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“Civil Society for Dignity”

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1. PROJECT DETAILS

PROJECT NAME	Civil Society for Dignity
PROJECT LOCATION	Palestine- West Bank and East Jerusalem
PROJECT PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PCR (Palestinian Centre for Rapprochement between People) – Main Applicant ✓ PAX (Peace Movement PAX the Netherlands) ✓ MEND (Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy) ✓ PCPD (Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy)



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PROJECT REFERENCE	NEAR-TS 2020/ 420-965
PROJECT DURATION	42 months: from 1 st January 2021 to 30 st June
PROJECT BUDGET AND FUNDER	925,499.000 euros, funded 90% by the European Union

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This action is a joint intervention by the applying organizations (PCR, PCPD, MEND and PAX) in close cooperation with other relevant CSOs and grassroots movements from 24 villages from 8 governments in the West Bank and East Jerusalem: Qalqilia-Jenin-Tulkarem-Tubas-Jerico-Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Hebron, with a specific focus on women and youth, and bridging the gap between the Civil society and local authorities. The action will contribute to achieve the overall objective to “enable Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to play their legitimate role as advocates and watchdogs in Palestine”.

Context:

This action puts CSOs at the center and emphasizes their role in policy development and in monitoring the implementation of laws and policies in close contact with local authorities and citizens. Therefore, creating an environment where Civil Society Organizations are able to fully play their legitimate role in Palestinian society not only as service providers, but also as advocates and watchdogs

An important focus point of the action is addressing the particular needs and constraints of the target groups and Palestine as a whole. The ongoing occupation of the Palestinian Territories does not only cause enormous problems in light of the absence of human security, and of any community-based security, accessibility and possibilities for economic prosperity for the Palestinians, it also leads to societal fragmentation, pressure on Palestinian unity and undermines the possibilities for a sustainable solution for the conflict. The different struggles



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geographically separated Palestinians are facing and the overall restrictions on mobility lead to an increased inward looking way of life with less connections between the different Palestinian localities, not only within the various parts of the West Bank, but also between Palestinians living in the West Bank and Palestinians living in East Jerusalem. In addition to this, internal political struggles and lack of effective governance, as a result of which large parts of the population do not feel represented anymore by their political leaders, put even more pressure on the situation. While there are many youth and community leaders that are very much aware of the needs of their communities, they are often excluded from access to the political sphere and decision-making powers. This is especially the case for youth and women given the patriarchal system including strong elements of (toxic) masculinities, leading to a lack of services and pressure on community-based security issues. Furthermore, even though there are many CSOs active in Palestine, they often don't optimally act as representatives of citizens and as a result of a lack of space and enabling environment (repression and shrinking space) they are unable to successfully play their role in effective governance and enforcing accountability through working together and with (local) authorities. All specific needs and constraints this action aims to address, build on the notion that a strong civil society is essential to bridge the gap between citizens and local authorities and that CSOs are of utmost importance in light of accountability and good governance, including in terms of contributing to increased gender equality.

3. STUDY PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The objective of the Final evaluation is to provide an independent external evaluation for the "Civil Society for Dignity" Project after three years of implementation. The final evaluation is expected to assess the action's achievements, progress, challenges and impact against all defined measurement criteria in the log frame and baseline study, taking into consideration the midterm evaluation study results, and consider recommendations for any future interventions in relation to the project scope and beneficiaries needs.

4. CONSULTANCY TASKS

In collaboration with the project team, the evaluator(s) will undertake the following activities:



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1. Conduct an overall final evaluation for the Civil Society for Dignity Project and provide an objective and transparent analysis of the progress made within the intervention.
2. Evaluate the performance and achievement of the overall and specific objectives based on the project log frame and determine the level of achievement of each relevant output.
3. Highlight critical issues presented during the project
4. Highlight challenges faced by the implementing partners, success stories and lessons learned.
5. Present the final evaluation results and findings to the project team in addition to a complete evaluation report and findings in English.
6. The final evaluation will help project partners to highlight opportunities for future interventions
7. Address the impact of the project on the targeted population
8. Efficiency and effectiveness of project activities in relation to the overall budget

5. METHODOLOGY AND TOOLS:

The external experts will assess the projects intervention according to five criteria (Relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability, impact). Cross-cutting issues such as gender, accountability and good governance will also be part of the analysis.

The methodology for data collection is to be determined by the consultant and approved from the project manager.

The consultant is expected to conduct field missions to obtain the necessary qualitative and quantitative data that provides evidence of the impact of the response with members of communities targeted by the project. The evaluation should be conducted mainly through data collection and review, focus group discussions, key informant interviews with a broad range of project stakeholders, well as direct observations.

In general, the consultant should propose a well-defined methodology to carry out the evaluation task including and not limited to the following:

- Evaluation analysis based on the project documents such as grant contract with the EU, baseline study, project log frame, midterm evaluation, narrative and financial reports submitted by leading and implementing partners.
- The project partner's involvement and feedback
- The participation of stakeholders and target groups in the project.



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- Participation of the local authorities
- Impact of implemented project activities and conducted materials such as researches and Manuals
- Third party financial support outcomes evaluation
- The data collection methods should include planned surveys, questionnaires, field observations, reference to administrative records and management reports, key interviews, among others.

6. CONSULTANCY TIMEFRAME

Deadline for application submission: March 24th 2023

Start of the final evaluation process: March 30th 2024

Award notification: April 5-10th 2024

Start date: 20th April

Deadline to submit the first draft of the final evaluation report including relevant annexes: June 20th 2024

7. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A well-established final Evaluation Report including an introduction, background information, criteria, evaluation results, conclusions, and recommendation

The consultant may be asked for a presentation for the contents of the report after the report submission.

Language of the report and presentation: English

8. SCOPE OF PRICE PROPOSAL

The maximum amount for this task is €12,000.

9. TENDER DOCUMENTS:



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The call for tender includes:

- The present document (Terms of Reference)
- The tender procedures (Annex 1)
- The technical application form (Annex 2)
- The financial proposal (Annex 3)

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