the Prime Minister under the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) wishes to hire a consultant to document the Legal Empowerment and Social Accountability (LESA) methodology as an advocacy tool to improve social services. CEHURD in partnership with Partners in Community Transformation (PICOT) has been implementing the LESA action since January 2020 in the districts of Koboko and Maracha. The LESA action is an empowerment and advocacy project titled “Integrating Legal Empowerment and Social Accountability for improved local government performance and governance in the districts of Koboko, and Maracha”.

CEHURD employs an integrated community participatory approach known as the Legal Empowerment (LE) and Social Accountability (LESA) as an advocacy tool to improve social services delivery. Social Accountability approaches leverage information, participation, and civic engagement to demand accountable and responsive public service delivery. The legal approaches include, ‘promotion of human rights and social justice; fostering grassroots education, mobilisation, and empowerment by providing tools and know-how to individuals and communities to take action and seek solutions; and strengthening participatory decision making and power-sharing between communities (often poor and marginalised) and state authorities”.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The overall objective of this action was to promote accountable and responsive service delivery in the districts of Koboko, and Maracha using an innovative blend of Legal Empowerment and Social Accountability (LESA).

Specific project objectives;

To enhance communities’ capacities to hold duty bearers accountable for improved service delivery.

1. To enhance the capacities of duty bearers on their roles and responsibilities in governance for improved service delivery.
2. To build the capacity of community-based civil society organisations (CSO) to monitor and
assess the government’s compliance with its obligations to fulfil economic, social, and cultural rights.

2.0: OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

i. To document the LESA methodology as an advocacy tool to improve social services delivery.

ii. To identify the strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations for future adoption and utilisation of the LESA approach for improved local government social services delivery.

3.0: SCOPE OF WORK

This is a short-term assignment to document the Legal Empowerment and Social Accountability (LESA) methodology. The work will involve examining the extent to which the LESA approach influenced the achievement of project results. The consultant will be expected to compare and contrast the strength and weaknesses of the integrated blend of Legal Empowerment and Social Accountability (LESA) and the Legal empowerment approach; the social accountability approach when adopted singly (independently) as advocacy tools to improve social service delivery. The consultant will be expected to document lessons, best practices, and recommendations for adoption by CEHURD in using LESA as an advocacy tool to improve social service delivery.

4.0 EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

The key deliverables of the assignment will include;
- Inception report
- Data collection tools
- Technical proposal
- Financial proposal
- Assignment work plan
- Final LESA Methodology documentation

5.0 TIME FRAME

It is expected that the assignment will last for 30 days upon award of the contract

6.0: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

i. A master’s degree in public policy, governance, political science, business administration, social sciences, Sociology, Development studies, or related field from a recognised university/institution.

ii. Postgraduate project planning and management training, monitoring and evaluation, and other related training is a MUST.

iii. At least five years of experience in conducting research for reputable national and international organisations.

iv. Experience in previous research relating to governance and social services delivery.

v. Fluent in both oral and written English. Knowledge of languages in the target districts will be an added advantage.

vi. Previous working experience in evaluating European Union-funded programmes preferred.

7.0: HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates are expected to apply by sending the following documents to info@cehurd.org and copy atwiine@cehurd.org by October 13th, 2022;
- A technical and financial proposal with a detailed response to the EOI
- Initial work plan and an indication of availability
- CVs of the proposed team include a minimum of three traceable, recent, and relevant references to this task
- List of previous assignments undertaken