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Terms of references for recruiting a consultant to conduct an Impact assessment of RBI for the last 10 Years.

# 1. Background and rationale

Over the past decades, the Government of Rwanda (GoR) has made tremendous anticorruption efforts in the fight against corruption mainly through the transformation of social norms about corruption and sanctioning individuals (public and private) for corrupt practices. The anticorruption machinery has continuously worked to prevent corruption by identifying and reducing vulnerability to corruption and providing clear instructions and adequate actions to enhance the effectiveness of the anticorruption work. E-services, modern information technology in verifying asset declarations, integrating financial management information systems, and managing the procurement process through e-procurement have been instrumental to reduce corruption among public officials. However, despite the high political will, the institutional, policy and legal frameworks established by the GoR to punish the crime of corruption, perpetrators conceive their new and sophisticated techniques to evade the rule of law and indulge in corrupt practices.

Since 2010, Transparency International Rwanda has been conducting Rwanda Bribery Index to assess experiences and perceptions of Rwandans with regard to service delivery and corruption in the country. It focuses on petty corruption or bribes which is an offer or exchange of money, services or other valuables to influence the judgment or conduct of a person in a position of entrusted power (Transparency International, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre). The bribe is occurring during the interaction between the public official in decision-making positions and the public/citizens when they need a service. The Rwanda Bribery is used to examine which service providers are most involved in asking or receiving bribes, whether respondents have had to pay a bribe for a particular public service and how many times in the past year they paid a bribe as well as the amount of the bribe paid.

RBI is one of activities implemented by Transparency International Rwanda under Public Policy Information Monitoring and Advocacy (PPIMA) programme, funded by Norwegian People's Aid (NPA). Since the first edition of RBI in 2010 up to the last publication in 2021, TI-RW witnessed great interest of public institutions in regards to RBI findings. Similarly, commendable actions were initiated by various institutions to fill existing gaps for corruption practices to occur.

Therefore, one of the most important elements that should be incorporated in any national anticorruption strategy is the mechanism that would allow for the civil society to provide input for the government in defying corruption. Thus no doubt that RBI has contributed to the noticeable improvements in fighting against corruption in Rwanda.

Aligned to the above background, TI-RW would like to hire a consultant to conduct an impact assessment of RBI in order to continue to reshape how this tool can serve further to curb corruption in Rwanda.

## 2. Objectives of the assessment

The impact assessment will focus on the following key objectives:

- 1. Assess the relevance of annual publication of RBI from the target group point of views
- 2. Assess the coverage at which RBI's findings are disseminated
- 3. Assess the contribution in promoting innovative service delivery chain
- 4. Examine the contribution in establishing institutional arrangements in order to promote transparent and accountable governance.
- 5. Assess the contribution to establish responsive and effective anti-corruption mechanisms
- 6. Assess the contribution to enhance culture of reporting corruption
- 7. Assess the extent to which RBI recommendations have been implemented by concerned anti-corruption actors
- 8. Collect key recommendation from stakeholders on how annual RBI can effectively serve as one of the existing anti-corruption strategies in Rwanda.

## 3. Scope of the assessment

The assessment will have a national coverage and involve all stakeholders (institutions: public and private, public servants: high officials and staff, business people: owners, top managers, employees, and beneficiaries: services seekers). Additionally, this assessment will give more consideration to the experiences from Office of the Ombudsman, RGB, RNP, Chief Justice/ Supreme Court, Prosecution/ NPPA, RIB, PSF to mention few.

## 4. Methodology

The consultant, has to develop an appropriate qualitative approach that can help to capture and learn from different impacts enabled by the RBI up to date. The methodology will consist of demonstrating all details needed to ensure that the proposed methods will cope with objectives of this study. Additionally, the consultant has to indicate the target population and elaborate on sampling design, data collection process, data analysis & report drafting, quality assurance & core ethical considerations.

# 5. Deliverables

The specific tasks under this consultancy include:

- 1. Develop an inception report with detailed methodology and research tools
- 2. Train enumerators and supervise data collection using the tools agreed upon
- 3. Collect qualitative data
- 4. Conduct data processing and analysis for qualitative data
- 5. Submit the draft report with all compiled data including raw and cleaned data interpretation and recommendations
- 6. Submit the final report after the integration of the comments from all stakeholders.
- 7. Participate in the finding's dissemination

### 6. Duration of the assignment

The duration of the consultancy services will not exceed 30 days starting from the day of contract signature. The consultant will work under the supervision of the program manager and the Executive Director.

### 7. Qualifications of the consultants

- 1. The consultant must hold a PhD or Master degree in economics, project management, public administration, business management, social sciences and law from a recognized universities of Rwanda or abroad.
- 2. Have a minimum of 5 years' experience in conducting similar studies
- 3. Demonstrate research expertise in the area of socio-economic studies
- 4. Have experience of 5 years conducting both quantitative & qualitative researches
- 5. Have an extensive understanding of the Rwandan governance structure
- 6. Excellent command of English especially writing skills
- 7. Proven experience in working with CSOs in Rwanda

## 8. How to apply

Interested candidates shall provide a detailed methodology and updated CV with a Financial offer separately, in a sealed envelope, by not later than 26th May2022 at 5: 00 PM. The submission will be done physically at TI-RW's office located in Remera, near Grand Legacy Hotel. Selected candidate will be invited at TI-RW Office for contract negotiation.

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