



Terms of Reference for Liberia Access to Information Local Police Consultant
The Carter Center
Global Access to Information Program

Background

Access to Information (ATI) is a fundamental right enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and is critical for the exercise of basic socioeconomic and political rights. The right of access to information is a cornerstone of good governance, transparency, accountability, and public participation, and can create and expand political space for citizens and the media, particularly in fragile democracies.

Over the past six years, the Center has helped to build the capacity of stakeholders in Liberia to advance implementation, enforcement, and use of the FOI law. Specifically, we have supported key national and local government ministries and agencies, civil society and media organizations, as well as the Independent Information Commission through the provision of technical assistance and training, awareness raising, sharing the international experiences, and convening to encourage all stakeholders to work together to advance the right of access to information.

More specifically, in 2017, The Carter Center ATI program received an award from the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) to advance Liberia National Police (LNP) mechanisms for accountability, including complaints and commendations, and transparency to increase citizen trust in the LNP. Under the award, the project will be implemented in three geographic regions. These include LNP's Region 1 (Grand Bassa, Margibi, and Rivercess counties), Region 3 (Bong, Lofa, and Nimba counties), and Greater Monrovia including Montserrado County. The overall goal of the project is to increase public confidence in the Liberia National Police through improved transparency and accountability.

Project Goal and Objectives

The overall goal of TCC ATI program is to advance the right of access to information around the world. In Liberia, programming aims to assure better governance, improved transparency, and a right of access to information that benefits all persons in order to transform lives through a meaningful right to information. To achieve this goal, the Center focuses on institutionalizing national and local government capacity for the full and effective implementation of Liberia's 2010 Freedom of Information Act, improving oversight and enforcement capacity, and increasing demand and sustained use among civil society and the media.

Specifically as it relates the Advancing Liberian Police Accountability and Citizens' Trust (ALPACT) project, TCC ATI Objective is to complete a comprehensive assessment of current LNP policies and procedures related to administrative complaints and commendations processes and mechanisms for engaging and informing Liberian citizenry; strengthen LNP complaints and commendation processes for improved accountability; and improve LNP transparency, communication, and citizen-engagement.



Job Description for Local Consultant

The local consultant will support TCC ATI's efforts in the implementation of the ALPACT project. Key responsibilities of the Local Consultant include working with the Liberian TCC ATI team and International Consultants to implement ALPACT; support the Professional Standards Division (PSD) and Press and Public Affairs Section of the Liberia National Police.

The Local Consultant will report directly to the Program Lead and work part time. Compensation will be based on experience and in accordance with existing Carter Center salary structures for consultants in Liberia.

Primary Responsibilities of Local Consultant

1. Review police processes and policies and provide appropriate advice to the TCC ATI team to meet ALPACT project objectives.
2. Provide expert inputs to manuals and other documents drafted to advance trainings and institute systems for the LNP as per the ALPACT objectives.
3. Make presentations at trainings held under ALPACT for police officers.
4. Assist and support the work of the International Consultants attached to ALPACT.
5. Liaise with key actors in the LNP and other partners relevant to the implementation of ALPACT.
6. Perform other tasks as assigned.

Preferred Qualifications of Local Consultant

- A Minimum of Master's Degree with relevant experience in public policy, public administration, or development studies and at least 10 years of professional experience working as a police officer.
- Must have worked at least five years as a senior police officer.
- Must be committed to fostering transparency and accountability in the LNP.
- Proven and demonstrated experience working with government officials and civil society organizations.
- Knowledge and understanding of Liberia National Police Act of 2015 and the 2010 Freedom of Information Act.
- Must have proven ability to communicate well both in written and oral English.
- Must be prepared to travel outside Monrovia

The Local Consultant should submit a application by 5pm GMT on July 15, 2018, to gbani.colliee@cartercenter.org with the subject line: "ALPACT LOCAL CONSULTANT."