



LAND GOVERNANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY (USAID-LGSA)

18th and Warner, Sinkor
Monrovia, Liberia

Consultancy for Study on Women Land Rights Field Research

The Land Governance Support Activity (LGSA) is currently accepting expressions of interest from qualified consultants for the Study on Women Land Rights Field Research.

LGSA promotes gender-responsive Land Rights Policy implementation by conducting field research on topics including land rights in the context of marriage, inheritance, gender and customary land governance (including women's access to justice), and women's land tenure in the context of concessions. Research will be geared to filling gaps on women's land rights research done in past studies, looking closely, for example, at issues related to co-habitation, informal marriage and inheritance, which could, if not well understood and addressed, result in the widespread exclusion of certain categories of women under implementation of the pending Land Rights Bill.

Key objectives include:

- 1) identifying risks to women associated with implementation of the pending Land Rights Bill;
- 2) ascertaining areas where land rights for women and men diverge; and
- 3) identifying areas where customary practices do not reflect current legal rights.

Schedule

- * The research preparation period would commence March 1, 2017
- * The in-country research would take place from April 17–May 3, including approximately 2 weeks in a total of 3 counties (Grand Bassa, Nimba and Maryland), and 3 days of interviews in Monrovia (May 1-3).
- * Follow-up report writing and circulation, plus validation, will extend through May 31.

Projected Level of Effort

Approximately 30 days

Closing Date:

March 22, 2017

Responsibilities:

- * Consultant will accompany team on field research in 3 counties (Grand Bassa, Nimba and Maryland), and select stakeholder interviews in Monrovia. Consultant will assist with organizing focal group discussions, as necessary and appropriate, in each of the research sites.
- * Consultant will conduct interviews and take notes from interviews on a rotating basis with other members of the team. Consultant will be responsible for writing up her or his proportionate share of the notes to share with the group.
- * Consultant will review notes from all interviews and will contribute to writing up a trip report with the team.
- * Consultant will work with team to develop and execute validation processes for the research, including potential additional meetings in research areas after the initial trips. Consultant will contribute to writing a validation report, capturing information

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about confirmed findings, updates or changes to findings, and any additional information.

- * Consultant will help to disseminate findings to Monrovia-based stakeholders.

Deliverables

- * Written notes for focal group discussions and interviews, as required (shared responsibility with the rest of the team)
- * Contribution to the trip report, as discussed and determined with the team, and review of the same
- * Contribution to the validation report, as discussed and determined with the team, and review of the same

Qualifications:

LGSA is seeking two consultants, who meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1) Lawyer or legal practitioner versed in women's land rights
 - * Degree in law or legal studies (or the equivalent)
 - * 5+ years of relevant experience
- 2) Grassroots women's advocate and mobilizer
 - * Degree in a relevant field such as gender studies, international development, social policy, sociology, geography, anthropology (but can be substituted by commensurate experience)
 - * 5+ years of organizing or mobilizing grassroots women in Liberia

Additionally, consultants must demonstrate : 1) the ability to perform gender-responsive research, analysis, and synthesis of topics and issues related gender and women's land right, 2) the ability to translate community-based findings about gender and women's land rights into policy or programming in targeted countries, and 3) knowledge of gender, women's land rights, land, natural resources, or land governance.

Preference will be given to candidates with the following experience, skills, and abilities:

- * Experience with rural rapid appraisal methods, interviewing women and vulnerable groups, gender assessments/analysis, or gender disaggregated data
- * Experience working with communities in Grand Bassa, Nimba or Maryland
- * Knowledge of local dialects in Grand Bassa, Nimba or Maryland
- * Excellent interpersonal skills, including applying these to working with women and communities

Interested applicants who meet the required profile are invited to submit an expression of interest by submitting CV with detailed of qualifications, experience and names of three professional references to:

liberialgsaopportunities@gmail.com

Applications that do not meet the minimum requirements listed above will not be considered. Please ensure that all necessary documents are uploaded, as incomplete applications and/or corrupt files may delay processing of your application or remove you from consideration. **No phone calls will be accepted.**



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