

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title of Consultancy: Pacific research consultant – TI-S IPP STRONGG Programme

Application Closing Date: 28 May 2021

Consultancy Start and End Date: 20 workdays between 21 June and 30 July 2021

Location of Consultancy: Remote but Oceania-based with some travel regionally, dependent on COVID-19 travel restrictions

Updated on 12 May 2021

BACKGROUND

Transparency International (TI) is the global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption. Through more than 100 chapters worldwide and an international secretariat in Berlin, Germany, TI raises awareness of the damaging effects of corruption and works with partners in government, business, and civil society to develop and implement effective measures to tackle it.

TI's [Global Corruption Barometer](#) (GCB) measures peoples' perceptions, experiences, and attitudes towards corruption across the world. As part of the 10th edition of the GCB, TI's International Secretariat (TI-S) is conducting a survey in 17 Pacific Island Countries and Territories (Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, French Polynesia, Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Niue, Tokelau, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, Nauru, and Federated States of Micronesia).

While the survey covers all 17 countries, TI's analysis under the GCB will be limited to countries where it has been possible to draw nationally representative samples of respective populations. This excludes seven smaller Pacific states: **Tuvalu, Niue, Tokelau, Palau, Cook Islands, Marshall Islands** and **Nauru**.

The consultancy seeks to (i) develop case studies on these seven countries and to draw an analysis of regional trends seen across all 17 countries. Taking survey results as a starting point for the analysis, the consultant will conduct desk research on key corruption issues in the target countries and interviews/consultations with key stakeholders. The case studies must also aim to capture further the experience of key vulnerable groups and identify policy gaps. The consultant will also (ii) develop an overarching analysis of trends seen in the 7 countries assessed and (iii) put the findings into the wider regional context. Finally, the consultant will be required to (iv) draw recommendations to national stakeholders as well as regional or global bodies, when possible.

TI, through our outreach work in the region, is in a position to identify relevant civil society actors in the target countries to support the development of the analyses. The resulting case studies will complement our first-ever Pacific GCB with the crucial analysis on countries where evidence on corruption and anti-corruption is scarce, if not non-existent. Ultimately, the findings will help raise public awareness, allow Pacific civil society to engage their governments and other stakeholders on anti-corruption and serve [TI's advocacy for greater accountability across the region](#).

OBJECTIVES

- Develop case studies that build on the findings/raw data from the survey to dig deeper and verify and/or describe further the corruption issues across seven Pacific countries (**Tuvalu, Niue, Tokelau, Palau, Cook Islands, Marshall Islands and Nauru**), particularly looking to capture the experience of key vulnerable groups, identify shortcomings in current anti-corruption reform efforts.
- Conduct an analysis of the trends identified in the seven countries.
- Put the analysis into context of the wider Pacific region through comparing, contrasting and drawing parallels with the analysis provided to the consultant for the other 10 countries in the Pacific.
- Make recommendations to national stakeholders and, when relevant, regional and global bodies.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

- First draft of the inception report not exceeding 10 pages by 22 June 2021 (day 2), which proposes the structure of the case studies, methodology and a detailed plan for finalising the assignment
- Present (in English) the proposed approach for developing case studies during two webinars – one for TI-S colleagues and one for TI’s civil society partners in the Pacific for feedback by 24 June (day 4)
- Finalise the proposed approach by 25 June (day 5)
- Develop first drafts of the case studies, regional analyses and recommendations by 6 July 2021 (day 12)
- Present (in English) the content of the draft case studies for feedback in at least three webinars (one to the TI-S and Pacific chapter staff, and two to relevant external stakeholders) by 23 July 2021 (day 15) with TI national chapters, partners and other allies in the Pacific region
- Final draft of the assignment not exceeding 50 pages by 29 July 2021 (day 19)
- Completion of the assignment by 30 July 2021 (day 20)

All presentations and reports should be submitted in English, in electronic form, in accordance with the deadlines stipulated above. The Consultant is responsible for editing and quality control of language. TI-S retains the sole rights with respect to all distribution, dissemination, and publication of the deliverables.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Consultant should have the following qualifications:

- A Master’s degree or higher in a relevant field such as development, public policy or politics.
- A minimum of five years of relevant experience carrying out policy-relevant research; strong quantitative and qualitative research skills.
- Proven track record of developing high-quality, policy-relevant research reports and presentations of research results.
- Priority will be given to those with a proven track record researching corruption or related issues in the Pacific.
- Ability to operate under strict deadlines and to adhere to high professional standards to ensure quality.
- Ability to operate effectively and sensitively in a cross-cultural environment.
- Oceania-based with a good command of written and spoken English essential; proficiency in any Pacific languages advantageous.
- Prior experience engaging in any capacity with Transparency International’s Global Corruption Barometer is desirable.

REMUNERATION AND COSTS

The Consultants should provide their estimated total fee as a standard daily rate as **gross inclusive of taxes and other charges**. The total number of workdays is estimated at 20 working days but open to discussion on this with the selected consultant.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The application should include the following documents in English:

- A short outline of the strategy proposed to complete this project, together with some initial ideas and suggestions (maximum 2-3 pages)
- Motivation letter and Curriculum Vitae
- One sample of relevant previous work (confidentiality guaranteed).

Please indicate “**Pacific research consultant – TI-S IPP STRONGG Programme**” in the subject line of your email application. Applications should be sent in English by email to Mariam Mathew at pacificresearchconsultancy@transparency.org by close of business of **28 May 2021**.

Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

The Transparency International Secretariat is committed to creating an inclusive work environment where diversity is valued and where there is equality of opportunity. We actively seek a diverse applicant pool and therefore welcome applications from qualified candidates of all regions, countries, cultures, and backgrounds.

Selection of candidates is made on a competitive basis and we do not discriminate on the basis of national origin, race, colour or ethnic background, religious belief, sex, gender identity and expression or sexual orientation, marital or family status, age or ability. We kindly ask applicants to refrain from including in their application information relating to the above as well as from attaching photos.

Data protection

When you respond to this tender and submit your application, you provide consent that Transparency International e. V. keeps your application materials for the period of ten years according to German legal requirements. Afterwards Transparency International will delete your application and any personal data included in it. If you have any questions, please reach out to dataprotection@transparency.org.

Guidelines for handling overhead and travel expenses

Overhead

Regular overhead expenses associated with the Consultants maintaining their place of business, such as rent, telephone, utilities or stationery, are included in the Consultant's professional fee, except where explicitly agreed otherwise in the contract.

Travel

Travel and accommodation expenses will as far as possible, and where applicable, be recovered from the institutions and companies hosting events or using the outputs provided by the Consultant.

Where such cost recovery is not possible, all travel is subject to prior approval by TI-S staff responsible for the financial management of the Project or TI Budget Line that will support the costs of travel. TI shall not issue travel advances to the Consultants. For accommodation or travel by air, rail or coach, they will instead have to contact TI-S that will make travel arrangements on the Consultant's behalf.

All travel booked by TI-S will include **travel health and accident insurance** with worldwide coverage and Economy class only; accommodation will aim to achieve best value for money up to a 4-star category.

Consultants shall be entitled to invoice TI-S **only** for local transportation and visa cost (if applicable).

Subsistence allowance (per diems) and expenses for individual meals cannot be claimed. These are part of Consultant's business expenses.