Vacancy Announcement for Research Consultant

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SUMMARY
1. **Job Title: Research Consultant**
2. **Location of Work: Sittwe, Rakhine State**
3. **Release Date: 18.01.2021**
4. **Application Due Date: As soon as possible**
5. **Implementation Timeline: From early February to end of June**
6. **Approximate number of days: 37 days**
7. **Eligibility: Individual researchers or organizations**
8. **Language: The training reports and final research product(s) must be written in English**
9. **Research Areas of Focus: Rural Development**

CV and draft workplan proposal in English version will be accepted at initial job application stage. All required documents will be followed up for successful candidates at later stages) addressed to No. 10, Pyinma/nar Street, Pyi Thaung Su Villa, Northern Kyipwaryae Quarter, Thingangyun Township, Yangon or institutescholar@gmail.com by **5:00 PM, 25 January 2021.** Should you have any question, feel free to call 09447912012 **during the office hours.**

Introduction and Background

Scholar Institute is a non-profit organization building social capital, empowering civil society, advancing democracy and promoting respect for human rights. Lack of education opportunities is considered a major cause of poverty and social marginalization which is one of the major causes of the fundamental human rights. Thus, since its inception in 2004, Scholar Institute (formerly Youth Development Initiative Network) primary mission is promoting education opportunities for youths and has been in the forefront in organizing educational activities on important topics, e.g. Human Rights, Democracy and equal opportunities for youths and has been in the forefront in organizing educational activities on important topics, e.g. Human Rights, Democracy and equal opportunities and social justice in partnership with the affected communities and other key stakeholders.

Governance Program is one of the four main programs of Scholar Institute. This program is designed to promote good governance, and social accountabilities in government sector, private sector, and public sectors by fostering multi stakeholders' involvement and accountability in community development. The program is designed to promote dialogues, and effective communications and engagement between the

mentioned three sectors for the overall welfare of the people in specific areas. Through this program, we organize capacity building trainings, advocacy trainings, stakeholders' workshops, and other related activities in close coordination with other Implementation partners.

In support of participatory community development project in Rakhine State, Myanmar, Scholar Institute is looking for a **research consultant**. a Research Consultant which will have the overall responsibility for the technical design and development of research materials and will oversee implementation during the following activities in consultation with the grantee:

Activity 1, Research Methodology Training,

Activity 2, Participant Rural Appraisal

Activity 3, Village Development Profiles and Validation Workshop,

Activity 4, Prioritization Workshop on Community Development Works

The research consultancy company will be required to have prior experience in overseeing field-based research, oversee training on research methodologies, including research methods, ethnical foundations of research, and practical application of community-based research. Additionally, the research consultancy company will be required to address COVID-19 mitigation measures and conflict sensitivity within their strategy to include limitations on in-person meetings during the collection of data and the possibility to employ remote data collection when necessary.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

- Conduct **3-day long** Research methodology training
- Conduct 25 screening interviews
- Manage field researchers for data collection
- Conduct research interviews if necessary (10 field researchers will be recruited for data collection)
- Conduct 5 research validation workshops
- Oversee 5 prioritization workshops on community development works

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Reports for research methodology training
- 5 participatory rural assessments
- One final report summarizing PRA process and findings

REQUIRED EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATION

- Postgraduate or other advanced university degree in the area of international community development, social policy, social sciences or any other relevant domain;
- At least 5 years of professional experience in conducting research in development field;
- Extensive conceptual and practical knowledge of local governance and community/rural development;
- Experience of working and collaborating with stakeholders including governments; civil society and communities in Myanmar;
- Demonstrated ability of analytical and report drafting work

PAYMENT MODALITIES

The consultants shall be paid the consultancy fee upon completion of the following milestones.

- 25% after completion of trainings and submission and acceptance of detailed reports on training
- 50% after submission of final survey reports
- 25% after prioritization workshops on community development works

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Qualified and interested candidates are hereby requested to apply (either as a team or individually). The application should contain the following:

- Application letter with curriculum vitae
- A draft workplan

Remark: Scholar Institute is an equal opportunity employer and welcome applications from all people, regardless of gender, confession or origin. Scholar Institute conducts background and reference checks. Ethics form part of the Annual Performance Appraisal.

All applications will be received and we will be in touch with successful applications in shortlists only. Should no feedback be received from Scholar Institute within 2 weeks of your submission, kindly accept that your application did not succeed. We thank you for your interest in the work of Scholar Institute.

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