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Call for Expressions of Interest for

STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE THROUGH CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

Closing Date: 17:00 hours GMT on 21st June, 2013

Eligible organisations:

Registered Ghanaian civil society organisations (CSOs), including community based organisations, media organisations, research and advocacy organisations, trade unions/labour organisations, private sector associations and registered civil society coalitions/networks/platforms in the GOVERNANCE SECTOR

STAR-Ghana is a multi-donor pooled funding mechanism funded by the **European Union, DANIDA, USAID** and **DfID**, which aims to increase the influence of civil society and Parliament in the governance of public goods and service delivery.

This call invites interested and eligible organisations to design and implement projects aimed at strengthening democratic governance in Ghana through civil society engagement and advocacy. The proposed projects can have a maximum duration of eighteen months but could be of shorter duration. They should build on previous or on-going civil society governance initiatives, including initiatives undertaken under STAR-Ghana's 2012 Elections Call.

Applicants are particularly encouraged to explore opportunities for formal/informal alliances/networks/ coalitions in the implementation of their proposed actions. These alliances/networks or coalitions may seek to (i) build innovative partnerships between Civil Society, the media and/or private sector; (ii) link actors/actions across levels of governance (community, district, regional and national) and/or (iii) enable collaborations between actors working on complementary issues.

Based on lessons learnt, STAR-Ghana is adopting a portfolio approach in the implementation of this Call. Under this approach, the call has been split into two components: a restricted/ **Managed Component** and an **Open Component**. The overall indicative budget for this call for proposals is US\$3m.

Please click on the below to download the full report of the Scoping Study on Strengthening Democratic Governance in Ghana. [STAR-Ghana - Scoping Study for Strengthening Democratic Governance in Ghana.pdf](#)

(A) The Managed Component

Under the Managed component, interested organisations can apply (individually or in alliance with other organisations) to manage any one of the areas or sub-areas indicated under the Managed component below. The indicative budget for each area of the managed component is a maximum of US\$500,000 and a maximum of \$250,000 for each sub-area.

The main areas under the Managed Component are;

- Enhancing decentralised governance in Ghana:
(Deepening decentralization/strengthening local level demand for M/M/DA accountability and responsiveness and in the implementation of existing local government programs)**
Sub-areas:
 - Evidence-based advocacy on implementation of the National Decentralization Action Plan;
 - Using ICT & Social Media to enhance citizens' engagement with decentralised governance structures, particularly District/Municipal and Metropolitan Assemblies.
- Electoral Reforms:
(Initiatives that target reforms to the electoral process itself and strengthen election institutions and processes)**
Sub-areas:
 - Engagement (facilitating citizen dialogue, monitoring, advocacy, etc.) with the Constitution Review processes/recommendations in relation to the electoral process, including transition processes;
 - Issues relating to constituency creation/demarcation, electoral adjudication, EC strengthening, etc.
- Citizens' engagement in ensuring government accountability at the national level:**



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(Engage with parliament to explore reforms to its Standing Orders and allow for structured and improved CSO input into the legislative process; Advocate for legislative or constitutional reforms)

Sub-areas:

- Strengthening spaces & mechanisms for citizen-Parliament engagement particularly around STAR-Ghana's thematic priorities (health, education, oil and gas, access to justice);
- Evidence-based advocacy on implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP).

(B) The Open Component

Under the Open component, interested organisations can submit proposals (individually or in alliance with other organisations) under any one of the areas indicated under the Open component below. The indicative budget for each area of the open component is a maximum of US\$100,000.

The main areas for consideration under the Open Call are;

1. Gender, Youth & Social Inclusion:

- Enabling realization of political rights of excluded social groups, particularly women, the youth and persons with disability, including advocacy for affirmative action in appointments;
- Enhancing the participation of women, youth & PWD's participation in local governance;

2. Citizen's engagement in government accountability:

- Innovative approaches to holding Members of Parliament, political parties and the President to account for election promises and Manifestos

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

(Please note that an organisation/coalition/alliance will not be awarded grants for projects under BOTH Managed and Open calls.)

Components:

Eligibility Criteria for organisations applying for the Managed Component;

- Must be a national level organization;
- Must have a proven track record of achieving results around chosen area;
- Must have the ability to convene key national stakeholders around critical issues;
- Must have the ability to mobilize CSOs at both national and subnational levels for long-term engagement around critical issues.

Eligibility Criteria for organisations applying for the Open Component;

- Must have a proven track record of mobilizing citizens around critical issues;
- Must have a strong constituency base at the grassroots level;
- Must have experience in establishing linkages with national, district and local level organizations.

In addition, all applicants must:

- Be able to state clearly the results and outcomes that will be achieved from the project;
- Demonstrate a track record in delivering results and timely reports;
- Be legally registered in Ghana;
- Demonstrate standards of good organisational governance;
- Practically demonstrate real and actual inclusion/diversity and gender sensitivity across the organisation;
- Have appropriate procedures for (financial/administrative) management, monitoring and reporting;
- Show at least two previous annual statements of accounts audited by a suitably certified person(s) or body.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply for the
MANAGED COMPONENT

Apply for the
OPEN COMPONENT

Click on the link below to download a microsoft version of the EOI template for preparatory purposes only.

Template applies to both Managed and Open components.

[Expression of Interest form for Democratic Governance Call - Managed and Open Components](#)

- Requests for EOI will be closed by 17:00 hours GMT on 21st June, 2013
- Shortlisted EOIs will be invited by 5th July, 2013, to submit full proposals using a template provided online.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Interested organisations are invited to Information sessions to be held as follows:

- **Accra** (Dubois Centre): 5th June, 2013 at 10am
- **Tamale** (GILBT Training Centre): 7th June, 2013 at 10am

Click on the link below to download the presentation for the information sessions.

[Information Sessions Presentations](#)

For enquiries, please contact info@star-ghana.org or call (0302) 774488/7012404 between 9am and 5pm on week days.



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