

Consultancy Announcement for External Evaluation

The Palestinian Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR) is the Palestinian National Human Rights Institution, established by Presidential Decree No. (59) of September 1993 and is currently operating from its headquarters in Ramallah, as well as its five Regional Offices in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. It is also a constitutional institution stipulated for in (Article 31) of the Palestinian Basic Law of 2003. The Presidential Decree provided the institution the mandate to *“follow up and ensure that all requirements to safeguard human rights are provided in the various Palestinian laws, by-laws and regulations, and in the work of the various departments, agencies and institutions of the State of Palestine and the PLO”*.¹ The Decree also entrusted ICHR with the drafting of its statutes in a manner that would ensure its independence and effectiveness. Article (31) of the Basic Law stipulated that “An independent commission for human rights shall be established pursuant to a law that will specify its formation, duties and jurisdiction. The commission shall submit its reports to the President of the National Authority and to the Palestinian Legislative Council” (PLC).

For a planned evaluation of its Programme, ICHR is looking for an experienced and qualified Evaluator, or Evaluation Team.

Scope of the evaluation

The evaluation will assess ICHR Programme in the time period of 2017-2019.

Locations:

Field visits are planned to take place in the State of Palestine where is currently operating from its headquarters in Ramallah, as well as its five Regional Offices in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Objectives of the External Evaluation

An external evaluation is intrinsic to the further development of ICHR’s institutional capacity, by assessing the organization’s current performance and assisting in defining future directions. The purpose of this evaluation is to assess the overall achievement of the ICHR’s three-year (2017-2019) Strategic Plan and quality of implementation as well as the overall impact of the Strategy by reviewing ICHR’s program activities and inter-institutional coordination undertaken during the period under review. The consultant will work with ICHR to document its strategy progress based on the outcomes with clearly indicative measurements and result-oriented methodology.

The evaluation shall be two-fold;

- 1) Assess the relevance of ICHR program activities and structures to the goal of consolidating and strengthening the role of ICHR as the Palestinian national institution for human rights with the function of an ombudsman, considering Palestine accession to a number of international conventions and treaties; and
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- 2) Assess how appropriate ICHR's management, organizational structures and systems are for the implementation of its legal mandate and strategic plan, in consideration that ICHR shall play an important role in establishing the National Prevention Mechanism.

Period of Execution:

The evaluation will be conducted during 20 days between 25 June –31 July 2019

Evaluation team, requirements and qualifications

The assignment will be carried out by a team of 2-3 consultants of which at least one of them is an international consultant as the Team Leader with long and outstanding experience in human rights and knowledge of the work of NHRIs. The team leader must have experience in evaluation of national Human Rights Institutes. During the assignment it is expected that the consultants do not have other parallel engagements.

The team requirements must include:

- Good knowledge and experience in National Human Rights Institutes.
- Good knowledge and experience of support to (semi-)public organizations.
- Good knowledge in capacity development.
- Good knowledge and experience with aid harmonized projects or programs.
- Good knowledge of the political and social situation in oPt, including human rights.
- Fluency in English (oral and written) and good knowledge of Arabic.

Expressions of Interest:

Expressions of Interest to conduct this task shall include

- a) up-to-date CVs for the team of consultants.
- b) a brief proposed methodology for the evaluation.
- c) a detailed budget including suggested number of days in preparation / in the field / finalising the report with day rates as well as travel costs and daily subsistence during travel.

The full Terms of Reference: (to be added as a link)

Submissions must be delivered in sealed envelopes, at the following address:

The Independent Commission for Human Rights
Al-Masyoun- behind the Palestinian Legislative Council building.
Mother Teresa Street, Ramallah, Palestine.
PO Box: 2264
Deadline for submission: 28th of May, 2019.

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