

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE TO CONDUCT A MAPPING AND CAPACITY ASSESSMENT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSO) / COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO) ON GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN KOBOKO AND MARACHA DISTRICTS.**

### **1.1 Introduction**

Limited community participation and monitoring have been identified among the hindrances to good governance and performance at the local governance levels. For example, low community participation in the districts of Koboko and Maracha is majorly attributed to factors like; limited understanding of the on-going political processes; limited accountability to community and limited interactions between the community and decision makers; limited forums; limited platforms for engagement; limited leadership skills. This has greatly attributed to low performance and accountability of local governments coupled with lack of experienced CBO/CSOs to hold duty bearers accountable; and resistance of local government administrators and elected officials to open up decision-making processes for public scrutiny.

Consequently, women and young people have become more susceptible to political manipulation including violence, due to low civic awareness, lack of platforms to engage with leaders on service delivery mandate and high unemployment levels. The above stated have undermined citizen's meaningful and objective participation in governance in the districts of Koboko and Maracha leading to low quality representation, poor service delivery, and decreasing participation in local governance processes.

The Center for Health Human Rights and development (CEHURD) through its Community Empowerment Program (CEP) works towards ensuring transfer of power and resources to citizens, ensuring that communities speak out and exercise their agency. We are cognisant that sustaining agency and action on the right to health requires building wider mass movements at grassroots and community levels as well as creating partnerships with district-based partners and Civil society organizations.

As such, CEHURD in partnership with Partners in Community Transformation PICOT with support from the office of the Prime Minister and funding from the European Union are implementing an Empowerment and Advocacy project; "Integrating Legal Empowerment and Social Accountability for improved local government performance and governance in the districts of Koboko, and Maracha," under the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) initiative.

In implementing this work, we are utilizing a community participatory approach known as the Legal Empowerment (LE) and Social Accountability (SA) referred to as the (LESA) approach. SA approaches leverage information, participation and civic engagement to demand for accountable and responsive public service delivery. The combination of SA with legal approaches including, "promotion of human rights and social justice; fostering grassroots education, mobilization and empowerment by providing tools and know-how to individuals and communities, on governance and accountability in koboko and Maracha districts.

## 2. Specific objectives:

CSOs/CBOs to take action and seek solutions; and strengthening participatory decision making and power sharing between communities greatly improves service delivery.

This therefore, means CSO/CBOs who will be mapped and assessed will use an entitlement-based advocacy approach known as the OPERA framework to enhance their capacities as key stakeholders in monitoring and assessing local government fulfilment of social, economic and social rights.

These CSOs/CBOs will be drawn from of Koboko and Maracha districts. Their complementary roles will include community mobilization and sensitization; identification and referral of cases of rights violations; monitoring local government services; and engaging duty bearers, among others.

### 2.1 Overall objective of Mapping and Assessment

To conduct a mapping and capacity assessment for civil society organizations

- a) To identify CSOs/CBOs interested in governance and accountability related work in the two districts of Koboko and Maracha.
- b) To assess their capacities on Governance and accountability and capacity building plan.
- c) To develop tools for monitoring service delivery using the opera framework

## 3.0 Key Responsibilities

In particular, the consultant undertaking this assignment will be expected to perform the following tasks:

- a) Develop CSO/CBO mapping and assessment tools
- b) Lead the data collection team
- c) Analyze the collected data,
- d) To write and submit a CSO/CBO mapping and assessment report

### 3.1 Key deliverables

- Inception report
- Data collection tools
- Final Mapping and assessment report
- Identify at least 10 CSOS/CBOs in each of the two districts to be engaged.
- Develop a capacity building plan for CSO/CBOs on Governance and accountability
- Develop a service delivery monitoring tools using opera framework

## 4.0 Intellectual property:

All documents written and developed during the contract term are a property of the Office of the Prime Minister and the European Union with in the DINU initiative. Internal information about the DINU initiative such as financial statements and other such documents are classified.

## 5.0. Time Frame

It is expected that the assignment will last for 30 days running within the period of 20th September to 20th Oct 2021.