



Call for Consultants for Project Evaluation of Nijera Kori's project "Ensuring Democracy, Accountability and Rights of the Poorest"

Background

Nijera Kori, an organisation with over forty-three years of dedicated service, is committed to empowering marginalised and landless rural communities, with particular emphasis on women, establishing rights, and combating oppression. The organisation operates on principles of social mobilisation, gender equality, autonomy promotion, and values partnerships and democracy. The core programme, titled "Ensuring Democracy, Accountability, and Rights of the Poorest," which is under evaluation in terms of reference, seeks to empower impoverished men and women by strengthening their organisational capacities. This aims to leverage their collective influence to exert effective pressure on the government and other political entities. The goal is to advocate for the enactment and implementation of policies that prioritise the well-being, rights and entitlements of the poor. This includes ensuring enhanced access to public resources and services, as well as enabling their meaningful participation in decision-making processes within various institutions.

The core programme, a testament to Nijera Kori's enduring commitment, demands an evaluation to assess its impact, effectiveness, and alignment with organisational values. The evaluation aims to further enhance Nijera Kori's unwavering dedication to empowering women, advocating for their rights, and steadfastly combating oppression."

The program is structured to attain three key outcomes that align with the overarching goal mentioned earlier. four outcomes are as follows:

- Rights of the landless and indigenous people established in the proposed areas through strengthened organisation and mobilisation capacities
- Landless groups have more representation in the local government and/or local-level institutions
- Gender equality, justice, feminist perspectives at family, community and national level is improved
- Curbing the influence of fundamentalism through mobilisation and organisation of secular forces at various levels of society

The scope of work involves evaluating Nijera Kori's core programme titled "Ensuring Democracy, Accountability and Rights of the Poorest". The evaluation will focus on assessing the effectiveness and impact of the program in empowering rural men and women, as well as its contribution to enacting pro-poor policies and improving access to public resources. The evaluation will also focus on the awareness of the integration of SRHR (sexual and reproductive health and rights) and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) within the project, identifying enabling and hindering factors.

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Name of the Organisation	Nijera Kori
Project Name	Ensuring Democracy, Accountability and Rights of the Poorest
Assignment	Evaluation of the project
Focus Sectors	Understanding and awareness of the communities of landless groups and translating their viewpoint, Project evaluation, and Understanding of the right-based non-profit organisation. Sexual Health and Reproductive Health Rights and Awareness, Gender-based violence etc.
Eligibility Criteria	Minimum 5 years of experience in the relevant sector Having relevant project evaluation experience Good writing skills
Key Deliverables	Evaluation report
Duration	Two months from the date of contract signing
Date of submission	The application should be submitted at administration@nijerakori.org by/before November 20, 2023

The evaluation will cover the period from January 2022 to December 2024 and will include a review of program documents, field visits to implementation areas, interviews with stakeholders, and focus group discussions. The evaluation team will critically review program contents, activities, management structure, funding, and partner engagement.

Through this evaluation, the outcomes will be assessed regarding the following objectives, related to a. programme implementation and impacts and b. the management systems:

Programme:

- Justification of the programme and its approach in the current socio-political context of Bangladesh
- Review of progress in the programme implementation during the period and its societal impacts by Nijera Kori's philosophy and ideology
- Assess the need and justification for including adolescent children to make them aware of their rights, their vulnerability and the means to overcome them.

Management systems:

- Assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the financial management system of Nijera Kori
- Review the effectiveness of the democratic management system and practices in promoting the participation of different actors and stakeholders at different levels of social organisations and Nijera Kori itself

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