

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

Consultancy for the Development of a Community Learning Centres (CLC) Sustainability Strategy and Implementation Plan

1. Introduction

The Malawi National Commission for UNESCO (MNCU), with financial and technical support from the Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU), is implementing Phase III of the Bridge Malawi Project to promote inclusive lifelong learning opportunities for marginalized and vulnerable communities in Malawi in line with Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4).

The project currently supports four Community Learning Centres (CLCs) located in Lilongwe, Zomba, Blantyre, and Chitipa districts. These centres provide literacy, vocational, and lifelong learning opportunities to youth, women, and vulnerable community members.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of the CLCs beyond donor support, MNCU intends to engage a qualified consultant or consulting firm to develop a comprehensive five-year Community Learning Centres (CLCs) Sustainability Strategy and Implementation Plan.

MNCU, therefore, invites eligible and qualified consultants or consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the consultancy assignment titled: **"Development of a Community Learning Centres (CLC) Sustainability Strategy and Implementation Plan."**

2. Objective of the Consultancy

The objective of the consultancy is to develop a practical and comprehensive Sustainability Strategy and Implementation Plan that will strengthen the long-term operational, institutional, managerial, and financial sustainability of the targeted Community Learning Centres.

3. Scope of the Assignment

The consultant will be expected to:

- Conduct a comprehensive situational analysis of the CLCs;
- Facilitate stakeholder consultations and participatory assessments;
- Identify sustainability challenges and opportunities;
- Develop a Sustainability Strategy covering governance, partnerships, communication, advocacy, visibility, resource mobilization, and institutional strengthening;
- Develop a detailed Implementation Plan with timelines, budgets, responsibilities, and monitoring indicators;
- Propose innovative income-generating and resource mobilization and management initiatives;
- Facilitate stakeholder validation and adoption workshops.

4. Expected Deliverables

The successful consultant or consulting firm will be expected to deliver the following outputs:

1. Inception Report detailing the methodology, work plan, timelines, and data collection tools;
2. Situational Analysis Report outlining the current status, sustainability gaps, challenges, and opportunities of the targeted CLCs;
3. Draft Five-Year Sustainability Strategy and Implementation Plan for stakeholder review and feedback;
4. Validation Workshop Report documenting stakeholder feedback and recommendations;
5. Final Community Learning Centres (CLC) Sustainability Strategy and Implementation Plan.

5. Required Qualifications and Experience

- A Master's Degree in Education, Development Studies, Strategic Management, Community Development, Public Administration, Social Sciences, or a related field;
- Strong understanding of Malawi's non-formal education system and community development programming.
- At least five (5) years of proven experience in conducting similar consultancy assignments in strategic planning, sustainability planning, institutional development, or donor-funded programme management.

6. Submission Procedure

Interested and eligible consultants or consulting firms are invited to request the detailed Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the assignment no later than **26th June, 2026** through the contact details below:

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MNCU is an equal opportunity institution. Qualified female consultants are strongly encouraged to apply.