



Terms of Reference for a Consultancy with Twaweza

Task: Conducting literature review of available datasets on civic space in Uganda

Timing: 27 March – 21 April 2017

Background

[Twaweza](#), works on enabling children to learn, citizens to exercise agency and governments to be more open and responsive in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. At Twaweza, we undertake effective public and policy engagement, powerful media partnerships, and global leadership of initiatives such as the Open Government Partnership. The safeguarding of a civic space where we can freely operate is essential to our work, and a coherent understanding of the forces at play that constrain – or protect – that space is an essential first component of the safeguarding. This consultancy is the first step in a longer-term exercise to measure and describe the status of civic space in Uganda.

Objective and scope

The overall purpose of this assignment is to compile a succinct review of available evidence, international and national (datasets and reports) on the status of civic space in Uganda, according to five dimensions (freedoms of information and expression, rights of assembly and association, citizen participation, non-discrimination/inclusion, and human rights/rule of law).

The study will use the Transparency & Accountability Initiative document “Improving the measurement of civic space” as the basis, tailoring the exercise as per guidance from Twaweza.

Specific activities and outputs

1. Gather and review the internationally available data sources and narrative reports relevant to Uganda (with a focus on the trends in the last decade). (Time estimate: 5 days)
2. Source and review nationally available data sources and narratives; select in dialogue with Twaweza. (Time estimate: 4 days)
3. Synthesize the international and national information according to the five dimensions in a tabular form, with clear references. (Time estimate: 2 days)
4. Create a narrative report to accompany the table summary, with overarching trends (Time estimate: 4 days)
5. Assess the feasibility of compiling the results into a score or index, outlining the pros and cons of this approach. (Time estimate: to take place within the 4 days of task 4, above)
6. Output 1: Combine 3, 4 and 5 above into a succinct final report (main report not more than 20 pages, excluding annexes) (Time estimate: 1 day)
7. Output 2: Write a blog-style narrative on the exercise and main findings (approximately 3-4 pages in length, conversational language) (Time estimate: 1 day)

Total estimated days needed: 17

Expected outputs and suggested timeline:

Output	Due by
1. Conceptualization, scoping and planning	27 Mar 2017
2. Collating / gathering information	29 Mar 2017
3. Synthesis and solid first draft	14 April 2017

Qualified and Interested consultants (Uganda Nationals only) should submit brief proposals (4pages max) by e-mail to: jobs@twaweza.org and copy sotieno@twaweza.org so as to reach not later than Wednesday March 22, 2017.