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Call for Expressions of Interest 2022 West Africa Programme Review (mid-term strategy review)

1. About PeaceNexus

PeaceNexus is a Swiss private foundation that aims to strengthen the capacity of organisations working to build peaceful and inclusive societies. By strengthening the skills of and collaboration between partners engaged in peacebuilding activities, PeaceNexus aims to increase their effectiveness in peacebuilding.

Based across West Africa, Central Asia, South East Asia and the Western Balkans, our team of 20 works with local partners who are well positioned to address specific conflict risks. We also support international organisations that are active in fragile states and are well positioned to contribute to social cohesion and peacebuilding, by supporting local initiatives or by shaping national and international policy.

PeaceNexus supports its partners in three main areas:

- i) supporting the organisational development of peacebuilding actors,
- ii) strengthening the capacity of governments, civil society and businesses to integrate a conflict-sensitive approach at strategic and operational levels; and
- iii) engaging with the private sector to develop collective solutions to conflicts between local communities and companies.

More information on PeaceNexus and the West Africa Programme can be found at www.peacenexus.org

2. Background on regional programme

In West Africa, we work with national and regional actors to strengthen dialogue between different communities, the state, and the private sector to stop the escalation of violence and promote inclusive governance and development. Since 2017, we have been working in Burkina Faso, Niger and Senegal. We also work with regional actors in nine countries in West and Central Africa. We currently accompany ten organisations in the region.

We strive to improve the effectiveness of peacebuilding by strengthening organisations and fostering collaboration. Our 'nexus' approach is at the heart of how we work. We select our partners based on their actual or potential contribution to peacebuilding challenges, and therefore support a range of partners from different sectors. We also contribute to joint and collaborative responses by strengthening the convening power of our partners, enabling peer learning among our partners and with other actors, and supporting dialogue for problem solving.

3. Objectives

PeaceNexus is seeking an external consultant(s) to review the work of its programmes since 2020 and their alignment with the 2021-2023 strategy. The findings of this review will feed into a broader organisational review scheduled for late 2022 and support the strategy development process in 2023.

- I. Progress towards strategic goals and outcomes
- II. Progress towards expected capacity outcomes
- III. PeaceNexus' positioning, activities and approach (services)

4. Methodology and deliverables

The consultant(s) will review progress towards strategic objectives and generate findings and recommendations related to PeaceNexus positioning, activities and approach. We appreciate learning-oriented methodological approaches, including outcome harvesting.

The primary deliverable will be a concise report (approx. 10 pages) summarising the findings of the review, structured around the three key review objectives and including any lessons learned and/or recommendations for the programme's future work. The report will include annexes listing the data sources (survey responses, interviews, documents) that are the evidence basis for the findings.

In support of the review objectives, the methodology is expected to draw data from:

a. A partner survey

- The survey of all partners will be developed by programme staff following previous practice of partner feedback surveys
- The consultant will be responsible for analysing survey responses to develop findings related to PeaceNexus' activities and approach

b. Between 10-15 Interviews with PeaceNexus' partners and selected context experts

- The plan for interviews, including list of interviews and draft questions, will be prepared in collaboration with programme staff
- The consultant will be responsible for conducting, recording or transcribing interviews and developing findings related to all three review objectives

c. Desk review of partnership, programme and partner documentation

- Programme staff will provide the consultant with key documents relating to all the programme and partnership objectives, including progress reports
- The consultant will be responsible for reviewing PeaceNexus documents as well as public and internal documents provided by partners to capture and assess evidence of progress towards outcomes
- The consultant will provide an index of all documents consulted and provide references for the review findings

5. Timeframe and coordination

This assignment is expected to require approximately 15 consultancy days and is anticipated to be carried out over a period of forty-five days, starting from August 22, 2022. The review must be finalised by mid-October 2022.

Following the selection of the consultant(s), one or more scoping meetings will be scheduled with the programme and other PeaceNexus staff to prepare the survey, interviews and desk research.

The consultant will prepare an inception report clarifying the methodology and workplan. After approval of this inception report, the consultant will receive logistical support from PeaceNexus in conducting the research.

The draft report (in French or English) will be presented to and discussed with PeaceNexus staff. The final report will be shared with all PeaceNexus staff and the PeaceNexus Governing Board.

6. Application process

Profile requirements:

- Experience in the area of monitoring, evaluation and learning
- Excellent analytical and drafting skills
- Strong communication skills, including proficiency in English
- Familiarity with the regional context
- Knowledge of capacity building services and organisational development
- Thematic knowledge of peacebuilding

Application package:

- CV (not exceeding 3 pages)
- Expression of interest indicating relevant experience;
- Proposed methodology and timeframe – if applying as a team of consultants, your methodological offer should also clarify how you will divide the work.
- Financial proposal comprising detailed quotation for the assignment, showing working days and expected fee and availability.
- Contact details of two references/previous clients

Deadline for application: August 10

Please send applications to info@peacenexus.org with 'West Africa Programme Review' in the subject line.