

BASELINE SURVEY FOR THE PROJECT: NORTH-WEST CLIMATE-PEACE HUBS: A CLIMATE SECURITY APPROACH TO CONFLICT PREVENTION IN ILLELA, SOKOTO STATE, AND JIBIA, KATSINA STATE.

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

Murna Foundation is seeking the services of competent research organization to carry out a baseline study for North-West Climate-Peace Hubs: A Climate Security Approach to Conflict Prevention project in Illela, Sokoto State, and Jibia, Katsina State

Murna Foundation is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that focuses on women, youth, the girl-child, and general public. Murna Foundation is dedicated to mobilizing, engaging, training, initiating, and supporting all developmental programs, projects and activities that are geared towards improving the life of women, youth, the girl child, and general public.

Background

Funded by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the North-West Climate-Peace Hubs: A Climate Security Approach to Conflict Prevention project project is being implemented in Illela, Sokoto State, and Jibia, Katsina State. As a way of inclusive and impactful delivery of the project, UNDP through its Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention and rule of law cluster under the Northwest Prevention Facility with support from the German and Norwegian Governments is partnering other UN organizations, the government of the states of Katsina, Sokoto, and Zamfara and community stakeholders. To achieve the project goal of addressing the root causes of the conflict in the North-west, the climate linked exacerbator of conflict and the security and justice structural deficits that have allowed the crisis to continue, the following actions have been proposed to be implemented:

1. Training and provision of Alternative Sources of Domestic Energy, 50% female representation at a minimum.
2. Training and provision of start-up support on Renewable Energy (i.e. Solar Installation, Solar Charging Points, Solar cooling system, etc.) for youths and women.
3. Communal activities that sustain environmental conservation of shared-use facilities/resources.
4. Cash-for-conservation investments.

Tasks expected of the research organization

The successful research organization will be expected to carry out a baseline survey in the project's target local government areas, to gather relevant information that will help the planning and implementation of the North-West Climate-Peace Hubs: A Climate Security Approach to Conflict Prevention project and against which success will be measured.

The baseline survey is expected to gather information that bother on the following issues among others: current energy usage, awareness, and readiness for alternative sources in households; the potential and interest of youths and women in renewable energy initiatives,

along with communal activities and cash-for-conservation investments for environmental conservation.

The specific tasks to be performed by the research organization and the timelines are as follows:

S/N	Task	Timeline
1.	Develop baseline survey plan	Week 1 (Deadline)
2.	Develop and submit survey tools for approval	Week 1 (Submit)
3.	Recruit, train data collectors, and pre-test data collection tools	Week 2
4.	Undertake baseline survey	Week 3
5.	Submit interim report	Week 4
6.	Receive and incorporate feedback to the report	Week 4
7.	Submit final report	Week 4

Requirements

The research organization to be contracted is expected to meet the following criteria:

- Must be registered with Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria
- Must have a good understanding and practical experience of development work including advanced skills in social research, project impact evaluation, and development studies
- Must show evidence of up to date tax payment to the government or tax exemption for non-profits, evidence of contribution to pension of personnel, and evidence of compliance with other government regulations.
- Must demonstrate experience of community engagement, knowledge of peace and security, alternative sources of energy, women and youth empowerment.
- The lead researcher must have an advanced degree in the field of social and development work, social research, evaluation or another relevant social science subject).
- The research organization must have a minimum of 5 years' experience in carrying out similar assignment and capacity for impact evaluation (a report of such work done in the last 2 years is a required evidence)
- Must demonstrate experience in developing tools for project baselines and impact evaluations.
- Demonstrated understanding of the role of Monitoring & Evaluation in project cycle and experience of conducting learning reviews and evaluation processes in the development sector.
- Demonstrate how to mainstream gender in delivering on the assignment.
- Ability to apply a range of primary and secondary research methods including participatory methods.
- Experience in using qualitative and quantitative data analysis packages (E.g. SPSS, ATLAS.Ti, Nvivo).
- Ability of the team members to speak Hausa and understand the cultural context of the environment.

Duration of assignment

This assignment will last for a duration of 1 month from the date of signing the contract with the research organization.

How to submit expression of interest

Interested organizations should send their applications to contact@murnafoundation.org with “North-West Climate-Peace Hubs: A Climate Security Approach to Conflict Prevention– Acronym or Abbreviation of the organization” as the email subject.

The application should highlight among other things: the organization’s relevant experience, profile of the research team (with each of the team member’s CV sent as annex to the application), proposed survey methodology, work plan and financial proposal.

The application should be maximum of 8 A4-sized pages, excluding annexes.

Deadline for submitting applications is **22nd March 2024**

Note: Only selected applicant will be contacted.