

## **Call for Expression of Interest**

### ***Study on Perspectives of feminism in the target countries Intercultural and Intersectional Lenses for Gender Justice Transformative Knowledge Programme>***

#### **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

##### **1.1. Introduction to Diakonia**

Diakonia is a Swedish faith-based development organization that works to change unfair structures that generate poverty, inequality, oppression, and violence. Diakonia works with around 400 partner organizations in 25 country offices and four regional offices in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the MENA (Middle East and Northern Africa) region and Sweden.

Diakonia believes that every person regardless of gender or sexual identity or preferences should have the power, knowledge and resources to contribute to shaping their own life and the society they live in. This is what we mean when we talk about gender justice. It has been proven that across the world, the women's and feminist movements have been, and still are, the primary actors in the fight for gender justice. They are the ones that pressure States and raise the awareness of the general public, so that change happens. Therefore, we know that a feminist approach is the most effective way to work for gender justice. As a consequence of this understanding, Diakonia made a commitment in 2019 to work towards becoming an organisation that operates based on feminist principles.

##### ***About the Transformative Knowledge (TraK) Programme***

The Transformative Knowledge (TraK) programme is a global five-year programme (2021-2025) of Diakonia aimed at transforming through knowledge. The overall objective of the programme is that Program stakeholders (partner and Diakonia) develop and gain transformative knowledge and competences to deal with selected change processes, allowing them to examine, question and address the root causes of power imbalances. The programme deals with five change processes related to Diakonia strategic priority areas namely:

1. Re-thinking democracy
2. Local knowledge and alternative views of development for resilience
3. Business and Human Rights
4. Intercultural and intersectional lenses for gender justice
5. Rights-based and faith-based agendas in civil society.

The ownership of the program is at national, regional, and head offices, and with partners; all understand the commitments, benefits, and demands that the program has. The program is jointly planned and managed through close collaboration between partners and the different Diakonia offices staff.

## ***About the Intercultural and Intersectional Lenses for Gender Justice project***

A specific project has been developed for each of the change processes above. The Intercultural and Intersectional Lenses for Gender justice project aims to improve understanding of gender justice from a national, regional and global point of view, based on the exchange of experiences and learning, and the construction of knowledge with an intercultural approach (interaction in diversity).

The specific objectives of the project are:

- 1) To increase the level of knowledge amongst project stakeholders to be able to make change at the policy level (at/or beyond the organization level).
- 2) Women to know and enjoy their rights in the different contexts.

In line with the above, the project seeks to conduct a study on different perspectives of feminism in the target countries and regions, namely Kenya in Sub Saharan Africa, Egypt and Lebanon in the Middle East, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Thailand in the Asia Pacific region, Bolivia, Colombia, and Paraguay in the Latin America region.

The project Intercultural and Intersectional Lenses for Gender Justice includes participants from different regions and countries across the globe. Participants to the project work at national and regional level and acknowledge the different perspectives of feminism together with their commonality as a way to achieve gender justice. In order to build a shared view of the main current feminist perspectives, the project proposes to conduct a study on the different perspectives of feminism in the target countries and regions.

## **2. OBJECTIVE OF THE PROCUREMENT**

Diakonia seeks to procure a team of consultants to conduct a study on perspectives of feminism in target countries for a project on Intercultural and Intersectional Lenses for Gender Justice.

## **3. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY**

The main objective of the study is to analyse how feminism manifest itself in the target regions (Sub Saharan Africa, Middle East and North Africa, Asia, and Latin America) so as to allow the project to align and adapt its work to the specific contexts

## **4. CONTENT OF TENDER**

You are invited to submit a tender based on the Terms of Reference (Appendix 1) and other requirements included in this Procurement Request.

The tender shall include the following information when sending it to Diakonia:

- 1) A presentation of the consultant(s) proposed to implement the assignment, including education, expertise, and previous experience of relevance, including a presentation on how gender mainstreaming is to be ensured in the implementation of the assignment
- 2) A description of the approach and methodology for implementing the assignment, with gender mainstreaming, following the Terms of Reference.
- 3) Proposed timeframe
- 3) Itemised budget, separating fees and reimbursable expenditure (if applicable). All costs shall include VAT and all other applicable taxes
- 4) Signed "Diakonia's Procurement Guidelines for suppliers" (Appendix 2)
- 5) Contact details (Appendix 3)
- 6) Signed "Confirmation of Eligibility" (Appendix 4)

## **5. TENDER SUBMISSION**

### **5.1. Tender delivery**

Your tender shall be submitted to Diakonia at the email address indicated below:

[africa@diakonia.se](mailto:africa@diakonia.se)

### **5.2. Submission deadline**

The submission deadline is 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Tenders that are submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

### **5.3. Tender Validity**

Your tender shall be valid for 90 days after the submission deadline.

## 6. PROCUREMENT METHOD AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

### 6.1. Procurement Method

Diakonia applies a simplified procurement method for this procurement.

### 6.2. Selection Procedure

Only complete tenders that were submitted on time and that fulfil the requirements in terms of the technical specifications and deliveries will be evaluated.

The contract will be awarded to the economically most advantageous tender, determined by the best price-quality ratio (quality and cost based selection, QCBS).

The examination of submitted tenders will be carried out based on the technical and price criteria stated below, where the technical evaluation will have a weight of 75% and the financial evaluation a weight of 25%. The tenderer with the highest total points, will be awarded the contract.

The technical evaluation criteria for this procurement are:

Technical Criteria	Max. points
1) Experience and expertise of proposed consultant(s) including previous experience regarding gender mainstreaming	45%
2) Suitability of approach and methodology, based on gender mainstreaming	45%
3) Adequacy of time-plan	10%
Total max points	100

The technical evaluation will be based on the following rating scale, whereby the percentage rate is multiplied with the maximum points for each criterion.

Rating scale	Rate	Definition
Poor	0%	Not sufficient
Not entirely satisfactory	40%	Sufficient in some respects but not as a whole
Satisfactory	60%	Sufficient but lacks substantial advantages or has uneven quality
Good	80%	Adequate and well suited to the purpose
Very Good	100%	Gives added value and shows high quality on the whole

The tender must achieve a minimum of 60% points as a condition for further financial evaluation of the price.

## **7. TENDER INFORMATION**

### **7.1. Client Contact Details**

Client: Diakonia

Office: Africa Regional Office

Phone/Cell: +254 0 206 180 214

Emails: africa@diakonia.se

Postal address: P.O. Box 21323, 00505 Ngong Road, Nairobi Kenya

Address for courier (may not be the same as postal address): The Navigators Compound, Kindaruma Road, Kilimani, Nairobi

Contact person: Sandra Kidwingira

### **7.2. Appeal**

Decisions taken as part of Diakonia's procurements are not possible to appeal against and Diakonia is not obliged to disclose the procurement documentation after completion of a procurement.

*(In certain circumstances when Diakonia procures goods and services in connection with specific donor agreements the right to appeal a decision and disclosure of procurement documentation may be applicable.)*

## **8. CONTRACT**

A draft contract is attached as Appendix 3.

### List of Appendices:

Appendix 1: Terms of Reference

Appendix 2: Diakonia's Code of Conduct for suppliers

Appendix 3: Draft Contract

Appendix 4: Confirmation of Eligibility (To be signed and submitted together with Tender)