



NATIONAL PEACE AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ORGANISATIONS WORKING ON PSYCHO-SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE RESULTING FROM VIOLENT CONFLICT

1. INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The National Peace and Reconciliation Commission is calling for Expression of Interest (EOI) for organisations working on psycho-social support for Victims of Gender Based Violence resulting from violent conflict.

The objective of this call for EOI is to set up a list of external experts/ organisations to support the Commission in offering psycho-social support for Victims of Gender Based Violence resulting from violent conflict.

2. BACKGROUND

The National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC) was established by the Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment (No.20) Act 2013 and the National Peace and Reconciliation Act Chapter 10:32 of 2018. The NPRC is one of the Chapter 12 Independent Commissions mandated to support and entrench human rights and democracy; to protect the sovereignty and interests of the people; to promote constitutionalism; to promote transparency and accountability in public institutions; to secure the observance of democratic values and principles by the State and all institutions and agencies of government and government controlled entities; and, to ensure that injustices are remedied. The NPRC is a mechanism for resolving the burdens of past violent conflicts and build national and sub-national capacities that guarantee a future of peace and reconciliation. It is mandated to ensure post-conflict justice, healing and reconciliation by encouraging truth-telling, the making of amends, the provision of justice and rehabilitative treatment.

Addressing the concerns and needs of victims of conflict and past conflict is one of the key constitutionally provided mandate of the NPRC as provided on Section 252(e) of the Constitution- "to develop programmes to ensure that persons subjected to persecution, torture and other forms of abuse receive rehabilitative treatment and support". One of the mechanisms identified by the NPRC to ensure structural and systemic centrality of victims is offering psycho -social support. Offering psycho-social support also fulfils the provisions of Section 9 of the NPRC Act. Section 9 (i) obligates the Commission to reach out to and identify victims of gender-based violations and provide such victims

an opportunity, in private or public, to relate their own accounts of the violations or harm they have suffered and to set out their needs. Section 9 (k) emphasis the need to assess the needs of victims of gender-based violations and marginalisation and make recommendations which may include urgent interim measures, as to the appropriate measures required to redress such violations and marginalisation, including the policies which should be followed or measures which should be taken to restore the human and civil dignity of such victims.

Victims of conflict who need such services are found in all communities across the length and breadth of Zimbabwe, however, the NPRC is currently not widely decentralized with skeleton staff in Harare and Bulawayo only. This limit the capacity of the Commission to reach out to all victims in all communities. Furthermore, there are also services to which the Commission lacks jurisdiction but needs to work with relevant stakeholders and organisations to ensure that victims receive comprehensive support. This calls for the need for the NPRC to forge partnerships with stakeholders and organisations based in communities, districts and provinces to ensure that holistic and comprehensive support services are provided and accessible to victims in all communities. The proposed partnerships are in line with Section 6(3)(b) of the NPRC Act and Section 45 of the NPRC Regulation -SI 90/2018. NPRC Act, Section 6(3)(b) states that "(3) Subject to its mandate and for the purpose of carrying out its functions the Commission shall-(b) during discharge of its mandate, request support from existing institutions including any independent Commission, local governments, civil society organisations, media, faith-based institutions and other institutions whose assistance the Commission may deem necessary for the execution of its mandate and that will not compromise its independence and Section 45 of the NPRC Regulation SI 90/2018 also states "The Commission may, enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with any civil society organisation, state agency or international partner that the Commission believes can provide protection or support beyond that which the Commission itself can provide".

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Organisation willing to work with the Commission in offering support services to victims of Gender Based Violence resulting from violent conflict should submit the EOI accompanied by documents listed on 4 below, by 30 April 2021 to the following email address: admin@nprc.org.zw.

4. INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED

An organisation profile with the following information should be submitted:

- a) The name of the organisations and registration details provided by the national authorities,
 - Address of the head office, full contact details and geographical coverage/ operating areas committed to assist from.
 - Evidence of the professional experience in the field(s) selected on 4b below.
 - List of projects/activities, in the last seven years relevant to the field(s) chosen.
 - CVs of the experts to be assigned tasks / those who will be responsible for Victim Support.
- b) Specific fields of interest among those listed below.
 - i) Counselling services.
 - ii) Legal services.
 - iii) Rehabilitative treatment.

- iv) Medical Treatment.
- v) Shelter and Protective Care.
- vi) Entrepreneurship skill training and economic re-integration.

5. SELECTION OF ORGANISATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP MODALITIES

Based on the skills, experience and knowledge necessary and in accordance with the principles of non-discrimination, equal treatment and absence of conflict of interests, the NPRC will draw up a list of experts who meet the criteria set out at point 4.b. This list comprises sub-lists, corresponding to each of the fields described at 4.b.

Organisation identified will be included on the NPRC physical and electronic database as service providers/ NPRC partners for Victim Support as well the referral system for Victims of Gender Based Violence resulting from Conflict.

The partnerships and provision of services will be based on mutual beneficial partnerships, funds permitting services may be remunerated or provided on pro-bono basis.

5. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

Unless indicated otherwise, response to this notice and any personal data (such as names, address and CVs) requested are required for the purposes indicated above in point 4a will be processed solely for those purposes by the Commission.