

Terms of Reference

Scoping on Africa-based funding, research and practice around evidence-based prevention
of violence against women

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About AWDF

The African Women's Development Fund was established in June 2000, as an Africa-wide philanthropic, grant making initiative to support the realisation and fulfilment of African women's rights through funding of autonomous women's organisations on the continent. AWDF believes that if women and women's organisations are empowered with skills, information, sustainable livelihoods, opportunities to fulfil their potential, plus the capacity and space to make transformatory choices, then we will have vibrant, healthy and inclusive communities. To achieve this, AWDF mobilises financial, human and material resources to support local, national, and regional initiatives for transformation led by African women. AWDF is mandated to fund in all 54 African countries.

AWDF's current strategic plan "*Shaping the Future*" (2017-2021) focuses the organisations work around investments to build the best possible future for women in Africa. As an organisation AWDF is committed to changing the narrative around Africa women, and highlighting African women's agency, expertise, leadership and ability to transform societies towards justice.

BACKGROUND

As part of our capacity building and donor advocacy roles, AWDF is embarking on a process to encourage African women's funds, allied philanthropic actors, and the African women's organisations that we support to engage with the growing field of knowledge production and programme development and implementation around **evidence-based prevention of violence against women**. This initiative has a particular focus on intimate partner violence but will also consider other forms of violence and both evidence generation and programming around them.

PURPOSE

The aim of this consultancy is to produce a report mapping key donors, women's organisations, researchers and other actors in the African region working on evidence-based prevention of violence against women. Although intimate partner violence as focus, we will also look at work on other forms of VAW. The report will give an indication of:

- Key African women's organisations, coalitions and networks working on prevention of VAW- and the nature of their engagement with evidence-based programming and knowledge production
- African philanthropic investments- African women's funds and other African led and/or based funding initiatives- levels of investment, programme direction around VAW broadly, and awareness and investments around evidence-based prevention
- Key African research initiatives, institutions and individual researchers with a focus on evidence-based prevention of VAW
- Brief survey of actors in the broader field- International NGOs, non-African research institutions

The mapping should also include:

- Recommendations for key areas of investment to grow engagement with feminist evidence-based response
- Key tensions and challenges for African women's organisations around engagement with evidence generation and evidence-based programming
- Recommendations around capacity building needs and approaches for African women's organisations, women's funds and other donors in this area.
- Assessing approaches and contentions around engaging and investing in men and boys to end VAW/IPV from an African feminist perspective
- List of people with contact information; References cited, and indication of key sources of further information

The report will be used to internally within AWDF to inform our programming, and will be shared with donors and other partners engaged in the dialogue. It will also form the basis of a convening.

METHODOLOGY

- Discussion with AWDF team to clarify terms and overall scope of the consultancy
- Submission of outline of methodology and list of people to interview
- Desk review of relevant documents
- Interviews with at least 12 relevant actors (women's rights activists, donors, researchers). AWDF will make introductions as needed.
- Production of first draft for review and feedback by AWDF
- Production of second draft incorporating feedback
- Presentation of findings at convening of actors in the field (July 2019)
- Production of final version with sign off from AWDF

LOCATION

- Desk based/virtual
- Physical attendance at convening (Tanzania, July 2019)

DELIVERABLES

- Outline of methodology used including list of people to interview
- A mapping of up to 15 pages
- Presentation of findings for convening actors
- Summary thoughts based on convening discussion

CONSULTANTS PROFILE

The consultant should have:

1. Expert knowledge of violence against women prevention/response and women's rights programming across the African region (essential)
2. Experience in conducting mappings/action research (essential)
3. Experience of providing advisory or capacity building support for grantmakers (desirable)
4. Excellent writing skills and proficiency in English (essential). Ability to speak/interview in French (desirable).
5. Excellent interpersonal skills and flexible attitude
6. Ability to work to tight deadlines
7. AWDF's values of feminist leadership, accountability, diversity, respect and solidarity.

DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The assignment shall be for up to 20 working days from April to August 2019.

To apply

Please send a CV with details of two references, and cover letter indicating previous experience and relevant field knowledge and daily consulting rate to jobs@awdf.org

Please put as in the email subject header: *Application for consultancy- Evidence-based prevention*

Qualified African women candidates are encouraged to apply.

Submissions must be received no later than **15 April 2019**.